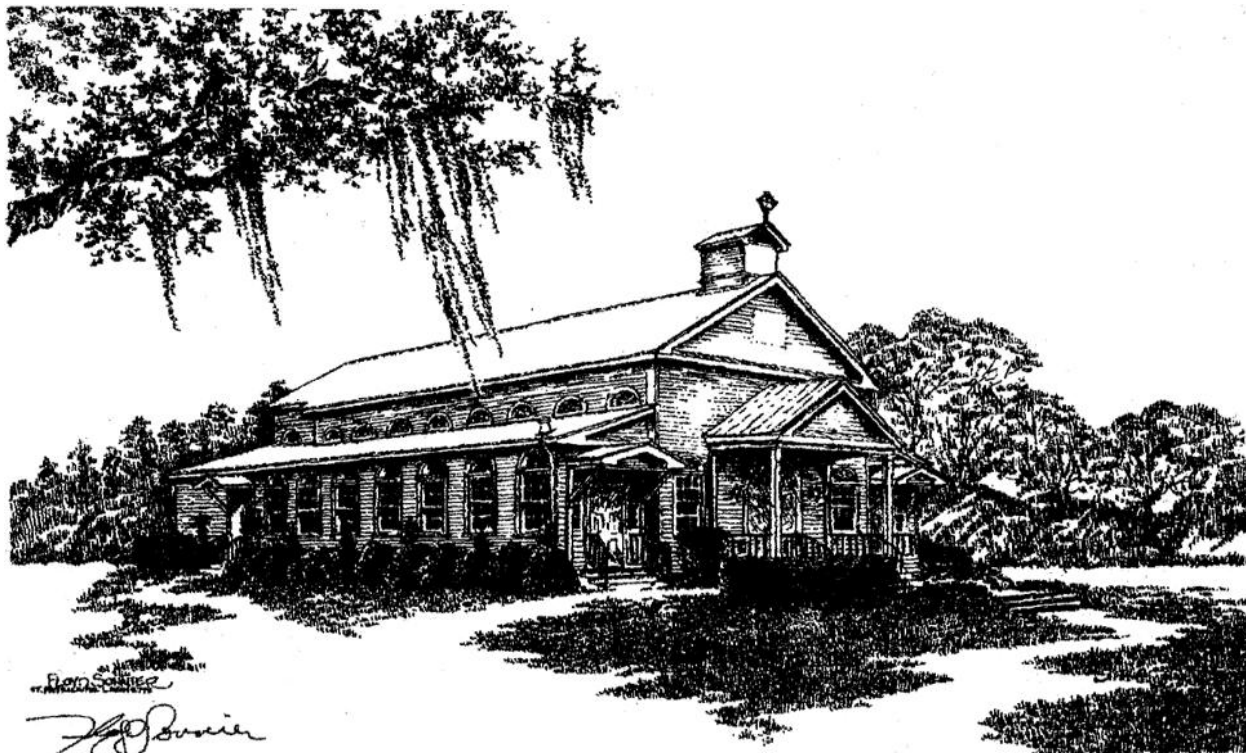


St. Patrick Catholic Church

July 19, 2026
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



L'Église St. Patrick

Office Hours

Mon-Thurs:
9 a.m.-12 noon and 1-3 p.m.
Fri: closed

Holy Mass

Saturday: 4 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 & 10 a.m.
Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday: 3:20-3:50 p.m.
Weekdays: 7-7:25 a.m.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 18

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; Jarrod Landry

Sunday, July 19

8:30 a.m.: John P Zagar; Jeremy & Megan Dean

10 a.m.: For parishioners

Monday, July 20

7:30 a.m.: Bryan Lege *living*

Tuesday, July 21

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Wednesday, July 22

7:30 a.m.: Angie Redrick; Brian Poindexter

Thursday, July 23

7:30 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory

Friday, July 24

7:30 a.m.: Martha T. Odom

Louisiana Thesians Call to Community

Saturday, August 1, 9:30 a.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church. Open to all women interested in joining an existing Theresian community or becoming part of a new community of “women supporting other women, reaching out with Gospel values.”

Women’s Silent Retreat

Digging Deeper, a women’s silent retreat reflecting on the “Woman at the Well” will be held at Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat Center in St Martinville, beginning Friday, October 9, at 6 p.m. until Sunday at 2 p.m. Conferences given by members of the Community of Jesus Crucified. This retreat is free of charge. To register or for more information contact Cheryl Moss at 337-654-0936.

Lost and Found

Forgot something in church? Can’t find those glasses, prayer books, gloves, hats, scarves, rosaries, etc.? Be sure to check the lost and found basket, located in the back of the church under the table. Personal items left behind are placed there for you to reclaim.

Fête Dieu du Teche 2026: Eucharistic Boat Procession

The 12th annual Fête-Dieu du Teche will be held on Saturday, August 15. Begins at 8 a.m. with Mass in French celebrated by Bishop Deshotel at St Leo’s in Leonville, after which, the 40-mile Eucharistic boat procession to St Martinville begins, with stops along the way in Arnaudville, Cecilia, Breauz Bridge, and Parks. The final stop is at the Evangeline Oak in St Martinville, followed by processions to Notre Dame, St Martin de Tours, and Our Lady of Sorrows Churches. To participate or for more information call 337-394-6550, email fetediuduteche@gmail.com or visit fetediuduteche.org.

Veritas Catholic Teen Conference

For high school students, Saturday, September 26, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Immaculata Center, 1408 Carmel Drive. Mass with Bishop Deshotel. \$20 registration includes lunch. Registration deadline is Friday, September 11. Limited to 200 high school teens. For more information or to register, go to <https://tinyurl.com/zeal4truth>.

St Patrick Summer Social

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, August 19! St Patrick's will host a summer social at the City Club beginning at 5:30 p.m. The occasion: Fr Guillory's 50th birthday. Come celebrate our parish and our pastor! Details and sign up to follow.

Let us pray for:

Bill and Bonnie Humphries, who celebrate 28 years of marriage on July 19.

Robin Roy, who is suffering from vertigo.

Larry Lewis who celebrates his birthday on July 22, and Merrick Stelly, who turns 80 on July 25.

Louise Stelly, Dee LaFleur, Forrest Blanton, Sr., Kathy Cormier, Sarah Brabant, Brandon Boudreaux, Joyce Stelly, Bryan Lege, Ashlie Comeaux, Pat Low, Harry DeMette, Jerrol Sparrow, Jackie Bourgeois, Wayne Bernard, Janell Degeyter, Thomas Sands, Ronald Wiltz, and Brenda Simon for their health concerns.

Please let us know of your prayer intentions, birthdays, anniversaries, and other prayer-worthy occasions. Email us at office@stpat.org.

Online giving at St Patrick's

If you would like to contribute to St Patrick's online, please visit our website (stpat.org) and click Give Online – or use the QR code below – and you will be directed to OSV, our new online giving platform, where you can set up weekly, monthly, or even one-time donations for the regular offertory or for the building fund. Thank you for your generous support of our parish.



Collect, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Show favor, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands.

From the Catechism, on prayer in the Christian life, nn. 2711-2713

Entering into contemplative prayer is like entering into the Eucharistic liturgy: we “gather up” the heart, recollect our whole being under the prompting of the Holy Spirit, abide in the dwelling place of the Lord which we are, awaken our faith in order to enter into the presence of him who awaits us. We let our masks fall and turn our hearts back to the Lord who loves us, so as to hand ourselves over to him as an offering to be purified and transformed. Contemplative prayer is the prayer of the child of God, of the forgiven sinner who agrees to welcome the love by which he is loved and who wants to respond to it by loving even more. But he knows that the love he is returning is poured out by the Spirit in his heart, for everything is grace from God. Contemplative prayer is the poor and humble surrender to the loving will of the Father in ever deeper union with his beloved Son. Contemplative prayer is the simplest expression of the mystery of prayer. It is a gift, a grace; it can be accepted only in humility and poverty. Contemplative prayer is a covenant relationship established by God within our hearts. It is a communion in which the Holy Trinity conforms man, the image of God, “to his likeness.”

Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....	\$4,717
Catholic Communications.....	\$743
Online Giving (June 2026).....	\$4,863

From the Pastor's Desk

One of the results of the pandemic a few years ago was that many churches stopped distributing Holy Communion under the Precious Blood. This was certainly understandable, given the concerns and risks involved. Until that time, here at St Patrick's, Communion had been given under both kinds.

Having discussed this matter with our parish Pastoral Council, I believe it is now time (and even past time) for us to restore this practice. We know that when we receive any part of the Eucharist, we receive all of the Eucharist – the whole Body and Blood of Christ – even if it is only the smallest particle of the Host or the smallest sip of the consecrated Wine.

However, "Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds. For in this form, the sign of the Eucharistic banquet is more clearly evident and clearer expression is given to the divine will by which the new and eternal Covenant is ratified in the Blood of the Lord, as also the connection between the Eucharistic banquet and the eschatological banquet in the Kingdom of the Father" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 281).

In order to achieve this at St Patrick's, it will be necessary to have several more

extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) to assist me with the distribution of Communion. Unless a sufficient number of parishioners at each Sunday Mass are willing to serve in this way, it will be impractical to have Communion under both kinds. Therefore, I am asking you to consider serving your fellow St Patricians in this way.

At each Sunday Mass, we currently have one EMHC scheduled. As before, we'll now need three EMHCs at each Sunday Mass.



To be an EMHC, you must be a confirmed Catholic, at least 16 years old, and leading a good Christian life. You'll also need to be steady on your feet and have steady hands, which is all the more important when handling the chalice.

If you are willing to offer your service in this capacity, I ask you to put your name and contact information on the sheets in back of the church. I'll then gather everyone for a training session so that we're all we prepared.

How soon might we start offering Communion under both kinds on Sundays? As soon as reasonably possible, which will depend on the number of volunteers and how soon we can gather for training. It is my hope that by the first Sunday in October (at the latest), we can begin.

Fr Guillory