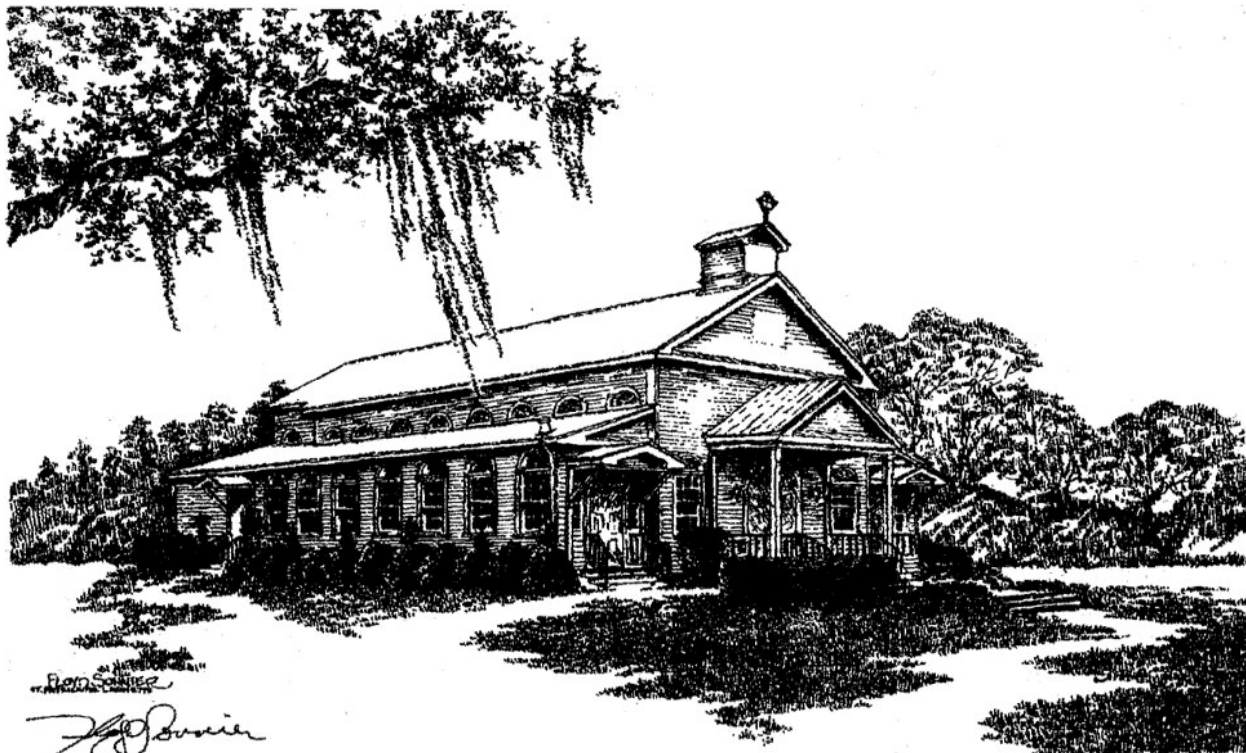


St. Patrick Catholic Church

July 26, 2026
Seventeenth 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 25

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; Junius Ledet; Wiltz family

Sunday, July 26

8:30 a.m.:

10 a.m.: For parishioners

Monday, July 27

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

Tuesday, July 28

7:30 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, July 29

7:30 a.m.: Lois Battaglio; Johnnie Olinger

Thursday, July 30

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

Friday, July 31

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

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.

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! Sign up sheets are in the back of church.

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 fetiedieuduteche@gmail.com or visit fetiedieuduteche.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>.

Holy Hour for Vocations

The monthly “Holy Hour for Vocations and for the Spiritual Renewal of All Priests” to be held Monday, August 3, from 6-7 p.m. here at St Patrick’s. Recitation of the Rosary begins at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to join in prayer for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. Sponsored by the Serra Club of Lafayette.

Let us pray for:

Kevin Phillips, who celebrates his birthday on August 1.

Louise Stelly, Dee LaFleur, Forrest Blanton, Sr., Kathy Cormier, Sarah Brabant, Brandon Boudreaux, Joyce Stelly, Brenda King, 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, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure.

From the Catechism, on prayer in the Christian life, nn. 2714-2716

Contemplative prayer is the pre-eminently intense time of prayer. In it the Father strengthens our inner being with power through his Spirit “that Christ may dwell in (our) hearts through faith” and we may be “grounded in love.” Contemplation is a gaze of faith, fixed on Jesus. This focus on Jesus is a renunciation of self. His gaze purifies our heart; the light of the countenance of Jesus illumines the eyes of our heart and teaches us to see everything in the light of his truth and his compassion for all men. Contemplation also turns its gaze on the mysteries of the life of Christ. Thus it learns the “interior knowledge of our Lord,” the more to love him and follow him. Contemplative prayer is hearing the Word of God. Far from being passive, such attentiveness is the obedience of faith, the unconditional acceptance of a servant, and the loving commitment of a child. It participates in the “Yes” of the Son become servant and the *fiat* of God’s lowly handmaid.

Thank you for last week’s stewardship

Offerings.....\$4,785

Next week’s second collection is for St Patrick’s building fund.

From the Pastor's Desk

This summer, I was able to schedule some time away to rest, relax, and enjoy the company of family and friends. I am away from July 21 through August 5. This weekend, I'm in the company of a dear priest friend from the Diocese of Birmingham. I'll join him at St Bernard Abbey in Cullman, Alabama, where he's spending a couple of months with the Benedictine monks there. Then I travel to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, to be with seven of my seminary classmates. Each summer we gather from all across the US to spend a week with each other, building the fraternal bonds of friendship and vocation that we share as priests. It's the first time for all of us to visit the Smoky Mountains, so we're certainly looking forward to exploring that part of our country together.

In my absence, I thank my brother priests for covering Masses here at St Patrick's: Fr Jude Halpen, Fr Gil Dutel, and Msgr Curtis Mallet. Some of the younger priests from the Community of Jesus Crucified will also be here. You may see Fr John Joseph, Fr John Paul, or Fr Francis Xavier, depending on their availability. I know you'll welcome them all as you always do.

Renovation work on the parish hall proceeds apace, though summer showers have somewhat delayed the concrete work on the parking lot. Please continue to be patient as we make these improvements to our parish facilities.

If you'd like to support our parish hall renovations financially, I invite you to

consider giving in a special way to our monthly parish building fund, which is taken on the first Sunday of each month. Your generous support of our parish has made it possible over these past few years to take care of our parish facilities, which were in need of attention. Of course, if you'd like to make a special donation to these efforts, please feel free to do so. As always, I am grateful and humbled by the outstanding dedication of St Patricians toward their little parish!

I remind you that St Patrick's now has a new online giving platform that is secure and convenient. If you'd like to contribute to our parish in this way, please see the details on the inside of this page.

Finally, two things to sign up for if you're interested:

The first is to consider being an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, as I mentioned last weekend. To make the Eucharist available also from the chalice in the Precious Blood, we'll need more parishioners willing to help with Communion in this way. Sign up sheets are available on the back table.

Beginning this weekend, you'll also be able to sign up for our parish summer social, which is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19, 5:30-8p.m., at City Club in River Ranch. I hope you'll join us for a relaxing and fun evening of fellowship as we visit with our fellow St Patricians (and celebrate a certain someone's 50th birthday). I hope to see many of you there!

Fr Guillory