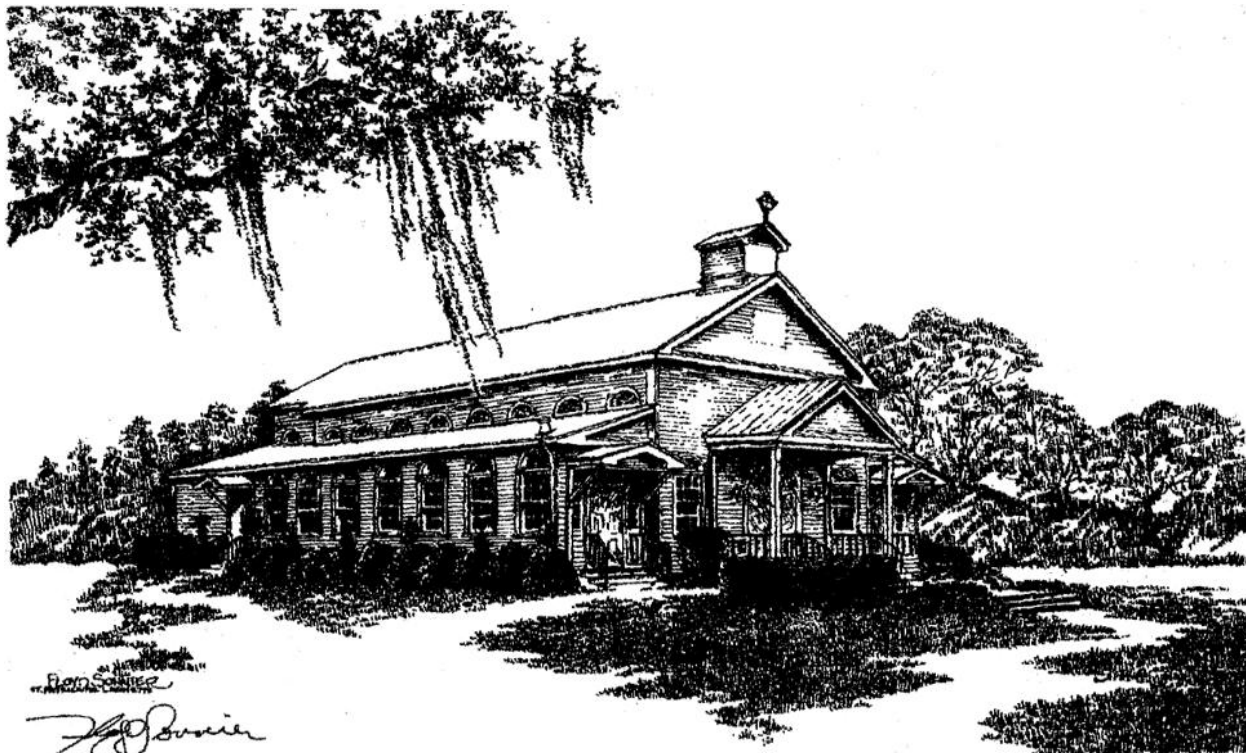


St. Patrick Catholic Church

August 9, 2026
Nineteenth 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, August 8

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; Ron Venable

Sunday, August 9

8:30 a.m.: Viola Doré

10 a.m.: For parishioners

Monday, August 10

7:30 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, August 11

7:30 a.m.:

Wednesday, August 12

7:30 a.m.: Bea Katool

Thursday, August 13

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Friday, August 14

7:30 a.m.: Sahvana Bourque

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.

Bishop's Pro-Life Rose Dinner & Awards

Saturday, August 29, at Doubletree Hotel by Hilton Hotel, Lafayette. Cocktail hour will be held at 5 p.m. Program begins promptly at 6 p.m. Guest speaker is Lydia Taylor Davis. Visit diolaf.org/bishopsdinner for more information or to purchase tickets.

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.

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 fetediouduteche@gmail.com or visit fetediouduteche.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>.

Find Mass when traveling

There are several resources available to help Catholics find Mass when they're away from home or traveling. Check out masstimes.org for useful information.

Retrouvaille weekend

Hope and renewal for struggling marriages. Contact Bill & Missie at 985-232-5963 or visit helpourmarriage.org.

Let us pray for:

David and Robin Roy, who celebrate their wedding anniversary on August 12.

Maggie Hernandez, who turns 93 on August 15.

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, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised.

From the Catechism, on prayer in the Christian life, nn. 2726, 2728

In the battle of prayer, we must face certain erroneous notions of prayer. Some people view prayer as a simple psychological activity, others as an effort of concentration to reach a mental void. Still others reduce prayer to ritual words and postures. Many Christians unconsciously regard prayer as an occupation that is incompatible with all the other things they have to do: they "don't have the time." Those who seek God by prayer are quickly discouraged because they do not know that prayer comes also from the Holy Spirit and not from themselves alone. Our battle has to confront what we experience as failure in prayer: discouragement during periods of dryness; sadness that we have not given all to the Lord; disappointment over not being heard according to our own will; wounded pride, stiffened by the indignity that is ours as sinners; our resistance to the idea that prayer is a free and unmerited gift; and so forth. The conclusion is always the same: what good does it do to pray? To overcome these obstacles, we must battle to gain humility, trust, and perseverance.

Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....	\$4,479
Building Fund.....	\$4,532

From the Pastor's Desk

After being away for the past two weeks, it's wonderful to come back home, refreshed and restored, to St Patrick's. My time away at St Bernard Abbey in Cullman, Alabama and in the Great Smoky Mountains near Gatlinburg was wonderful. It was good to visit these new places and to be again in the company of some dear priest friends, who were also seminary classmates. Thank you for your prayers for safe travels and pleasant weather... it all worked out well!

I want to remind you of a few things. First to sign up for our parish summer social to be held on August 19, the date on which I will celebrate my 50th birthday!

Second, to consider serving our parish as an extraordinary minister of holy communion as we move to reintroduce receiving Communion from the chalice. There are sign-up sheets in the back of church for that.

I also want to update you on our planned kids care for 10 a.m. Mass. With a few volunteers in place, I think we're almost ready to launch this initiative. The idea, as you recall, is to offer families with toddlers a safe and appropriate place to

"park" their little ones during most of Sunday Mass. That way the littles are cared for and the parents have a bit of a reprieve so that they can focus on Word and Sacrament during Mass. More details to come soon!

As you can see, progress is being made on our parish hall renovation. I spoke with the concrete subcontractor on Thursday, and he's hoping to pour new concrete this coming Tuesday, barring adverse weather or other complications. The parking lot improvements have taken a little longer than anticipated, due to some discoveries made when digging up the old concrete. But that's all sorted out now, and we're back on track. We're still looking at January 2027 for completion.

Finally, I want to remind you that our parish website contains useful information that you can consult. Each week the bulletin is posted online, and there is also a repository of past bulletins. You can also find a certain number of my past Sunday homilies, together with a brief parish history, some photos, and sections with our Mass and confession schedules as well as other useful announcements.

Fr Guillory

