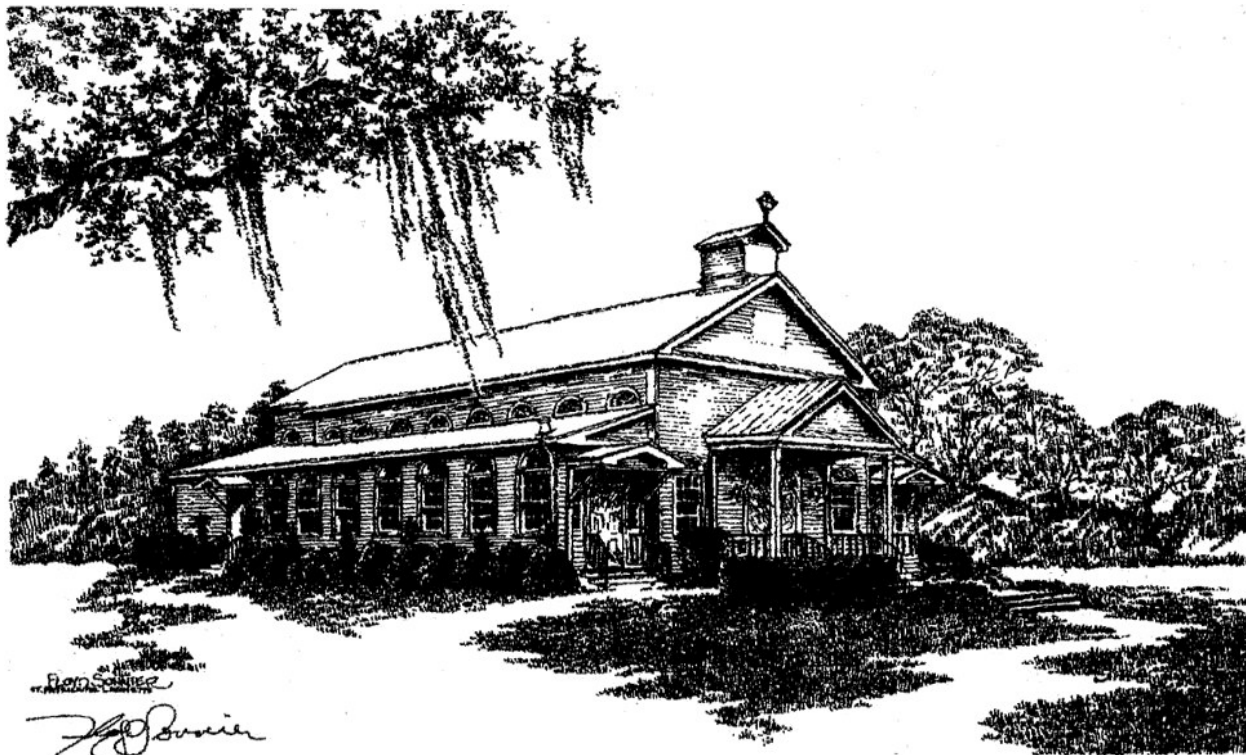


St. Patrick Catholic Church

August 16, 2026
Twentieth 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 15

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; Ashlie Comeaux; David Beasley; Shelia Beasley; Lois Battaglio; Johnnie Olinger

Sunday, August 16

8:30 a.m.: Nick & Johnnie Gachassin; Helen Vallot; Jeremy & Megan Dean; John Escott

10 a.m.: For parishioners

Monday, August 17

7:30 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, August 18

7:30 a.m.: Ashton Petitjean family

Wednesday, August 19

7:30 a.m.: Bea Katool

Thursday, August 20

7:30 a.m.: John Escott

Friday, August 21

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

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 tinyurl.com/zeal4truth.

Married Couples Marriage Encounter Weekend

Looking for something to liven up your relationship? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will give you all the tools you need for a better, stronger, more loving marriage. Please note, this is not therapy. The weekend consists of presentations followed by private time between husband and wife. August 28-30 at Rosaryville Retreat Center in Ponchatoula, LA. For more information or to register, go to wwme.org/for-couples/ or call 225-892-4782.

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.

Scams targeting parishioners

From time to time it happens that a parishioner receives a text or an email that appears to be from Fr Guillory, asking for some kind of help or financial assistance. These are scams. Father will never ask for financial assistance for the parish or for the poor (or for himself) in such a manner. Please disregard such communications, and report it to Father or to the parish office.

Advocates for Immigrants in Detention

LAAID is volunteer organization helping immigrants released from detention by providing transportation, meals, and overnight hosting as they travel to their family/sponsor. See laaid.org for more information or call our parishioner, Patty Prather, at 337-278-6029.

*With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption. ~ Psalm 130:7*

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!

Let us pray for:

Norm and Darlene Smith, who celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary on August 18.

Fr Joshua Guillory, who turns 50 on August 19.

Louise Stelly, Forrest Blanton, Sr. Kathy Cormier, Karen Nicko, 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, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire.

From the Catechism, on prayer in the Christian life, nn. 2729, 2731

The habitual difficulty in prayer is distraction. It can affect words and their meaning in vocal prayer; it can concern, more profoundly, him to whom we are praying, in vocal prayer (liturgical or personal), meditation, and contemplative prayer. To set about hunting down distractions would be to fall into their trap, when all that is necessary is to turn back to our heart, for a distraction reveals to us what we are attached to, and this humble awareness before the Lord should awaken our preferential love for him and lead us resolutely to offer him our heart to be purified. Therein lies the battle, the choice of which master to serve. Another difficulty, especially for those who sincerely want to pray, is dryness. Dryness belongs to contemplative prayer when the heart is separated from God, with no taste for thoughts, memories, and feelings, even spiritual ones. This is the moment of sheer faith clinging faithfully to Jesus in his agony and in his tomb. "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if dies, it bears much fruit." If dryness is due to the lack of roots, because the word has fallen on rocky soil, the battle requires conversion.

Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....	\$7,548
Online Giving (July 2026).....	\$6,663

From the Pastor's Desk

This year, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, celebrated on August 15, is not a holyday of obligation, since it falls on a Saturday. However, we can still reflect on and honor Mary as we commemorate her Assumption, body and soul, into heaven.

What is the doctrine of the Assumption?

Briefly stated, when Mary had completed the course of her earthly life, she was taken up (assumed), body and soul, to heavenly glory. This is a consequence of Mary's sinlessness, which was a special grace given to her by God who wished to prepare a holy and immaculate vessel that would receive the Word of God, who took flesh in Mary in the mystery of the Incarnation – Jesus, who is both God the Son and Son of Mary.

In the history of the Church, we find homilies and sermons on Mary's Assumption that date from the 500s. There are even earlier references to the end of Mary's life and her glorious assumption dating back to the mid-300s. So even though the Assumption was not defined as binding dogmatic teaching until 1950, it nonetheless has ancient

roots in Christian theology and spirituality.

Eastern Orthodox and Eastern Catholic celebrate and believe in the Assumption of Mary, though they typically call this mystery the Dormition of the Mother of God. Dormition means "falling asleep," an oblique reference to death. Mary, then, like her Son, and like every human being, experienced death. But by being taken up into heaven, Mary's body was spared the corruption of the grave.



While many non-Catholic Christians do not have the same devotional and theological appreciation of Mary as we Catholics, yet the Assumption is also celebrated to a greater or lesser degree even by Lutherans and Anglicans (Episcopalians).

At St Patrick's we almost always end our Sunday celebration of the holy Eucharist by singing a hymn in Mary's honor. This is our way of expressing our love of and devotion to the holy Mother of God. I want to encourage then, at the end of Mass, not only to sing these Marian hymns, but also to offer them prayerfully, one in voice with your fellow parishioners and with the whole Church.

Fr Guillory