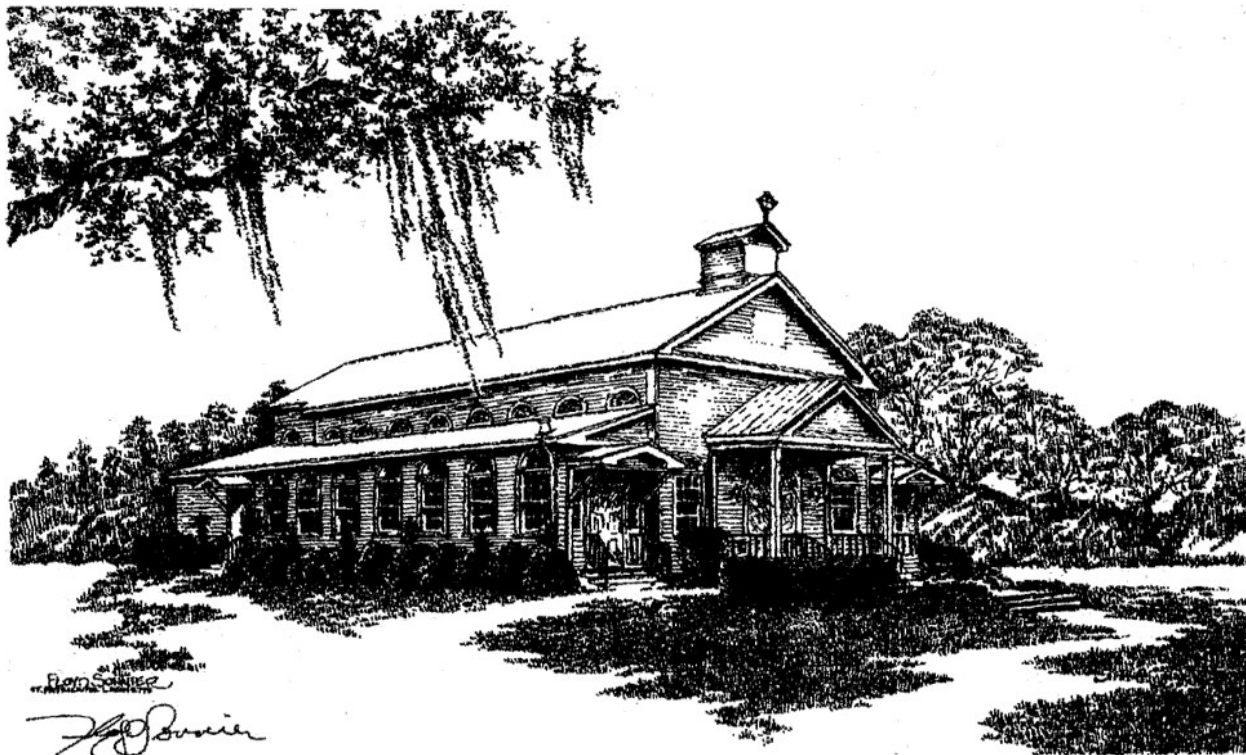


St. Patrick Catholic Church

August 23, 2026
Twenty-first 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 22

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

Sunday, August 23

8:30 a.m.: Elizabeth Truxillo; John Escott

10 a.m.: For parishioners

Monday, August 24

7:30 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, August 25

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Wednesday, August 26

7:30 a.m.: Bea Katool

Thursday, August 27

7:30 a.m.: John Escott

Friday, August 28

7:30 a.m.: Val Mayhall *living*; Caroline Lege *living*

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.

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.

You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.
~Matthew 16:18

TIMELINE

Diocese of Lafayette

PARISH CENSUS



Connecting Every Catholic Home

**Aug. 25 & Sept. 1 - Email**

Look for email from OSV Hub with a link to update your info.

**Sept. 5 & 6 - Online**

QR Code will be out for those who didn't receive an email.

**Sept. 12 & 13 - "Census Weekend"**

Parish Census Committee members will have paper forms and offer help with the online entry to those who need assistance.

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. To register or for more visit diolaf.org/bishopsdinner.

Let us pray for:

Edmund and Clarisse Dugas, who celebrate their wedding anniversary on August 25.

Cordero and Adelia Sparrow, who celebrate their wedding anniversary on August 26.

Doug Nicko, who celebrates his birthday on August 25, and Nolan Guidry, who celebrates his birthday on August 29.

Charles Bull, who celebrated his birthday on August 21, and Amy Alderman, who celebrated her birthday on August 22.

Mike Serio, 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, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found.

From the Catechism, on prayer in the Christian life, nn. 2732-2733

The most common yet most hidden temptation [in prayer] is our lack of faith. It expresses itself less by declared incredulity than by our actual preferences. When we begin to pray, a thousand labors or cares thought to be urgent vie for priority. Once again, it is the moment of truth for the heart: what is its real love? Sometimes we turn to the Lord as a last resort, but do we really believe he is? Sometimes we enlist the Lord as an ally, but our heart remains presumptuous. In each case, our lack of faith reveals that we do not yet share in the disposition of a humble heart: *“Apart from me, you can do nothing.”* Another temptation, to which presumption opens the gate, is acedia. The spiritual writers understand by this a form of depression due to lax ascetical practice, decreasing vigilance, carelessness of heart. *“The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”* The greater the height, the harder the fall. Painful as discouragement is, it is the reverse of presumption. The humble are not surprised by their distress; it leads them to trust more, to hold fast in constancy.

Thank you for last week's stewardship Offerings.....\$4,437

Next weekend's second collection is for the Church in Nepal.

From the Pastor's Desk

Every parish in the Diocese of Lafayette is participating in a parish census to help us better know, serve, and stay connected with our parish families.

An accurate parish record allows us to communicate important parish news, prepare for the celebration of the sacraments, connect parishioners with ministries, and plan for the future of our parish community. Your information will be handled with the utmost confidentiality and used only for Church communication purposes.

Here is what you can expect:

August 25 If we have your email address on file, you will soon receive an email from St Patrick's via OSV Hub containing a secure link to review and update your household information. Please watch your inbox for this email. If the email references a parish where you were previously registered, please still use the link provided. During this update process, you will have the opportunity to indicate your current primary parish.

September 5

If you do not receive an email, a QR code and website link will be available through our parish so you can complete a short online registration form.

September 12-13: Census Weekend

Members of our Parish Census Committee will be available after every Mass to answer questions, provide paper forms for those who do not have email or access to a computer, and assist anyone who needs help completing the census.

Thank you for helping us keep our parish records current. Your participation will strengthen our parish community and help us continue our mission of bringing people closer to Christ.

I want to thank all of you for your kind birthday wishes and gifts as I celebrated my 50th birthday last week. Your outpouring of prayers and kind words and encouragement truly touched me.

I also want to thank all who worked so hard to prepare our first summer social, which this year doubled as my 50th birthday celebration. Our socials planning committee members truly do a wonderful job so that our times together are enjoyable in every respect. Thank you all for all you do for our little parish!

Next weekend, August 29/30, we will welcome a special guest: Fr Silas Bogati, of the Apostolic Vicariate of Nepal, who will speak to us about the Catholic Church in Nepal, where of over 33 million inhabitants, there are only ten thousand or so Catholics. Nepal is a predominantly Hindu country that lies between India and Tibet, famous for Mt Everest and its capital city Kathmandu. Wikipedia has a great article on Christianity in Nepal if you're interested in learning a little more about where Fr Silas comes from.

To support the work of the Catholic Church in Nepal, we'll take a special second collection next week, all the proceeds of which will be sent to Nepal. I'm letting you know ahead of time so that your renowned generosity as St Patricians can shine as it always does!

Fr Guillory