

From the Pastor's Desk

We have all heard the recent news of Pope Leo's operation to remove a node from his right lung, which turned out to be a cancerous growth. Initial reports are that his prospects for treatment and recovery are good. Let us join in with Catholics and people of good will across the world to pray for the Holy Father's health and well-being.

October is the month dedicated in a special way to Mary, under the title of Our Lady of the Rosary. This was the impetus behind a Vatican effort to ask for one million rosaries to be prayed for peace throughout the world, especially enlisting children to pray the rosary for this intention. Many of our local Catholic schools have joined in the effort, to great success, inspiring our young people to unite themselves in prayer with whole Church to pray for such a noble intention.

One of our parishioners invited me this past week to attend a neighborhood rosary that she organized, inviting neighbors young and old to pray the rosary on the front lawn of their house. About thirty or so people – from 5 years old to 85 years old – gathered in the cool of the early evening to pray together. This was a witness to all who passed by, and it was a wonderful way to connect with neighbors new and old. What a privilege it

was for me to be there and pray with this group.

So I pass on to you the challenge. Why not invite your neighbors to pray the rosary together at your house? Have them bring lawn chairs to sit outside and enjoy the nice weather of October. With a 6 p.m. start, everyone's back home in time for supper by 6:30, unless the Spirit moves your group to continue the visit.

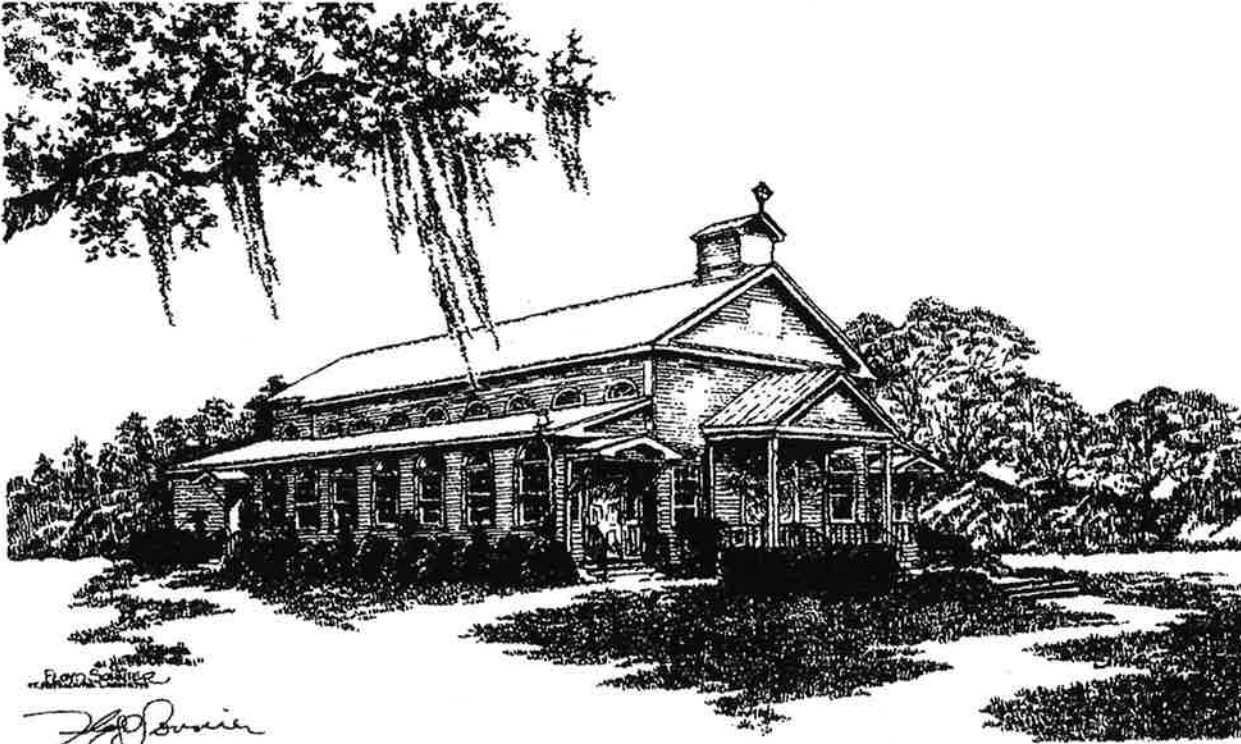
What a wonderful way to rekindle neighborhood spirit, offer Christian witness of public prayer, and grow in discipleship! Think how transformative it would be if we did more small acts of community-building like this! I encourage and challenge you to do something like this in your own neighborhoods. Anything to get away from the screens and to reconnect with people face-to-face.

I think people will be delighted to receive the invitation, and you'll be surprised by the response! If you'd like to share in a Catholic-sponsored event fun for young and old alike, take a look inside the bulletin at the announcement for Via Nova's second annual Fall Jamboree. We see the Via Nova folks often at St Patrick's, and I support them wholeheartedly. For more information on Via Nova, find them online at vianova.studyworkpray.org.

Fr Guillory

St. Patrick Catholic Church

October 18, 2026
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



L'Eglise 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, October 17

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; Joe Guillory; Ron Venable; E Braud; G Steen; S Ellis; A Keaty; B Joy; Special Intention; Harry DeMette; Joshua Scott

Sunday, October 18

8:30 a.m.: John Escott; Natalie & Peyton Lege; Jeremy & Megan Dean; Joshua Scott

10 a.m.: For parishioners

Monday, October 19

7:30 a.m.: Ashton Petitjean

Tuesday, October 20

7:30 a.m.: Josephine Leday

Wednesday, October 21

7:30 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, October 22

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Friday, October 23

7:30 a.m.: Elizabeth Schnur *living*

Annual “White Coat Mass”

On Tuesday, October 20, at 6 p.m. the White Coat Mass will be celebrated at St Pius X Church. All medical professionals are asked to wear their white coats as a sign of unity and connection with the intention of this special Mass. Reception to follow.

Widows’ Luncheon

Widows of all ages are invited to join the Widows’ Luncheon held at St Mary Mother of the Church, 419 Doucet Road, Lafayette, on Saturday, October 24, beginning with Mass at 11 a.m. This is a free event hosted by Sisters of the Heart of Jesus. RSVP by Oct 19: email srmarypeter.shj@gmail.com or 337-345-8146.

Relay Health

Relay’s mission is to help men and women find freedom from pornography use and unwanted sexual behavior. More information is available at joinrelay.app.

Trunk or Treat, New Hope Lafayette

Volunteer to decorate your vehicle and have a carnival-type game and treats for under-resourced kids. 5-6:30 p.m. on Friday, October 23, J.C. James Center, 710 Aster Dr, Lafayette. Contact Kris Newman for more information (337-316-9461) (newhopelafayette.org).

Friendsgiving in Christ, November 15

Our annual fall social is scheduled for Sunday, November 16 following the 10 a.m. Mass. This year’s event will be held at City Club in River Ranch. Please mark your calendars. As in previous years, St Patrick’s will provide the catered main dishes, and attendees are asked to bring their best dish to share – casserole, vegetable, salad, desert, whatever you like, as well as non-perishable food items for distribution to those in need.

Volunteers for kids care at St Patrick’s

We could use a little help. If you’d like to volunteer to help take care of our littles at 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, please let Fr Guillory know. A few more volunteers to help with this ministry would be ideal.

Via Nova Fall Jamboree

Volleyball tournament, live Cajun music, food, raffles, yard games, kids corner, playground. 407 Lippi Blvd. Saturday, November 7, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fun for the whole family. For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code.



*To you I call; for you will surely heed me,
O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.*

~Psalm 17:6, 8

Let us pray for:

Ted and Kay Hampton, who celebrate their wedding anniversary on October 20.

Sarah Brabant, whose memorial Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick’s on Saturday, October 24 at 10 a.m.

Louise Stelly, Kathy Cormier, Karen Nicko, Brandon Boudreaux, Joyce Stelly, Bryan Lege, Ashlie Comeaux, Pat Low, Jerrol Sparrow, Jackie Bourgeois, Wayne Bernard, Janell Degeyter, Thomas Sands, 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

To contribute to St Patrick’s online, use the QR code below. 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, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church, nn. 120-123

The complete list of writings which are to be included in the list of the sacred books is called the canon of Scripture. It includes 46 books for the Old Testament (45 if Jeremiah and Lamentations are counted as one) and 27 for the New Testament. The Old Testament is an indispensable part of Sacred Scripture. Its books are divinely inspired and retain a permanent value, for the Old Covenant has never been revoked. Indeed, “the economy of the Old Testament was deliberately so oriented that it should prepare for and declare in prophecy the coming of Christ, redeemer of all men.” “Even though they contain matters imperfect and provisional, the books of the Old Testament bear witness to the whole divine pedagogy of God’s saving love: these writings “are a storehouse of sublime teaching on God and of sound wisdom on human life, as well as a wonderful treasury of prayers; in them, too, the mystery of our salvation is present in a hidden way.” Christians venerate the Old Testament as true Word of God. The Church has always vigorously opposed the idea of rejecting the Old Testament under the pretext that the New Testament has rendered it void (Marcionism).

Thank you for last week’s stewardship Offerings.....\$4,910