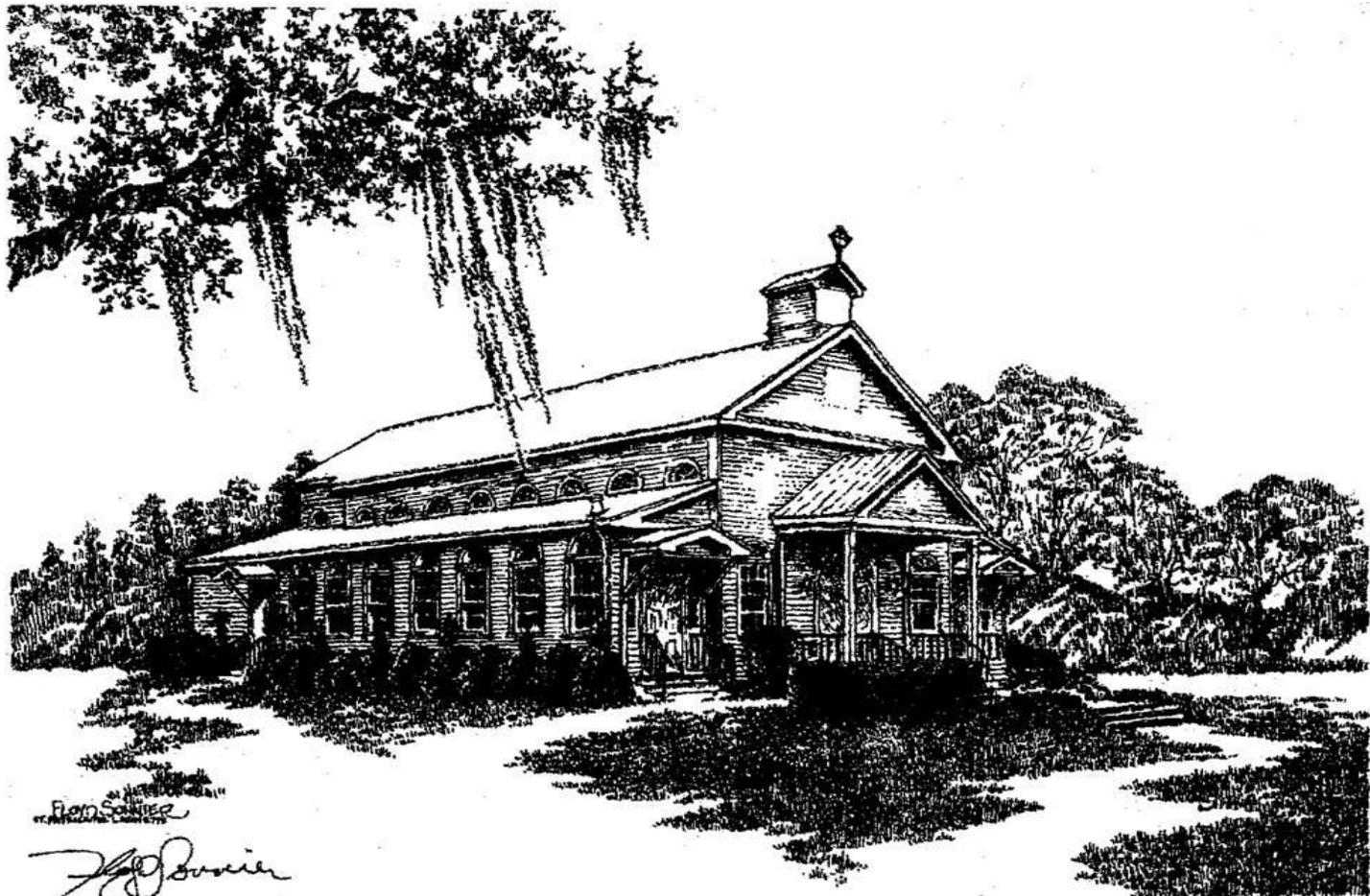


St. Patrick Catholic Church

January 3, 2021—The Epiphany of the Lord



L'Église St. Patrick

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday: 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Friday 8 a.m. – 12 noon

Holy Mass

Saturday: 4 p.m. – Sunday: 8:30 & 10 a.m.

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.

Holydays of Obligation: 7:30 a.m. only

Confessions

Saturday: 3– 3:30 p.m. and Weekdays: 7-7:25 a.m. (and by appointment)

Baptisms	Anointing of the Sick	Weddings
<p>To schedule a baptism, please call the parish office. One or more meetings with the pastor will be necessary.</p>	<p>This sacrament is for those who are gravely ill or in danger of death. Call a priest to arrange a visit.</p>	<p>Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance to allow time for preparation and planning.</p>

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Welcome to St. Patrick Church

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 2--The Epiphany of the Lord

4 p.m.: Dr. & Mrs. Walter Comeaux, Sr.; Dr. Leonard & Betty Rolfes; Larry Kreamer; Melanie Boudreaux Spano; Wanda Savoy Wanderman

Sunday, January 3--The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 a.m.: Terry Pellerin, Sr.

8:30 a.m.: Brandon Campbell; Brett Campbell (living); Michelle Vallot; Frederick Vallot, Jr., (living)

10 a.m.: Parishioners of St. Patrick

Monday, January 4--St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

7:30 a.m.:

Tuesday, January 5--St. John Neumann, Bishop

7:30 a.m.:

All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.

— Psalm 72:11



Searching

In Matthew's Gospel today we see two extremely different perspectives, two different reasons for searching for Jesus. In some ways, this resembles the polarization of our nation in today's time. What one group sees as good for the nation, those with opposing views think will wreck the country. The Magi were astrologers who saw a vision in the sky and were trying to find a way to follow it and discover the new king of the Jews. Herod heard about this king, and his reaction was dark and negative. He saw the birth of such a king as a threat to his power as the Roman leader of the country and wanted the Magi to pass on to him what they knew about this Christ child. Similarly, on a more personal level, we can either feel threatened or excited by changes that may come, depending on our perspective.

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Wednesday, January 6--St. Andre Bessette, Religious

7:30 a.m.: Dr. Tommy Comeaux & Dorinne; Col. Clark Comeaux & Catherine (living); Col. Kimberly Fedele (living)

Thursday, January 7--St. Raymond of Penyafort

7:30 p.m.: Larry Kreamer; Melanie Boudreaux Spano

Friday, January 8--Christmas Weekday

9:00 a.m.: Dr. Charles Stewart



Christmas Poinsettias —In loving Memory of:

Dr. Tommy Comeaux & Dorinne

Monty & Pierre Montagnet

Howard Fournet

Chris Gamble

Jack Boudreaux

FLOCKNOTE

Flocknote is a communication service that allows St. Patrick's to send texts and emails directly to parishioners who sign up. The service is free and secure. To register:

Text PATLAF to 84576

Or register online at

stpatlafayette.flocknote.com

Then follow the link sent to you and enter your name and email address. Now St. Patrick's will be able to reach you directly, either by text or email.

All messages will originate from St. Patrick's, authorized by its Pastor, to communicate essential or important information concerning our Parish.

GENTLENESS

Feelings are everywhere—be gentle.

—J. Masai

Requirement to Wear Masks

Since the State of Louisiana now requires the use of face coverings in public gatherings, and in light of the Bishop of Lafayette’s appeal to use masks, those who attend Mass are to wear the recommended face covering. If you attend Mass, you must wear a mask.

Holy Hour for Vocation

You are invited to the monthly “Holy Hour for Vocations and for the Spiritual Renewal of All Priests” on **Monday, January 4**, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 406 E. Pinhook Road. Recitation of the Rosary begins at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to join in these prayers for vocations and perseverance of vocations to the priesthood and religious life sponsored by the Serra Club of Lafayette.

A Prayer for Putting on a Face Mask

Creator God...as I prepare to go into the world, help me to see the sacramental nature in the wearing of this cloth. Let it be a tangible and visible way of living love for my neighbors, as I love myself. Christ Jesus...since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart, that people would see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes. Since my voice may be muffled, help me to speak clearly, not only with my words, but with my actions. Holy Spirit...as the elastic touches my ears, remind me to listen carefully and caringly to all those I meet. May this simple piece of cloth be a shield and banner, and may each breath that it holds, be filled with Your love. In Your name, and in that love, I pray. Amen.

Rev. Richard Bott

Christmas thanks from Fr. Guillory

Dear Parishioners, I offer my heartfelt thanks to all of you for your kind gifts to me for Christmas. Every day I thank God for allowing me to be the pastor of St. Patrick’s, and I ask Him the grace to be a good and faithful shepherd. Thank you all again for your Christmas wishes. I am truly grateful.

Fr. Guillory

THE HOLY STAR
O Father, may that holy star
Grow every year more bright
And send its glorious beams afar
To fill the world with light.
—William Cullen Bryant

January Mass Schedule

There will be no changes in our weekend Mass schedule through the month of January. Masses are on **Saturday at 4 p.m.** and **Sunday at 7:30, 8:30, and 10 a.m.** Please bear in mind that the Sunday morning 7:30 a.m. Mass is a *temporary* accommodation during this period

Year of St. Joseph—Diocese of Lafayette

One hundred and fifty years ago, Pope Pius IX declared St. Joseph as the Universal Patron of the Church. In light of this anniversary, Bishop Deshotel has established a year of St. Joseph in the Diocese of Lafayette from **August 16th of this year until May 1st, 2021.**

Promise Fulfilled

Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God’s glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God’s fidelity to them, all people shall become God’s children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God’s promise to Israel. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Monday, January 4

Still Shining

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, whom we celebrate today, was the first person from the United States to be canonized. She also founded the first Catholic school for girls and the Sisters of Charity. St. Elizabeth found ways to participate in the ministry of Jesus, spread God’s kingdom, and keep the light of Christ shining. Learn more about St. Elizabeth. Ask for her intercession as you discern how you can more fully receive and share the light of Christ.

Stewardship of the Past Week

Our response to God’s generosity to us
Christmas.....\$ 5,150.40
Offerings\$ 3,335.30

Thank You!!

The second collection today is for our **Building and Maintenance Fund.**

From the Pastor's Desk

3 January 2021

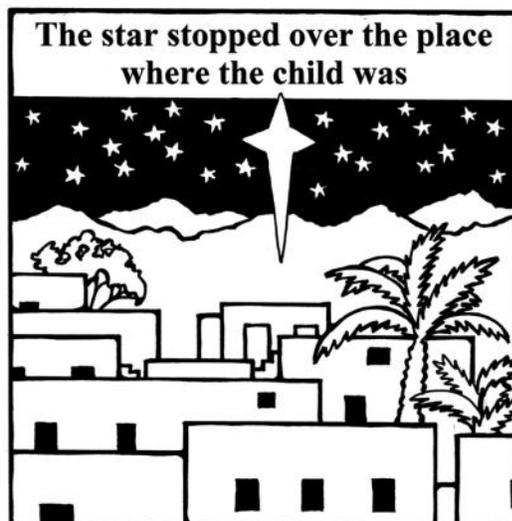
Happy New Year! Last year, 2020, was a year filled with mostly bad news: pandemic, politics, police killings, riots and reactions, hurricanes. The noise of it all was overwhelming. You might remember I offered some reflections during one Sunday homily last year about how the “news” is really nothing new at all. Here’s precisely what I said back in August:

“But what is reported is hardly ever new things: murder and mayhem, tragedies and strife, conflict and conflagrations. These things in fact are old, destined to oblivion in the kingdom of God, which is ‘an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace.’ Only these things are new, in the sense that they will endure forever. God Himself, the Ancient of Days, is in fact ever new. And only those things that are of God and belong to God can in truth be said to be new: love, peace, joy, kindness, beauty, faith, mercy, hope, and all the rest. Beauty is new; ugly is not. Kindness is new; hatred is not. Peace is new; strife is not.”

Well, if you’ve got to watch the news, I want you to watch the *real* news: things that have real meaning, good things. Some of you may remember the journalist Charles Kuralt, who toured the country far and wide, reporting wholesome stories about ordinary people, stories that moved and inspired. Kuralt’s “heir” is journalist Steve Hartman, whose series “On the Road,” continues this tradition. Hartman’s short videos can easily be found on YouTube. They are powerful reminders of everyday goodness, and seeing just one or two will make you realize that everything else is “fake news” -- this ... this is the real stuff.

But you won’t watch only one or two of them. Careful, or hours will pass, and you’ll run out of tissue to dry your tears! But your heart will be full, and you’ll feel “renewed” ... a new hope for a new year. Let me know which ones are your favorites, and why; which ones touched your heart, and why. I’ve seen most of them, several times, and I am always reminded that such simple, everyday goodness is truly a manifestation of God Himself. Such are the “new things” of the Kingdom, little *epiphanies* to remind us that the light that shines in the world is Christ alone.

Fr. Guillory



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