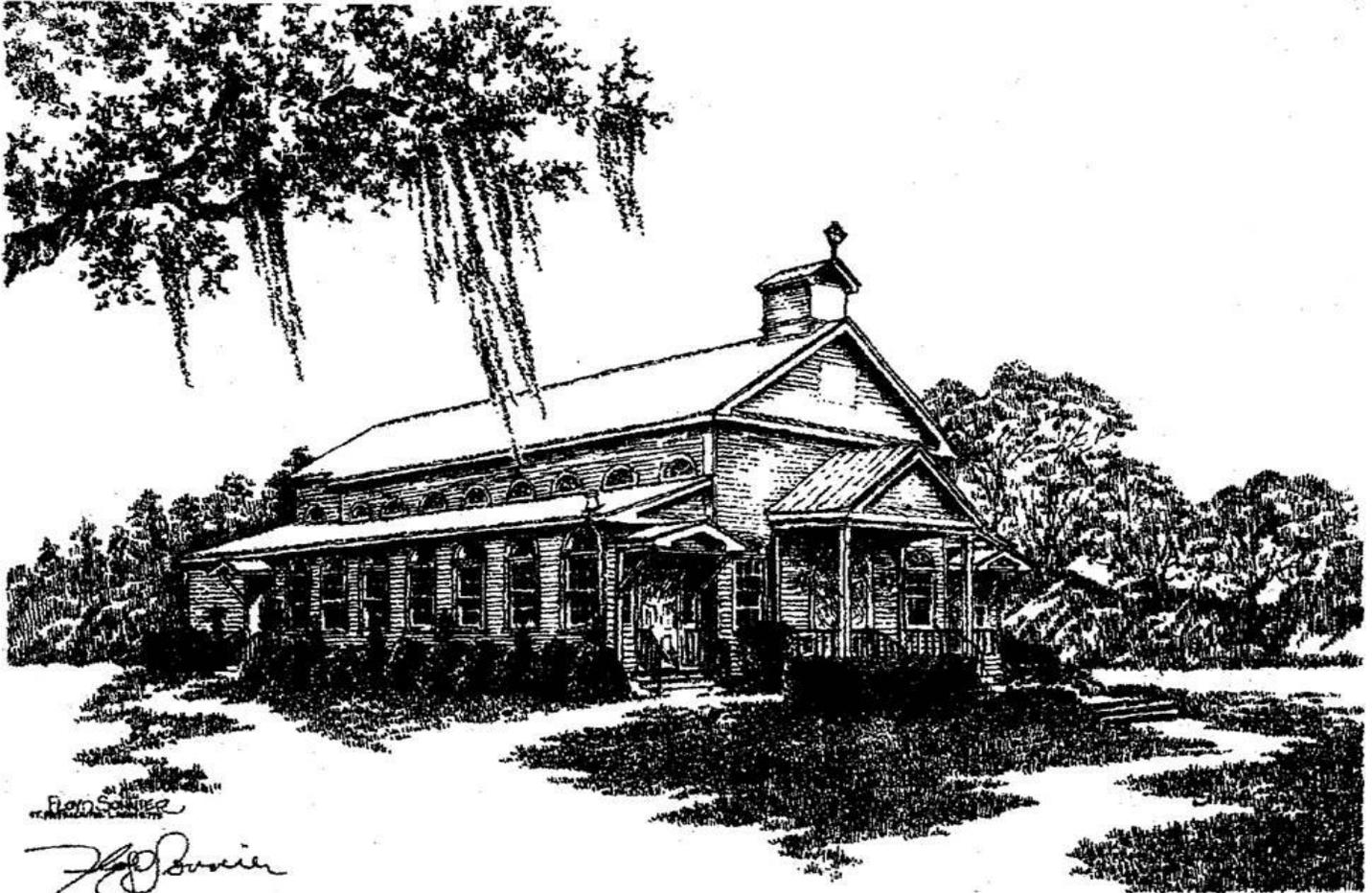


St. Patrick Catholic Church

January 24, 2021—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 23--Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4 p.m.: Dr. & Mrs. Walter Comeaux, Sr.; Dr. Leonard & Betty Rolfes; M/M Eugene Montagnet; Monty & Pierre Montagnet; Rachel Broussard Stevens

Sunday, January 24--Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

10 a.m.: Parishioners of St. Patrick

Monday, January 25--Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

7:30 a.m.:

Tuesday, January 26--Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

7:30 a.m.: Larry Kramer; Melanie Boudreaux Spano

Wednesday, January 27--St. Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder

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

Thursday, January 28--St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

7:30 p.m.: Ronald Lege (living)

Friday, January 29--Weekday

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

Altar Flowers

In loving Memory of:
Monty & Pierre Montagnet



The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.
— Mark 1:15

The Inauguration

Mark describes the beginning of Jesus' ministry with his proclamation that the "kingdom of God is at hand." The rest of Mark's Gospel—all of Jesus' preaching and healing, his death and resurrection—describes the inauguration of this kingdom of God. For Mark, the life of Jesus is the center point of history, where everything leads up to Jesus, and everything follows from Jesus. Mark then tells us that the first disciples follow Jesus immediately and wholeheartedly. They leave their work and family, all for Jesus. Because compared to Jesus and the life he offers, everything else is secondary. Perhaps our invitations from God do not entail such dramatic life changes. But all who follow Jesus are called to align our life and values with his ways of love. As we continue to mature in love and in faith, we might ask: What needs to be renewed, re-oriented, or discarded in light of our life in Christ?.

Online giving at St. Patrick's

For your convenience, you may give to St Patrick's – a one-time gift or set up recurring giving – through an online giving service called Parish Give 52. Go to our parish website at stpat.org and look for the link (in green): Give to St. Patrick's Online. Clicking on it will take you to a secure website, where you can set up your giving. Be sure to select "170 – St. Patrick, Lafayette" as your affiliated church parish, then enter your payment information to set up your online giving. Thank you for supporting our parish with the gift of your time, your talent, and your treasure.

Dry cleaning bags

Have any old dry clean bags around, the clear plastic kind? Fr. Guillory would welcome them if you're planning to toss them out. Just bring them by the office. Many thanks.

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.

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

Position Opening at Diocesan Office

Please be advised that the Diocese of Lafayette Central Office is currently accepting applications for the position of Executive Assistant to the Bishop. For further details as well as instructions to apply, please visit our employment page at www.diolaf.org/employment.

Healing Hearts

A Catholic support group for women whose relationships have been negatively impacted by pornography addiction or the sexual addiction of a spouse or loved one. Meetings are weekly, from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m., and once per month at 6:00 p.m. Strict confidentiality is observed by all members. Contact 404-6113 for information.

Griefshare Ministry

GriefShare is a grief recovery support group where you can find help and healing as you go through one of life's most difficult experiences, losing a loved one. St. Mary will begin a new GriefShare video series Wednesday, February 10, 1:30 p.m.. To register, please email JoAnn LeJune at joann.lejune@gmail.com or call the church office at 337-981-3379

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.**

Loss of a Spouse

St. Mary Church will be hosting a one-time video presentation "Loss of a Spouse," Wed., February 3, 1:30 p.m. This video offers practical tips to help rebuild loved one's lives after the death of a spouse. Join us to gain support from others who have experienced that loss. To register, please email JoAnn LeJune at joann.lejune@gmail.com or call the church office at 981-3379.

BSA Preview

Given the physical, emotional and spiritual challenges of the past year, hope is the focus of the 2021 Bishop's Services Appeal. We naturally long for hope in times of difficulty and struggle, and we seek healing and restoration when burdened and hurting. And so, as caring Catholics, we understand the needs others express, and we welcome God's call to be His hands and feet, **Bringing Hope and Healing** to our families, our fellow Catholics, and all those who are hurting. Our God is a God of hope. Follow Him and heal our world. Give to the 2021 BSA.

Stewardship of the Past Week

Our response to God's generosity to us
Offerings\$ 3,685.32

Thank You!!

This weekend we take up the **Collection for the Church in Latin America.**

Family Influence

Disorder in the society is the result of disorder in the family.
—St. Angela Merici

A New Day Dawns

Today we hear how Jonah, sent by God to warn the people, storms through the streets of Nineveh, scaring the citizens out of their wits. And it works! God has a change of heart, seeing “by their actions” how the people turn from evil (Jonah 3:10). A new day dawns. Next we hear Paul telling the Corinthians, “The world in its present form is passing away” (1 Corinthians 7:31). He calls for a change of heart. Stopping short of telling them to stop carrying out their everyday activities, he urges them—rather mysteriously—to live “as though” they aren’t doing the things they are doing. A new day has dawned. Finally, Jesus stands on the shore and cries, “The kingdom of God is at hand!” (Mark 1:14). Simon and Andrew abandon their nets—and even their father—and follow him. A new day had dawned. Everyone has to change when a new day dawns: the Ninevites, the Corinthians, the apostles, even Jesus! Didn’t a new day dawn today for us as well?

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20 Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Feast of Faith

The Penitential Rite

Standing together in the presence of the Lord, we acknowledge our weakness, our sins and faults and failings. But the penitential rite is really less about our sins than it is about God’s mercy. It is not a time for individual confession, like a mini-sacrament of reconciliation. It is, rather, a preparatory rite, preparing us to praise the mercy of Christ as we acknowledge our own weakness. When Simon Peter witnesses the miraculous catch of fish—when he realizes who is in the boat with him—he falls at Jesus’ feet with the words, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man” (Luke 5:8). We are like Peter. The more aware of the Lord’s presence we become, the more awareness we also have of our sinfulness, our weakness. The penitential rite of the Mass takes several forms, from the traditional Confiteor or “I confess” to a litany, spoken or sung by the deacon or cantor with responses by the entire assembly. The penitential rite always includes the words Kyrie, eleison; Christe, eleison—Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy. This ancient Greek prayer came to the Roman liturgy from the East, and still echoes in many of the litanies of the Eastern Rite Churches. These words turn our gaze from our own weakness to the gentleness, the kindness, the forgiving love of Christ.

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