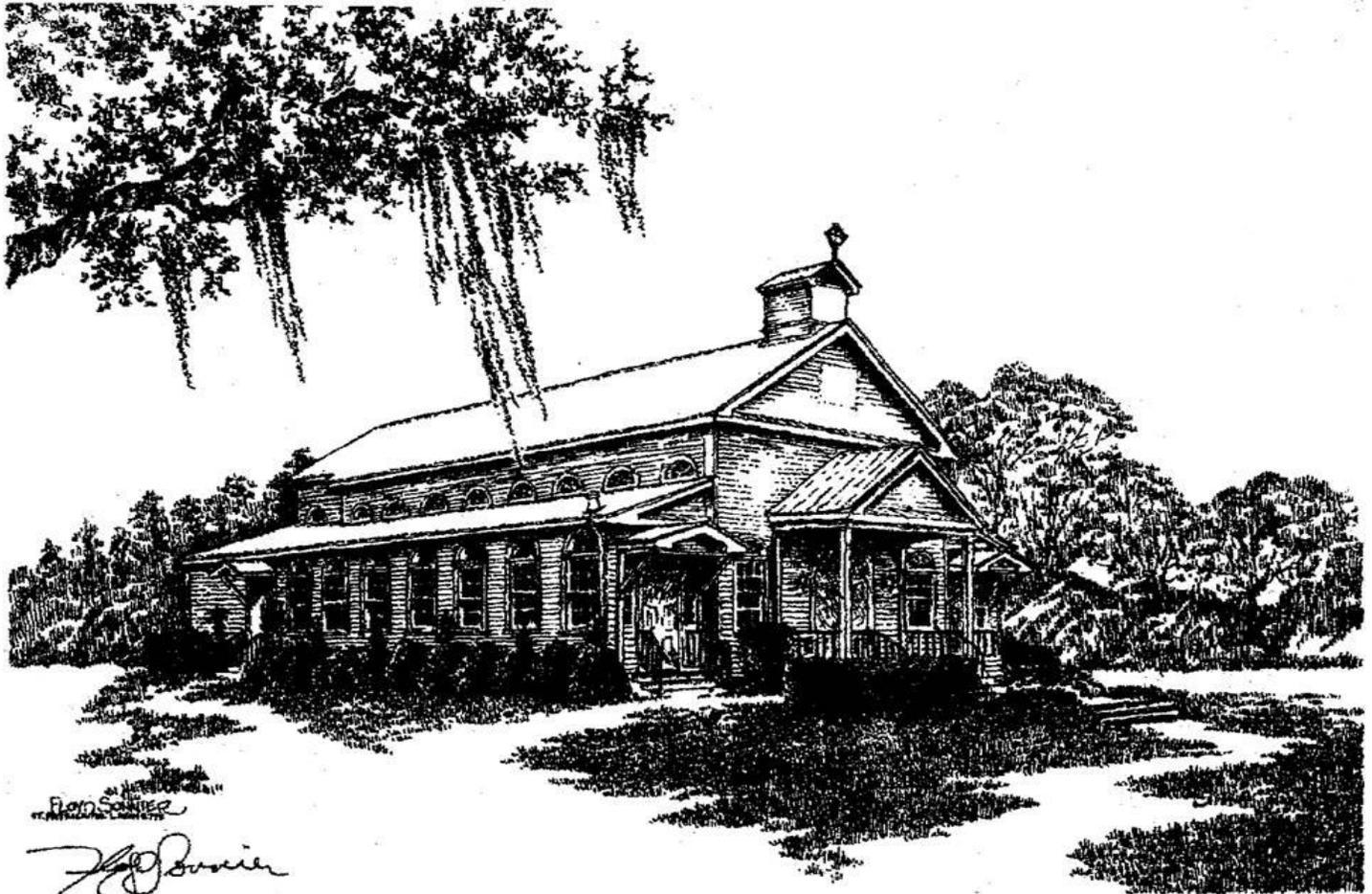


St. Patrick Catholic Church

February 7, 2021—Fifth 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

To schedule a baptism, please call the parish office. One or more meetings with the pastor will be necessary.

Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament is for those who are gravely ill or in danger of death. Call a priest to arrange a visit.

Weddings

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance to allow time for preparation and planning.

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Welcome to St. Patrick Church

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 6--Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4 p.m.: Dr. & Mrs. Walter Comeaux, Sr.;

Dr. Leonard & Betty Rolfes

Sunday, February 7--Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

8:30 a.m.: Doris Boudreaux

Michelle Vallot; Frederick Vallot, Jr., (living)

10 a.m.: Parishioners of St. Patrick

Monday, February 8--St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

7:30 a.m.:

Tuesday, February 9--Weekday

7:30 a.m.: Phil Simon; Bud & Euna

Arceneaux



Wednesday, February 10--St. Scholastica, Virgin

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

Thursday, February 11--Our Lady of Lourdes

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

Friday, February 12--Weekday

7:30 a.m.: Dr. Charles Stewart



Altar Flowers

In loving Memory of:

Dr. Tommy Comeaux & Dorinne

[The LORD] tells the number of the stars
and calls each by name.

— *Psalm 147:4*

Finding Gratitude in Life's Challenges

We have all experienced challenges lately. We are about to choose Lenten Sacrifices. You are invited to attend: "Finding Gratitude in Life's Challenges" on **Tuesday, February 9**, 6:30-8:15 p.m. (Registration at 6 p.m.); or **Wednesday, February 10**, 8:45—10:15 a.m. (Registration at 8:15 a.m.), at **St. Pius X Parish Life Center**, 201 E. Bayou Parkway, Lafayette, 70508. No advanced registration. Love offerings accepted. Conducted by Certified Spiritual Directors, Carol Olson (337-278-7372) and Betsy Richard (337-278-8932).

HINDSIGHT

God's presence is not discerned at the time when it is upon us, but afterwards, when we look back.

—John Henry Newman

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.

Prayer to St. Joseph by St. Francis de Sales

Glorious St. Joseph, spouse of the Virgin Mary, we beseech you through the Heart of Jesus Christ, grant to us your fatherly protection. O you whose power reaches all our necessities and who knows how to make possible the most impossible things, open your fatherly eyes to the needs of your children. In the confusion and pain which press upon us, we have recourse to you with confidence. Deign to take beneath your charitable guidance this important and difficult affair, the cause of our worries, and make that its happy outcome serve for the glory of God and the good of his devoted servants. Amen.

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 Church 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

Remember Me Not

A support group for caregivers, family, and friends of individuals with dementia/Alzheimer's. Meetings are held three times a month; two in person and one teleconference. Covid safety protocols are followed for the in person sessions. Masks and social distancing are mandatory. Second Tuesday of each month are in person; 10 a.m. at Hospice of Acadiana (337-232-1234 for more information) and 6:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton Church (234-1483 for more information). The 3rd Monday of each month will be a teleconference at 6:30 p.m.; Dial Toll free: 617-675-4444, Pin # 113 330 623 0504#. Simply hang up when you are finished.

"Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know him. What a grace it is to know God!"

St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

February Mass Schedule

There will be no changes in our weekend Mass schedule through the month of February. 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, 2020 until May 1st, 2021.**

Retrouvaille

Marriage Help—*Retrouvaille* has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on **March 5-7**, call 985-232-5963 or visit:

www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Lost and Found

Forgot something in church? Can't find those glasses, prayer books, gloves, hats, scarves, rosaries, etc.? Be sure to check the lost and found basket, located in the back of the church near the stairs. Personal items left behind are placed there for you to reclaim them.

Second Collection Next Weekend: Bishop's Services Appeal (BSA)

The mission of the Diocese of Lafayette involves the total restoration of humanity, the salvation of the whole person. Our response to this mission finds expression in the programs, ministries, and services supported by the BSA. The charity of God urges us, encourages us, and impels us to seek the needs of others, rather than self. Please be generous to the BSA Appeal next Sunday.

Stewardship of the Past Week

Our response to God's generosity to us
Offerings\$ 4,003.03

Thank You!!

The second collection this weekend is for **St. Patrick's Building and Maintenance Fund.**

From the Pastor's Desk

Lent is only about ten days away, so it's definitely time to begin thinking about how to begin that holy season of forty days. Last year, our Lent seemed to get off to a great start here at St. Patrick's: Friday mornings we prayed the Way of the Cross, each day after Mass we were reading from *My Daily Bread*, our daily Masses were pushing 90 people each morning!

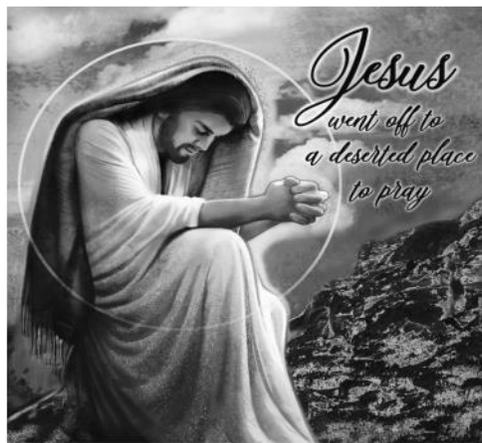
Then coronavirus pushed us into our homes as everything shut down. We were worried, afraid, and cut off from each other for almost two months. Two months in which we had to learn how to be alone, trust in the Lord, reach out to family and friends in new ways, find new ways to support those who were suffering or sick, and those whose economic situations were imperiled. It was a real time of being in the desert, with all its unknowns and hardships.

Lent is meant to be a time each year in which we enter the desert spiritually. And if we embrace the desert of Lent with a spirit of Christ-like mortification, it brings purification, renewal, and new life.

So what shall your Lent be like this year? What shall you do to grow in prayer? How shall you fast? In which concrete ways shall you care for the poor through almsgiving? Begin now to formulate your Lenten project, and then when Ash Wednesday comes in a week and half, make a firm resolution to pattern the forty days that follow after the time that your Lord spent in the desert.

We have only this short time, this short life, in which to follow Christ. With Him into the desert! With Him to the cross! With Him to the glory that awaits!

Fr. Guillory



A Time to Lament

The poignant description of human suffering in our reading from the book of Job echoes the cries we have heard throughout the world with the coming of the coronavirus. We grieve many losses: of life and health, of jobs and security, of freedom to be with those we love. We are reminded that many of the psalms are prayers lamenting that the world is often not what it ought to be. In these coronavirus times, we the Church are first called to prayerfully lament: to weep with those who are weeping and to ache for a better world. Our prayer can remind us that, as Paul described in Romans 8, all creation is groaning, and the Holy Spirit is groaning in wordless, shared suffering. We also live in God's promise to transform our tears into joy. God is eager to bring healing to the world, and we are God's instruments in doing so. We bring God's gifts of creativity, resourcefulness, and perseverance to the task. Our prayerful lamentation reminds us of the urgency of God's work through us.

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