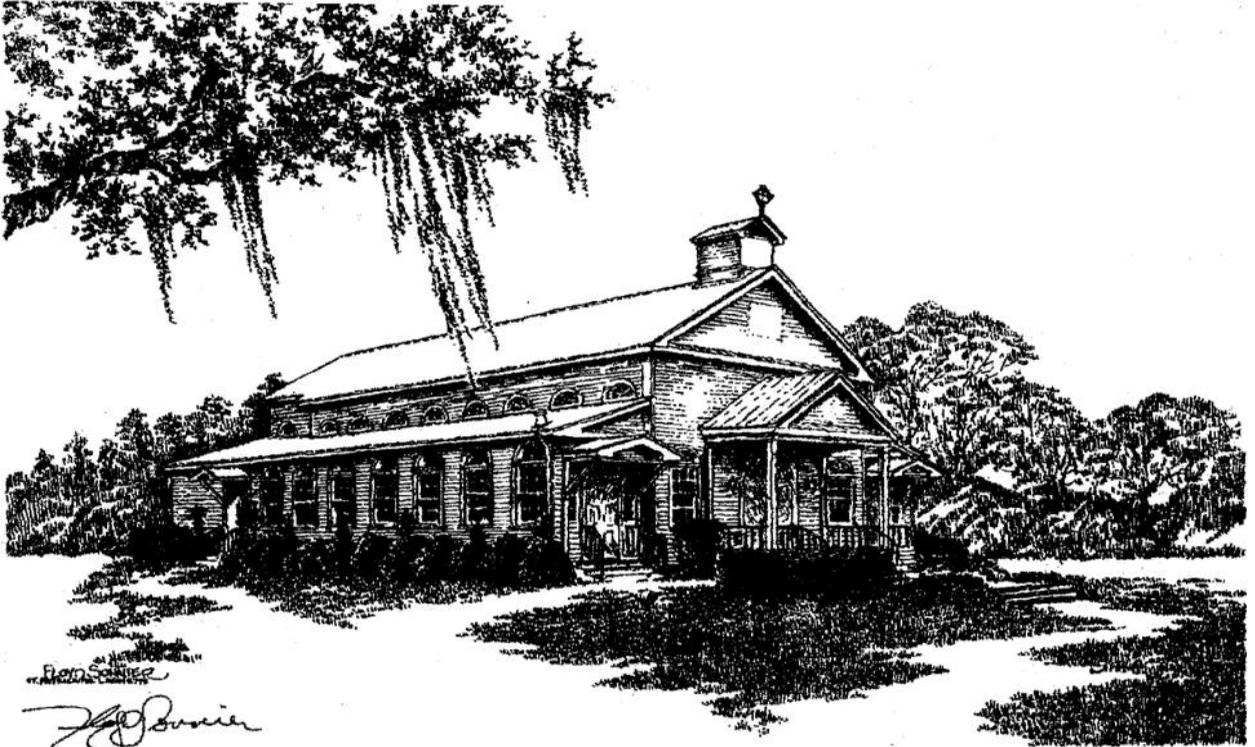


St. Patrick Catholic Church

November 27, 2022 – First Sunday of Advent



L'Église St. Patrick

Office Hours

Mon-Thurs: 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
Fri 8 a.m.-12 noon

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, November 26

4 p.m.: Dr. & Mrs. Leonard Rolfes; Dr. & Mrs. Walter Comeaux, Sr.; John P. Zagar; Mike Guilbeau, Donna & Harold Guilbeau (*living*); Cynthia Figueron; Mildred Ducote

Sunday, November 27

8:30 a.m.: Fr. Rex Broussard; Jerry Hays

Sunday, 10 a.m.: Parishioners of St. Patrick

Monday, November 28

7:30 a.m.: Jerry Hays

Tuesday, November 29

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

Wednesday, November 30

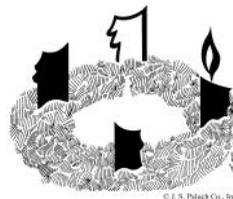
7:30 a.m.: Dr. Tommy Comeaux & Dorinne; Col. Clark Comeaux & Catherine (*living*); Col. Kimberley Fedele (*living*)

Thursday, December 1

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Friday, December 2

7:30 a.m.: Jerry Hays



Cathedral Advent Mission

At 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 5 and Monday, Dec. 19, Fr. Sam Fontana and Fr. Stephen Pellessier will give talks in the context of Eucharistic adoration.

Marian Concert at the Cathedral

Thursday, Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m. Sasha Massey, vocalist; David Boudreaux, pianist.

Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass

February 5, 2 p.m., St. Pius X Church. Pre-registration is required by Jan. 25 for couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60, or more during 2023. For information and registration: www.diolaf.org/marriage-anniversary-mass-information.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 24 Sunday, Dec. 25

4 p.m.

8:30 a.m.

6 p.m.

10 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 31 Sunday, Jan. 1

4 p.m.

8:30 a.m.

10 a.m.

Time of Preparation

This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world.

~John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury

Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 8, is a holy day of obligation. Mass at St Patrick's will be celebrated at 7:30 a.m.

National Eucharistic Revival

All are welcome to participate in the National Eucharistic Revival Holy Hour, Sunday, November 27, 4-5 p.m., at St Pius X Church, Lafayette. Bishop Deshotel will be preaching.

Gospel Extravaganza

Queen of Peace Catholic Church (MLK Dr, Lafayette) is hosting a number of Gospel choirs on Sunday, December 4 from 2-5:30 p.m. Come and enjoy the music! There is a \$5 admission fee.

Queen of Peace Advent Mission

Queen of Peace Catholic Church is hosting an Advent Mission from December 5-7 at 6 p.m.

Surviving Divorce Series

A 12-week program designed to bring hope and healing. Contact the Office of Marriage & Family Life at 337-261-5653 for more information.

Please pray for:

Donald Hernandez, who is home bound and has been ill.

Larry Lewis, who is having heart valve replacement surgery soon.

Monica Mullins, our parish secretary, who is traveling to Florida to visit with her family.

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Please let us know of your prayer intentions to be placed on the parish prayer list.

Be Prepared

Be prepared. It's that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes. We really can't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared.

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Holy Hour for Vocations

You are invited to the monthly "Holy Hour for Vocations and for the Spiritual Renewal of All Priests" to be held on **Monday, December 5** from **6-7 p.m.** here at St. Patrick's. Recitation of the Rosary begins at 5:30 p.m.

Stewardship of the past week

Our response to God's generosity to us
Offerings.....\$5,408
Campaign for Human Dev.....\$477

The second collection next weekend will be for **St. Patrick's Building and Maintenance Fund.**

From the Pastor's Desk

Now that we are in Advent, the beginning of the Church's liturgical year, the season of preparational readiness for the coming of Christ has begun. This year, since Christmas Day falls on a Sunday, we are treated to a long Advent, four full weeks to "make straight the way for God within," as the Advent hymn *On Jordan's Bank* runs.

Part of our making ready for the coming of the Lord Jesus at his birth is the celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation, by which we confess our sins, do some act of penance, and are renewed and restored in God's grace, reconciled with God and with the body of Christ, the Church. Of course, you may go to any church during regular confession times to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation. But it has become something of a custom in our Diocese that on Wednesday evenings in Advent, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., priests are in virtually every parish church, making themselves available for the sacrament of confession. This annual Advent event is called *The Light is on for You*.

To help you prepare for confession, on the table in the back of the church there is a pamphlet on making a good examination of conscience and a good confession. Please take one for yourself or for someone for whom this might be a useful encouragement.

Since experience has taught us that very, very few people come to St. Patrick's for *The Light is on for You*, I will make myself

available for confessions at St Pius Church, where the crowds for confession are quite large, as people go there from all over Lafayette. So, on these Wednesdays of Advent, the light will be on for you in most churches in Lafayette. It is a perfect opportunity to break away from routine and to seek out the mercy of Christ in preparation for the celebration of the Lord's birth at Christmas.

Our Catholic schools, too, capitalize on the season of Advent to make the sacrament of confession available to our Catholic school children. So far, I'm scheduled to hear confessions at Teurlings, St Leo-Seton, St Pius Elementary, and Cathedral-Carmel. And that's just in the first two weeks of Advent! As our children learn to make their confessions, they also learn that the sacrament of reconciliation is nothing to fear, that the only judgment that awaits them there is the mercy of God, that God has deemed them worthy of salvation. This is a powerful lesson that must be lovingly learned and nurtured when young, so that when we grow older (and often are exposed to greater spiritual threats and sins), we do not shy away from approaching the Lord in confession to be forgiven and healed in our souls.

So, if little school children can do it, so can you! Trust in the Lord. Turn to him with your whole heart. Confess your sins to him with boldness and with hope. And be reconciled to God. A holy confession is the best gift you can give our Lord for the celebration of his birth!

Fr. Guillory