

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

1322 Church Street, Zachary, LA 70791

2016 Parish Profile



Mission

At St. Patrick's Church our mission is to know and make known the Lord Jesus Christ as we gather to worship, learn, serve and share the Gospel in all the world, especially in our own community. We strive to be an enthusiastic and active congregation that betters the world through service, worship and teaching in our community and beyond.

Goals

To find a permanent rector whose strength in preaching the good news and administrative abilities will help our parish grow and prosper.



To continue our strong tradition of ministry through music in the celebration of Jesus Christ.

To continue and strengthen the stewardship of our Day School's community ministry.



To continue our Christian education programs and expand those programs to better serve young adults.



Local Community

The City of Zachary is a growing community. At just over 16,000 residents, Zachary maintains an independent and significantly rural identity while both being a part of East Baton Rouge Parish (county) and being relatively close to downtown Baton Rouge. This gives residents access to the full offerings of the East Baton Rouge park system (BREC), the Library System and many other city/parish amenities while at the same time permitting the Zachary Community School System to thrive as an entity separate from the other school systems of the region. The community has had a steady growth of shops, grocery stores and other

retail stores both large and small such that surrounding communities come to Zachary to shop. In addition to the many things that can be found in Zachary, the many opportunities of Baton Rouge are a short drive away.

Zachary has seen sustained growth over the past decade for many reasons, including the fact that its independent school system has been ranked as #1 in the state for the past 11 years in a row. The community enjoys an annual Christmas in the



Village festival as well as multiple golf courses, nature preserves, historical sites and hiking areas including a new BREC Community Park and a new YMCA. Louisiana is a cultural melting pot full of festivals and other events with one of the world's premier cultural and tourist destinations, including the New Orleans French Quarter which is a short trip down Interstate 10. An East Baton Rouge library branch is nearly across the street from the Church with the resources of the entire Baton Rouge library system available. The BREC Park system offers sports activities, nature trails,

The Zachary Community School District has been the #1 School District in the State 11 years and counting.

canoeing, horseback riding, and more. Also, with the amenities of Baton Rouge spread around the parish certain places like the Zoo and the airport are more convenient to Zachary than parts of Baton Rouge. Also, Louisiana is known as the sportsman's paradise and is full of opportunities for hunting, fishing, boating, camping, hiking and more.



Surrounding Area

<i>Convenience</i>	<i>(mi)</i>
<u>EBR Parish Library</u>	0.4
<u>BREC Community Park</u>	0.5
<u>YMCA</u>	1.7
<u>Copper Mill Golf Course</u>	2.3
<u>Beaver Creek Golf Course</u>	4.8
<u>Baton Rouge Zoo</u>	9.9
<u>Baton Rouge Airport</u>	11.9
<u>St Francisville, LA</u>	17.2
<u>State Capitol</u>	17.5
<u>Shaw Center for the Arts</u>	17.8
<u>Downtown Baton Rouge</u>	18.0
<u>Louisiana State University</u>	19.8
<u>False River</u>	24.8
<u>Mall of Louisiana</u>	25.5
<u>N.O. International Airport</u>	89.1
<u>French Quarter</u>	98.8

History

On March 17, 1957 a group of 18 people signed a petition to request that the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana approve a mission station in Zachary, Louisiana. Fittingly, the mission was named St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

In 1976, the church moved to its current location when Dr. Howard Martin donated 2.56 acres of land to the church in memory of his late wife,

Susan. During that time, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church was constructing a new sanctuary and offered their old church building to St.



Patrick's. Making headlines, the building was transported by truck down the street to the current location.



In 2014, a major renovation and expansion project began on the historic church building. This project repaired and modernized the building, as well as doubled the capacity. The new church opened its doors on February 8, 2015. An in-depth history can be found on our [church webpage](#).



Worship

The Sunday Eucharist is celebrated at 10:45 a.m. using Rite II format.



A weekday simple Eucharist is celebrated every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

St. Patrick's has an active lay ministry program with a large number of parishioners regularly contributing their time and talents to our church services and welcoming others to participate.

Generous participation in many ministries including the choir welcomes our parish and guests each Sunday.

Church members and newcomers are encouraged to join our Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Acolytes, Intercessors, Altar Guild, Lectors, Bell Ringers, Ushers, Choir and Sunday hosts and hostesses.

Music

The parish choir practices weekly, led by Director of Music, Dr. Mary Herget, and is joined weekly by a talented pair of vocalists from the LSU School of Music graduate program.



Outreach

St. Patrick's biggest ministry is the day school which has helped hundreds of families both from the parish and community. St. Patrick's has supported many community and church activities including an ongoing mission to provide pastoral support to St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in the nearby city of Central. Lay ministries of the Church include Cub Scout Pack 46, Boy Scout Troop 46, Zachary Food Bank, Christmas Angel Tree Project, Relay for Life, Lakota Indian Reservation, Zachary Schools Uniform Program and Oakwood Village Assisted Living.

Christian Education

Adult Bible Study is held every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and is led by the rector. Christian Education is offered every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. for preschool through fifth graders. The church is in need of Christian Education for Junior and Senior High as well as Adults on Sunday.

St. Patrick's Day School

St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School was opened for Preschool Mother's Day Out Christian based program three days a week in August of 1987 with one class of seven children under the direction of Beth Kimmell. Over the years, classes have been added for six month olds, one and two year olds, extended care for elementary children and a summer camp program for all children. The school serves approximately 150 children every day.

