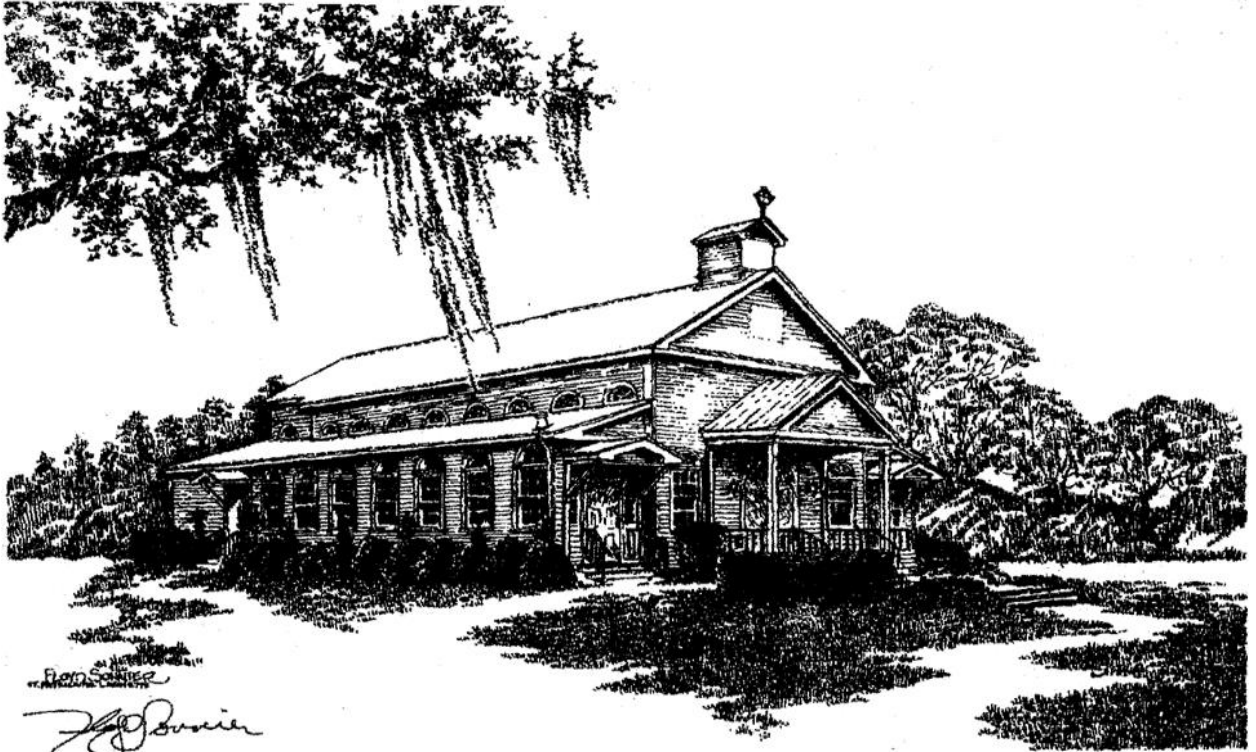


# St. Patrick Catholic Church

February 26, 2023 – First Sunday of Lent



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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# **First Sunday of Lent**

## **February 26, 2023**

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

#### **Saturday, February 25**

**4 p.m.:** John P. Zagar; Dr. & Mrs. Leonard Rolfes; Dr. & Mrs. Walter Comeaux, Jr.; Ron, Wallace & Romayne Venable; Bart, Jules & Isola Lejeune; M/ M James A. Laurent, Jr.; Louis (†) & Ruby Delahoussaye (*living*)

#### **Sunday, February 26**

**8:30 a.m.:** Jerry Hays; Fr Rex Broussard; the Ronald Lege Family

**10 a.m.:** Parishioners of St Patrick

#### **Monday, February 27**

**7:30 a.m.:**

#### **Tuesday, February 28**

**7 a.m.:** Kreamer Family

#### **Wednesday, March 1**

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

#### **Thursday, March 2**

**7:30 a.m.:**

#### **Friday, March 3**

**7:30 a.m.:**

#### **St Patrick's Day Breakfast**

Our parish's annual social for St Patrick's Day will be held at 8 a.m. on Saturday, March 18 at the Petroleum Club. All St Patricians are invited to attend. Please indicate your attendance on the sign-up sheets in the back of the church!

#### **Civil Rights in Louisiana**

Learn about the struggle for civil rights in Louisiana by visiting the online resource [louisianacivilrightstrail.com](http://louisianacivilrightstrail.com).

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*Create a clean heart in me, O God.*

*~ Psalm 51:10*

#### **Healing Hearts Counseling Center**

A Catholic support group *for women* whose relationships have been harmed by the pornography or sexual addiction of a spouse or loved one. Weekly meetings, from 12-1:30 p.m., or in the evenings by appointment. Strict confidentiality is observed by all members. Contact 337-404-6113 for more information.

#### **Fight the New Drug**

Fight the New Drug (FTND) is a non-religious, education-focused organization that seeks to give visibility to the harm of pornography. Visit [fightthenewdrug.org](http://fightthenewdrug.org) for articles, videos, podcasts, and more.

#### **Integrity Restored**

Integrity Restored is a Catholic organization that offers education and resources to combat pornography use. Visit them at [integrityrestored.com](http://integrityrestored.com).

#### **Truth about Porn**

The website [truthaboutporn.org](http://truthaboutporn.org) contains articles of scientific research concerning pornography use, as well as some short informative videos by researchers who explain, in brief, their scientific findings.

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*Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways.*

*~ Psalm 119:37*

## Stations of the Cross

The Way of the Cross will be recited at St Patrick Church each Friday during Lent at 7:05 a.m.

## Local Lenten Missions

St Mary's Church. March 6-9 at 6 p.m. *Discernment of Spirits* led by Myles Creek.

Cathedral of St John. March 13-15 at 6 p.m., led by Fr John Ignatius, co-founder of the Servants of Christ Jesus.

Holy Cross Church. Tuesdays, February 28, March 7, March 14 at 6 p.m. *The Cross* led by Fr Clinton Sensat.

## Maronite Mass at St Patrick

Fr Alex Harb will celebrate the holy Eucharist in the Maronite liturgy here on Sunday, February 26 at 5:30 p.m.

### Let us pray for:

Shelby Graciana, daughter of parishioners Joey and Melinda Dufrene, who was recently diagnosed with cancer.

Adam Guidry, nephew of parishioner Monica Guidry, who has been diagnosed with ALS.

Lisa Dore, Lysbeth Shirley, Raymond Garry, Christy Maraist, and Larry Lewis, who ask for prayers for their health concerns.

Parishioners George and Lily Billeaud. George has recently been diagnosed with brain cancer.

Congratulations to Michael Doumit, who celebrated his birthday on February 21.

*Please let us know of your prayer intentions.*

## Collect for the First Sunday of Lent

*Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.*

## From a commentary on the Psalms by St Augustine, bishop († 430)

*Hear, O God, my petition, listen to my prayer; I cried out to you from the ends of the earth.* Our pilgrimage on earth cannot be exempt from trial. No one knows himself except through trial, or receives a crown except after victory, or strives except against an enemy or temptations. The one who cries from the ends of the earth is in anguish but is not left on his own. Christ chose to foreshadow us, who are his body, by means of his body, in which he has died, risen, and ascended into heaven, so that the members of his body may hope to follow where their head has gone before. He made us one with him when he chose to be tempted by Satan in the wilderness. In Christ you were tempted, but by his own power Christ gained life for you; he suffered insults in your nature, but by his own power gained glory for you; he suffered temptation in your nature, but by his own power gained victory for you. If in Christ we have been tempted, in him we have overcome the devil. Do you think only of Christ's temptations and fail to think of his victory? See yourself as tempted in him and see yourself as victorious in him. Had he not been tempted he could not have taught you how to triumph over temptation.

## Last week's stewardship

Offerings.....\$4,136

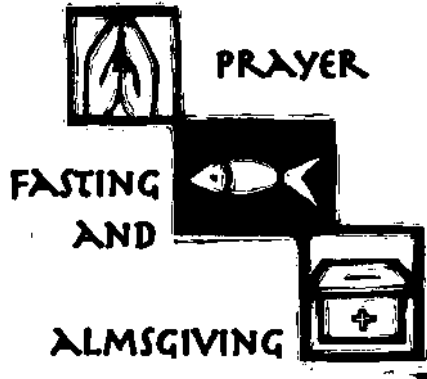
*The second collection next weekend will be for St Patrick's building and maintenance concerns. Thank you for your generosity.*

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

"When in Rome, do as the Romans do," goes the expression. I suppose we could paraphrase this for Lent: "When in Lent, do as the *Lentens* do." Well, in the holy season of Lent, we Catholic *Lentens* collectively commit ourselves in a special way to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We do this in order to atone for our sins, to imitate our Lord, and to grow closer to God by these spiritual disciplines.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. Fasting is to be observed by Roman Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other "light meals" may be taken according to each one's needs (like to maintain strength, especially for work), but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed. In short, those who fast should feel some hunger during the day and offer their hunger sacrificially.

Abstinence from meat is observed by Catholics 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat may be eaten. Fridays during Lent are also days of abstinence.



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If you have any doubts concerning fast and abstinence, you may always consult your parish priest.

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The roughly forty days of Lent correspond, of course, to the Biblical "forties" that we know so well: the forty days and nights of rain during the great flood which Noah and his family rode out in the ark; Israel's forty years of wandering in desert exile under the leadership of Moses as they journeyed to the promised land; the forty days and nights during which the Lord Jesus fasted, prayed, and was tempted in the desert before coming forth to proclaim the Kingdom of God.

These periods of "forties" have this in common: they are times of purification, purpose, and promise. Purification, because in them God refined his people in penance, or in the case of Christ in the desert, Jesus offered himself to the Father in penance. Purpose, because each period is part of the divine plan to restore what was lost in the Fall and to renew all things. And promise, because at the end of each of the "forties," those who underwent the purification and stayed faithful to God's purposes received the promise: after Noah, the reestablishment of all creation; after Moses, the promised land; after Christ, the Kingdom of God, which even today is in our midst.

*Fr. Guillory*