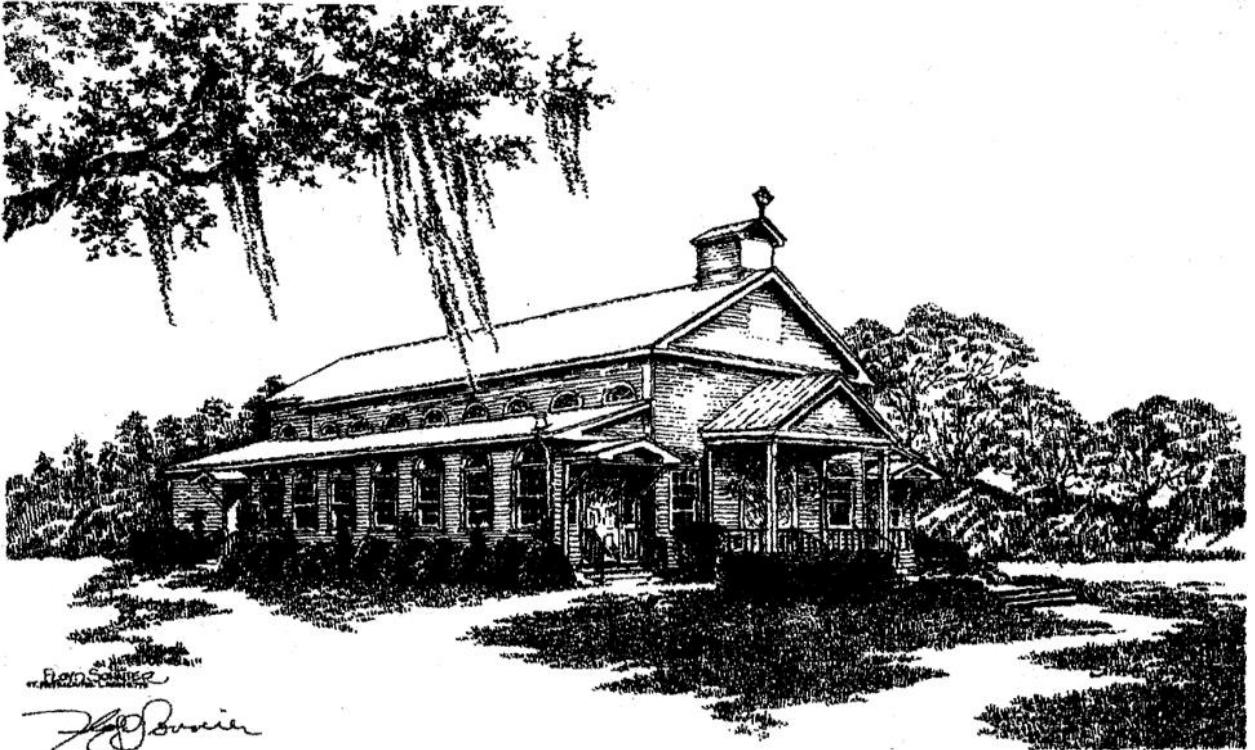


St. Patrick Catholic Church

March 5, 2023 – Second 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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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 4

4 p.m.: John P. Zagar; Dr. & Mrs. Leonard Rolfes; Dr. & Mrs. Walter Comeaux, Jr.; Deacon Julian Judice; Karen Judice; M/M James A. Laurent, Jr.; Louis Delahoussaye

Sunday, March 5

8:30 a.m.: Jerry Hays; Fr Rex Broussard; Jeremy & Megan Dean

10 a.m.: Parishioners of St Patrick

Monday, March 6

7:30 a.m.:

Tuesday, March 7

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

Wednesday, March 8

7:30 a.m.: Eileen Guillory; Dulan & Sally Fontenet; Delta Guillory

Thursday, March 9

7:30 a.m.: Fr. Keith LaBove (4th anniv.) and all deceased pastors of St Patrick's

Friday, March 10

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!

For Your Marriage

The website foryourmarriage.org was created by the US Bishops' National Pastoral Initiative for Marriage. It is a resource for all who share in or are preparing for the sacrament of holy matrimony, from the newly engaged to those in the later years of marriage.

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 under the table. Personal items left behind are placed there for you to reclaim.

Come, Lord Jesus!

This weekly study group focuses on the upcoming Sunday readings in a small group setting. A group meets at St Patrick on Thursdays, at 5:30 p.m., in the office building conference room. For all interested in Scripture and deepening their faith in connection with the holy Eucharist. For more information please call Mike Samson at 337-257-7888 or email: michaelsamson@bellsouth.net.

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 Monday, March 6 from 6-7 p.m. here at St. Patrick's. Recitation of the Rosary begins at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome. Sponsored by the Serra Club of Lafayette.

Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings Time begins next weekend. Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour for Sunday, March 12.

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 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.

St Pius Church. March 30-31, 6:30-8:30 p.m. April 1, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Bart Schuchts, presenter.

Let us pray for:

Shelby Graciana, daughter of parishioners Joey and Melinda Dufrene, who recently underwent surgery for cancer.

Sharon Savoie, our parish sacristan, who has been hospitalized with pneumonia.

Donald Hernandez, who has covid.

Clovis Sylvester, cousin of parishioner Raymond Garry, whose cancer has returned.

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

Please let us know of your prayer intentions.

Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory.

From a sermon by St Leo the Great, pope († 440)

The great reason for the transfiguration was to remove the scandal of the cross from the hearts of his disciples and to prevent the humiliation of his voluntary suffering from disturbing the faith of those who had witnessed the surpassing glory that lay concealed. The Lord was also providing a firm foundation for the hope of holy Church. The whole body of Christ was to see the kind of transformation it would receive as his gift. The members of that body were to look forward to a share in that glory which first blazed out in Christ their head. This marvel of the transfiguration contains another lesson for the apostles, to strengthen them and lead them into the fullness of knowledge. The radiance of the transfiguration reveals clearly and unmistakably the one who had been promised by signs foretelling him under the veils of mystery. In Christ Jesus the promise made through the shadows of prophecy stands revealed, along with the full meaning of the precepts of the law. He is the one who teaches the truth of prophecy through his presence and makes obedience to the commandments possible through grace.

Last week's stewardship

Offerings.....\$4,598
Ash Wed. for Cath. Charities\$1,932

The second collection next weekend will be for the Black and Indian Missions. Thank you for your generosity.

From the Pastor's Desk

Whenever we feel the need to express our repentance and especially during the holy season of Lent, we can turn to the Scriptures. In the Book of Psalms we find the seven penitential psalms, called such because they express the psalmist's sorrow for sin and desire for the awesome mercy of God.

In **Psalm 6**, the psalmist begs God to avert his anger and to have pity on our weakness. Wearing with sorrow and tears, he cries out, "Away from me, all who do evil!"

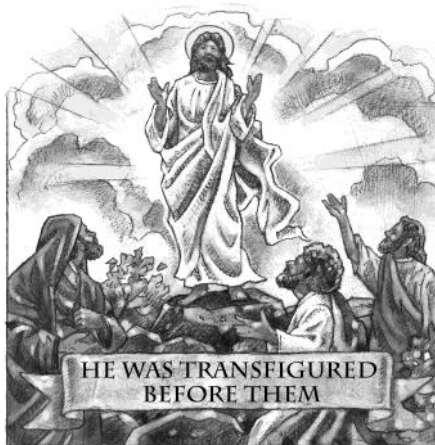
Psalm 32 rejoices that sin is forgiven and acknowledges that we are blessed indeed when God forgives us. There is a humble confidence to this psalm, as the poet draws near to his God in confession: "I declared my sin to you, my guilt I did not hide... and you took away the guilt of my sin."

There is no rejoicing in **Psalm 38**, which is heavy and sorrowful. The sinner speaks: "I am very near to falling ... and grieve over my sin." But the last verse is a cry that carries hope: "Come quickly to help me, my Lord and my salvation!"

Psalm 51 is probably the best known of all the penitential psalms. It begins with a prayer for mercy and to be washed clean of all sins and transgressions. God's

mercy, though, inspires confidence in the psalmist who resolves to "teach the wicked your ways, that sinners may return to you."

Psalm 102 is the longest of the penitential psalms. In it, the psalmist draws upon many comparisons from the natural world to express the burden of his heart: desert birds, withering grass, dust, stones, and ashes. But at last, there is trust in God: "You will again show mercy to Zion; now is the time for pity; the appointed time has come."



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Psalm 130 is also well known. "Out of the depths, I call to you, O Lord," it begins. There is a cry for mercy, then a hopeful reminder that "with the Lord, there is mercy, and fullness of redemption."

Finally, **Psalm 143**. This psalm contains many elements found in the other penitential psalms: a despairing heart, a plea for mercy before the righteous judgment of God, the recalling of God's wondrous deeds, and expressions of hope. But then it ends, beautifully I think, humbly reminding God of the reason for this prayer and for any prayer: "for I am your servant."

In the seven penitential psalms, may all the servants of God find a voice to implore the Almighty for his mercy and love.

Fr. Guillory