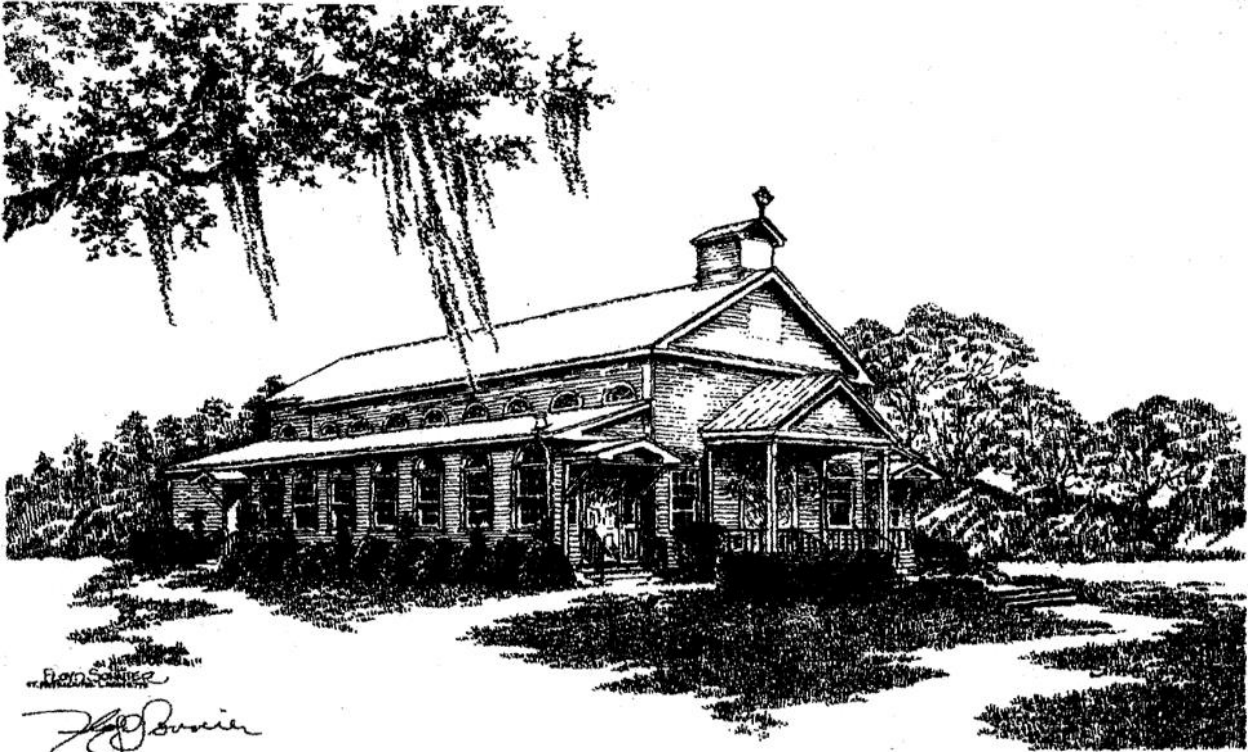


# St. Patrick Catholic Church

*March 12, 2023 – Third 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 11**

**4 p.m.:** John P. Zagar; Dr. & Mrs. Leonard Rolfes; Dr. & Mrs. Walter Comeaux, Jr.; Louis Delahoussaye; Margaret Ackal Shaw; L. C. Cambre (*living*)

#### **Sunday, March 12**

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

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

#### **Monday, March 13**

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

#### **Tuesday, March 14**

**7:a.m.:** Margaret Ackal Shaw

#### **Wednesday, March 15**

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

#### **Thursday, March 16**

**7:30 a.m.:** Kreamer family

#### **Friday, March 17**

**7:30 a.m.:** Velma Kallam (*living*)

### **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. Thank you to all who signed up to join us. We looking forward to enjoying a morning of faith and fellowship!

### **For Your Marriage**

The website [foryourmarriage.org](http://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](mailto:michaelsamson@bellsouth.net).

### **Comunità Cenacolo**

A Catholic community for addiction recovery. Visit [hopereborn.org](http://hopereborn.org).

*Be gentle with everyone, able to teach, tolerant, correcting opponents with kindness. It may be that God will grant them repentance that leads to knowledge of the truth, and that they may return to their senses out of the devil's snare, where they are entrapped by him, for his will.*

*~ 2 Tim 2:25-26*

## 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

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.

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*I have pondered over my ways and returned to your will. ~ Psalm 119:59*

### Let us pray for:

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

Sharon Savoie, our parish sacristan, as she recovers from pneumonia.

The eternal repose of Joy Guillory, 99, mother of parishioner Penny Spizale, who died on March 3.

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

Oscar Phillips, brother of parishioner Ken Phillips, who is having a heart procedure on Tuesday.

*Please let us know of your prayer intentions.*

## Collect for the Third Sunday of Lent

*O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer, and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy.*

## From a letter by St Peter Damiani, bishop († 1072)

You asked me to write you some words of consolation. Embittered by so many tribulations, you are seeking some comfort for your soul. But there is no need for me to write. Consolation is already within your reach. *My son, come to the service of God. Prepare your soul; it is about to be tested.* These words of scripture show that you are a son of God and, as such, should take possession of your inheritance. What could be clearer than this exhortation? Adversity will surely test the spirit. But it is not the torment of a slave. Rather, it is the discipline of a child by its parent. But for God's chosen ones, there is great comfort; the torment lasts but a short time. Then God bends down, cradles the fallen figure, whispers words of consolation. With hope in our heart, we pick ourselves up and walk again toward the glory of happiness in heaven. When we suffer pain for the evil we have perpetrated in life, we should take some reassurance. We also know that for our deeds, undying rewards await them in the life to come. Therefore, do not despair. Do not be depressed. Do not let your weakness make you impatient. Instead, let the serenity of your spirit shine through your face. Let the joy of your mind burst forth. Let words of thanks break from your lips.

## Last week's stewardship

Offerings.....\$4,216  
Building and maintenance .....\$7,429

*Second collection next week: Catholic Relief Services.*

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

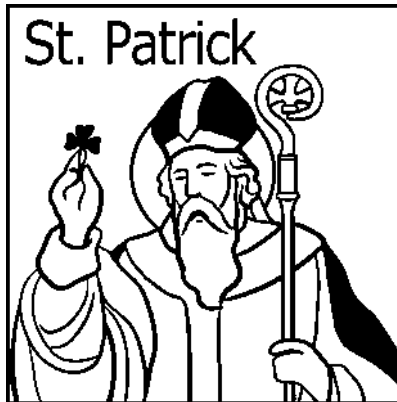
Our parish patron, St Patrick, was born circa 386 and died around 461. Born into a Christian family in western Britain, Patrick was a less than fervent disciple of the Lord Jesus when, at about age 16, he was captured from his family and sold as a servant-slave in Ireland, which at that time had not been evangelized. After escaping from Ireland, Patrick returned to his family and was later drawn by God to return to Ireland, this time, not as a prisoner, but as a missionary, an evangelizer, whose life was dedicated to making Christ known among the various Irish tribes of his day. The whole Church, and our little parish celebrates the faith and courage of his holy bishop each year on March 17.

I look forward to visiting with many of you at our parish breakfast on Saturday, March 18, as we come together as a parish family to celebrate our holy patron saint.

Now an update concerning the building of a parish rectory. Our architect has solicited bids from several contractors, and on March 23 we will open the bids. As I wrote to you in the past, we are anticipating a certain sticker shock since costs for new construction have greatly increased from three years ago when we began this planning. I have reviewed all this both with the diocese and with our financial council. Now all that remains is to wait and see what the actual costs will

be, with trust in God, who has never failed to provide.

The rectory we've designed has approximately 2,000 square feet of living space: an open-plan kitchen-dining-living room, with a bedroom suite on either side: one for the resident pastor, the other for guests, such as visiting priests or seminarians, or even for a full time priest-in-residence, such as a retired priest. Additionally, there is another 1,000 square feet of under-roof outdoor space: garage, storage, and porches. The idea behind the rectory was two-fold: a comfortable and functional residence designed for how priests live and a "forever rectory," one that will serve as the rectory for as long as St. Patrick's church exists, easily for the next 75-100 years. A rectory is not merely a residence for the pastor, but it also functions as another space for hospitality and smaller gatherings, to welcome other priests and even



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parishioners.

When it comes to contributing to our parish projects, you, the parishioners of St Patrick's, have always shown your generous love for your parish by your presence and by your financial support. I ask that you continue to commit to the temporal and spiritual mission of our parish. And so I thank you, especially for your ongoing support of our monthly second collection for St Patrick's building and maintenance concerns.

*Fr. Guillory*