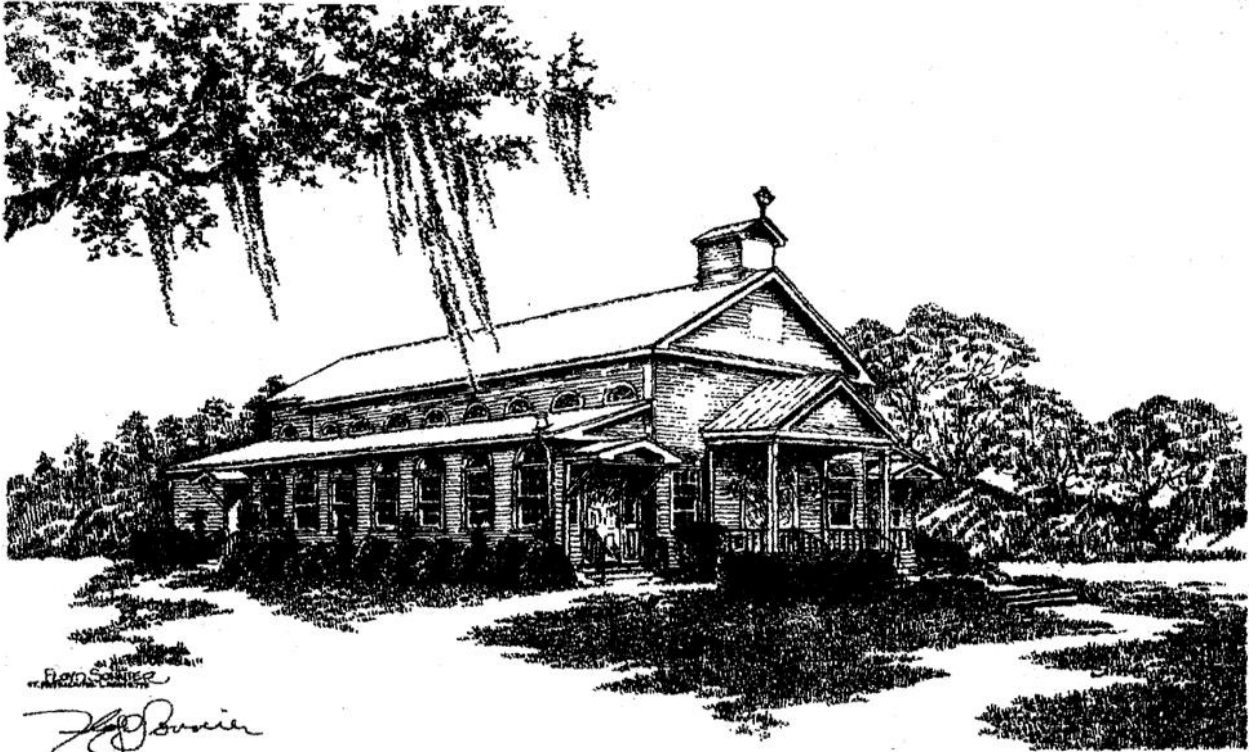


# St. Patrick Catholic Church

March 19, 2023 – Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare



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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# **Fourth Sunday of Lent, "Laetare"**

## **March 19, 2023**

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

#### **Saturday, March 18**

**4 p.m.:** John P. Zagar; Dr. & Mrs. Leonard Rolfes; Dr. & Mrs. Walter Comeaux, Jr.; Joy & Lee J. Guillory

#### **Sunday, March 19**

**8:30 a.m.:** Fr Rex Broussard; Margaret Ackal Shaw

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

#### **Monday, March 20**

**7:30 a.m.:** Will & Taylor Stewart (*living*)

#### **Tuesday, March 21**

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

#### **Wednesday, March 22**

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

#### **Thursday, March 23**

**7:30 a.m.:** Margaret Ackal Shaw

#### **Friday, March 24**

**7:30 a.m.:** Mike Guilbeau

### **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.

### **Comunità Cenacolo**

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

### **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).

### **Strive (for Catholic Men)**

A resource and community for men who wish to break away from pornography use. Visit [strive21.com](http://strive21.com).

### **Bloom for Catholic Women**

Bloom provides healing for women affected by their husband's pornography use/addiction. Therapeutic and spiritual online courses to heal the betrayal trauma. Visit online at their website: [bloomforcatholicwomen.com](http://bloomforcatholicwomen.com).

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

*~ Psalm 51:10*

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

### **Women at the Well**

For women who are separated, divorced, or remarried, and what the Eucharistic revival means for them. Held on Saturday, March 25, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Immaculata Center (1408 Carmel Dr). See [diolaf.org/women-at-the-well](http://diolaf.org/women-at-the-well) for more information and registration.

### **St Patrick’s Day Breakfast**

Many thanks to all who volunteered their help to prepare for our annual St Patrick’s Day breakfast.

#### **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. Sharon is grateful for all the prayers, calls, and texts, visits, and gifts.

Parishioner Wanda Prejean, who is recovering from a fall and surgery.

Charles Dugas, brother of parishioner Ken Dugas, who has covid.

*Please let us know of your prayer intentions.*

### **Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Lent**

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come.

### **From a treatise on John by St Augustine, bishop († 430)**

The Lord tells us: *I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.* In these few words he gives a command and makes a promise. Let us do what he commands so that we may not blush to covet what he promises and to hear him say on the day of judgment: “I laid down certain conditions for obtaining my promises. Have you fulfilled them?” If you say: “What did you command, Lord our God?” he will tell you: “I commanded you to follow me. You asked for advice on how to enter into life. What life, if not the life about which it is written: *With you is the fountain of life?*” Let us do now what he commands. Let us follow in the footsteps of the Lord. Let us throw off the chains that prevent us from following him. Who can throw off these shackles without the aid of the one addressed in these words: *You have broken my chains?* Another psalm says of him: *The Lord frees those in chains, the Lord raises up the downcast.* Those who have been freed and raised up follow the light. The light they follow speaks to them: *I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness.*

### **Last week’s stewardship**

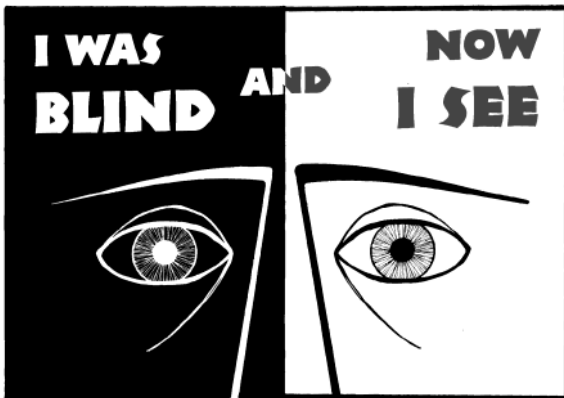
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## *From the Pastor's Desk*

The fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called Laetare Sunday. This name is taken from the entrance antiphon to the Sunday Mass, which in Latin begins with the words, "*Laetare, Ierusalem*" or "Rejoice, Jerusalem." In the middle of Lent, it is a reminder of the joy that is to come on Easter. On this day, rose-colored vestments may also be worn, another symbol of the hope that follows the penitential days of Lent.

*Fr. Guillory*



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### **Beware of the Dark Side**

Remember the Star Wars movies, in which the Dark Side was a symbol of evil? In our second reading Paul tells the Christians in Ephesus that they were once darkness. Paul uses darkness as a symbol of shame. Shame is not just sorrow for sins; it is the fear of being caught in sin, or of telling our weaknesses to another because we think the other will look down on us. Or you might fear the

punishment you think you deserve. Paul was a sinner himself and was blinded when Jesus appeared to him, asking, "Why do you persecute me?" So he knew that the only way to be free of shame is not to hide sins, but to expose them.

Does that mean we have to broadcast our sins on the evening news, or post them all on our social media pages? No; we just need to confess them to God and receive God's forgiveness. We can do this through the sacrament of reconciliation. The priest shows that God loves sinners, no matter what they have done. When you injure your arm, you explain how you hurt it, so the doctor knows how to treat it. If you wreck your car, you take it to the repair shop and tell the mechanics what is broken so they can repair it. In reconciliation we bring our sins to the priest so that we can experience forgiveness. You could leave your car at the shop overnight, with enough cash to make the repairs, but until you come back and claim your car, you will never know if it was fixed.

Sometimes other people try to shame us. In today's Gospel, Jesus' disciples asked whose sin caused the man to be born blind. The Pharisees told the man that he was born in sin. Jesus, however, told his disciples that the man had not sinned, and furthermore, the Pharisees themselves were the sinners because they had judged the blind man. So when we know that God forgives us and still loves us, we don't have to fear what others might think. Let us instead hold our sins up to the light of forgiveness and be free of our shame.

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