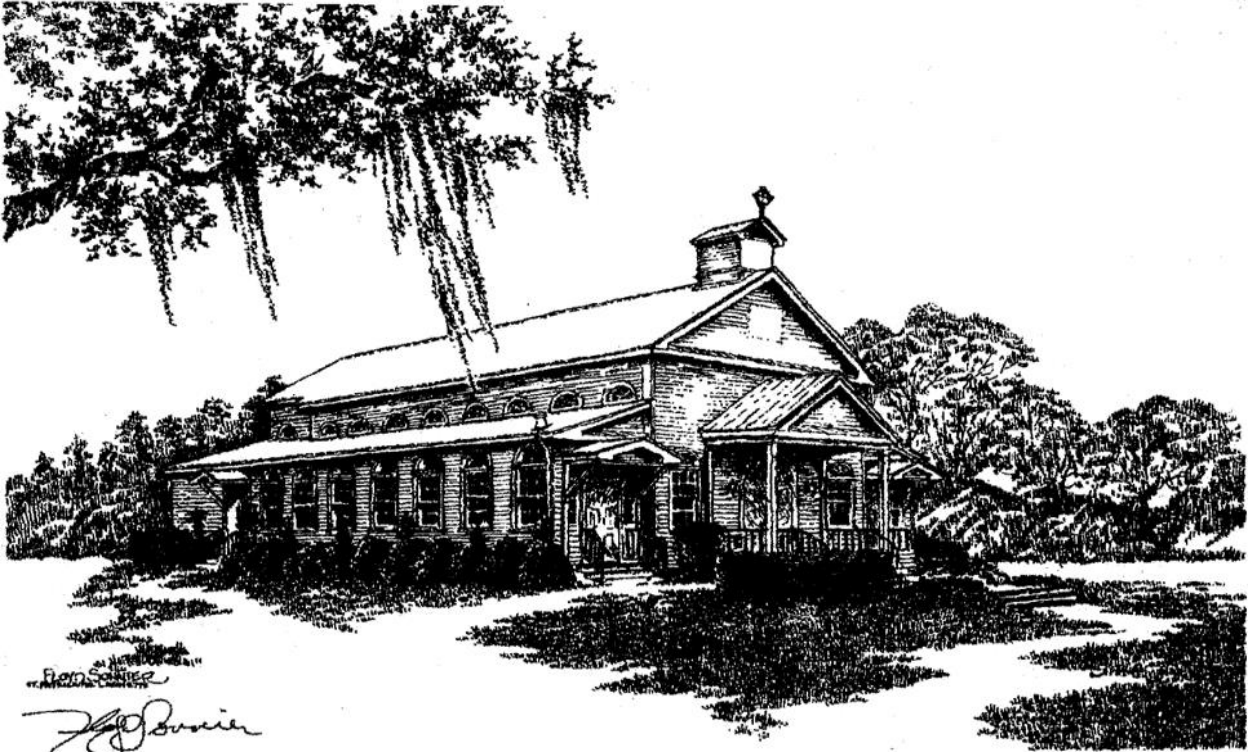


St. Patrick Catholic Church

April 2, 2023 – Palm Sunday



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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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord ***April 2, 2023***

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 1

4 p.m.: John P. Zagar; Dr. & Mrs. Leonard Rolfes; Dr. & Mrs. Walter Comeaux, Jr.; Louis Delahoussaye; Deacon Julian Judice; Karen Judice; Joy & Lee J. Guillory

Sunday, April 2

8:30 a.m.: Fr Rex Broussard; Jeremy & Megan Dean; Deborah J. Matthews; Ashton Petitjean family

10 a.m.: Parishioners of St Patrick

Monday, April 3

7:30 a.m.:

Tuesday, April 4

7:a.m.:

Wednesday, April 5

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

Thursday, April 6 Holy Thursday

6 p.m.: Kreamer family

Friday, April 7 Good Friday

Church office closure

St Patrick's parish office will be closed on Good Friday, April 7, and on Easter Monday, April 10.

Good Friday, fast and abstinence

Good Friday is a day 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.

Comunità Cenacolo

A Catholic community for addiction recovery. Visit hopereborn.org.

Al-Anon Meetings

Al-Anon meetings are held weekly on Tuesday at 10 a.m. and Thursday at 10:30 a.m., at St. Patrick's parish hall. Open to anyone wishing to attend.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at St. Patrick's parish hall at 6:45 a.m., Monday through Friday (open), and at 8 a.m. on Saturday (closed).

Strive (for Catholic Men)

A resource and community for men who wish to break away from pornography use. Visit strive21.com.

Bloom for Catholic Women

Healing for women affected by their husband's pornography use. Therapeutic and spiritual online courses to heal the betrayal trauma. Visit bloomforcatholicwomen.com.

Confessions during Holy Week

Several confessors will be available at St Pius Church on Wednesday, April 5, from 4-7 p.m.

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday, 6 p.m.

Good Friday, 3 p.m.

Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.

Divine Mercy signs

Divine Mercy yard signs are available to parishioners at the conclusion of Masses this weekend.

Easter flowers

Anyone wishing to donate Easter flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one may contact the parish office.

Wisdom of the Daughters Wine Tasting

Saturday, April 15, from 1-3:30 p.m. at St John Cathedral Hall. Reserve tickets (\$50) at eventbrite.com. Proceeds go to scholarships for Catholic student education and other local charities.

Let us pray for:

Shelby Graciana, daughter of parishioners Joey and Melinda Dufrene, who is beginning treatments for cancer.

Sharon Savoie, our parish sacristan, as she continues to recover from pneumonia in both lungs.

Parishioner Raymond Garry, who had a surgical procedure on March 29.

Parishioners Don Hernandez, Joyce, Stelly, and Wanda Prejean, who ask for your prayers.

*Please let us know
of your prayer intentions.*

Collect for Palm Sunday

Almighty and ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Savior to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection.

From a sermon by St Andrew of Crete, bishop († 740)

Let us go together to meet Christ on the Mount of Olives. Today he proceeds of his own free will toward his holy and blessed passion, to consummate the mystery of our salvation. Let us run to accompany him as he hastens toward Jerusalem, and imitate those who met him then, not by covering his path with garments, olive branches or palms, but by doing all we can to prostrate ourselves before him by being humble and by trying to live as he would wish. So let us spread before his feet, not garments or soulless olive branches, which delight the eye for a few hours and then wither, but ourselves, clothed in his grace, or rather, clothed completely in him. We who have been baptized into Christ must ourselves be the garments that we spread before him. Now that the crimson stains of our sins have been washed away in the saving waters of baptism and we have become white as pure wool, let us present the conqueror of death, not with mere branches of palms but with the real rewards of his victory. Let our souls take the place of the welcoming branches as we join today in the children's holy song: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the king of Israel.*

Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....\$4,148

*Good Friday second collection:
For the Holy Land*

ENCOUNTER WITH THE CROSS

The journey of Lent brings us to an encounter with the cross. During Lent, we have been led more deeply into questions at the heart of our faith: Who is God? And who are we, the Church? The Gospel of Matthew indicates that, in the crucifixion, God's true nature is most fully revealed in Jesus. In Jesus, God is the self-emptying One, who embraces humility and suffers rejection, as Paul tells the Philippians. God's power is redefined, present not in coercion and violence, but in Jesus' unbounded love. We the Church can learn who we are, the followers of the Crucified One, when we bear crosses that offer life and hope to the world. We more fully become the Church when we empty ourselves by sharing in others' sufferings, rejecting violence, and taking risks for justice and reconciliation. Like Jesus, we may reveal God's power as compassion and mercy.

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THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Christians observe Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon that follows the vernal equinox. For Christians, Easter is the anniversary of the creation of the world. Did you know that the full moon rises just

as the sun sets? And that it sets when the sun rises? On the night of a full moon there is no moment of the night when the moon isn't shining. Christians think that this phenomenon makes a wonderful image of heaven's perpetual light. Easter is our sacramental entrance into the light of Christ, the light of eternity.

The Sacred Paschal Triduum, the three-day Passover of the Lord, is our Easter festival. It begins on Holy Thursday at sunset. We count the days in the Jewish

manner, from sunset to sunset. In this way the Triduum begins on the biblical "sixth day of the week," the day God created human beings. Its middle day is the "seventh day of the week," the Sabbath, the day of rest. And its final day is the "first day of the week," the day

God began the work of creation by creating light and separating it from darkness. God the Father chose a "first day" to raise his Son from the dead. God the Spirit gave birth to the Church on a "first day" as well, the day of Pentecost

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*God greatly exalted Christ
and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name.*

— Philippians 2:9

