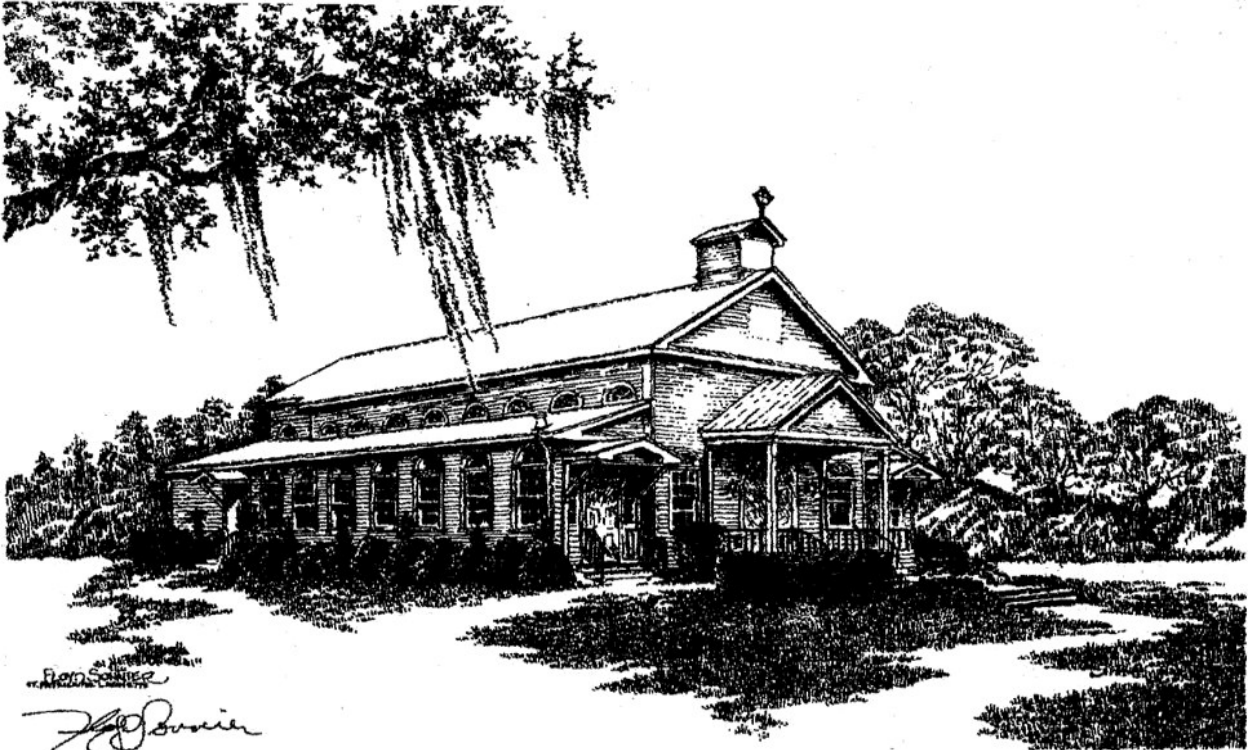


# St. Patrick Catholic Church

**February 11, 2024 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



L'Église St. Patrick

### Office Hours

Mon-Thurs:  
9 a.m.-12 noon and 1-3 p.m.  
Fri: closed

### 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, February 10**

**4 p.m.:** Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; John P Zagar

### **Sunday, February 11**

**8:30 a.m.:** Jeremy & Meg Dean; Helen Vallot

**10 a.m.:** For Parishioners

### **Monday, February 12**

**7:30 a.m.:** Ceil Lincoln; Ricky Hornberger, Jr

### **Tuesday, February 13, Mardi Gras**

**7:30 a.m.:** Cecelia Ledet

### **Ash Wednesday, February 14**

**7:30 a.m.:** Deborah J Matthews; Ashton Petitjean family

### **Thursday, February 15**

**7:30 a.m.:** Ronald Lege family; Ashton Petitjean family

### **Friday, February 16**

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

### **Mardi Gras office closure**

The parish office will be closed on Tuesday, February 13, in observance of Mardi Gras.

### **Ash Wednesday, 7:30 a.m.**

Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 14, which includes the distribution of ashes, will be celebrated at 7:30 a.m.

### **Mornings of Reflection on Holy Week**

The ceremonies of Holy Week – Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil – are the most ancient and solemn of all our liturgical celebrations. Join us to reflect on the history, theology, and scripture of Holy Week at three Wednesday mornings of reflection presented by Faye Drobnic at St Patrick Church on March 6, 13, and 20. Each one-hour session will be held in church and begin at 8:15 a.m., following the 7:30 a.m. daily Mass.

### **Lenten Way of the Cross**

Friday mornings during Lent, beginning at 7:05 a.m. in St Patrick Church.

### **Women's Lenten morning of reflection**

Tuesday, February 20, at 9 a.m. at the Parish Life Center of St Pius Church. Fr Michael Russo, presenter.

### **Come, Lord Jesus!**

This weekly study/support 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).

### **17th annual Hopefest Music Festival**

A free charity event benefitting the Hub and the STM Options Program. Saturday, March 2, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Moncus Park. Go to [stmcougars.net/hopefest](http://stmcougars.net/hopefest) for more information or to support this charitable effort organized by St Thomas More HS.

## Parish Pilgrimage to Italy, June 2024

Rome, Assisi, and other places in Italy, June 17- 24, 2024. If you're interested, call Magnificat Travels at 337-291-1933 or visit their website at [holyltravels.org/FrGuilloryItaly](http://holyltravels.org/FrGuilloryItaly).

## Find Mass when traveling

There are several resources available to help Catholics find Mass when they're away from home or traveling. Take a look at [masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org) for useful information.

## Lenten Day of Recollection

Saturday, February 24, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Fusilier Auditorium at the Immaculata Center, 1408 Carmel Dr. Sr Mary Peter and Sr Mary Magdalen, presenters. Theme: *Him only shall you serve*. \$20 fee for the presenters and for snacks. Begins with Mass in the Immaculata Chapel at 8:30 a.m., celebrated by Bishop Deshotel. You must register by February 16. Go online to [tinyurl.com/2vzhmc9y](http://tinyurl.com/2vzhmc9y).

### Let us pray for:

Marguerite Montagnet, 96, who died peacefully at home on February 1.

Sharon Savoie, Ed Roy, Doug Nicko, and Dickie Bell for their health concerns.

Brooks Citron, who was diagnosed with bone cancer.

Brenda Demette, who celebrates her birthday on February 17.

*Please let us know of your prayer intentions, birthdays, anniversaries, and other prayer-worthy occasions.*

*Email us at [office@stpat.org](mailto:office@stpat.org).*

## Collect for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you.

## From a commentary on the Diatessaron by St Ephrem, deacon († 373)

God's word offers different facets according to the capacity of the listener, and the Lord has portrayed his message in many colors, so that whoever gazes upon it can see in it what suits him. Within it he has buried manifold treasures, so that each of us might grow rich in seeking them out. The word of God is a tree of life that offers us blessed fruit from each of its branches. And so whenever anyone discovers some part of the treasure, he should not think that he has exhausted God's word. Instead he should feel that this is all that he was able to find of the wealth contained in it. Nor should he say that the word is weak and sterile or look down on it simply because this portion was all that he happened to find. But precisely because he could not capture it all he should give thanks for its riches.

## Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....\$5,728  
Building fund.....\$5,604

*A collection will be taken on Ash Wednesday for the works of Catholic Charities of Acadiana.*

*Next week's second collection is for the Black and Indian Missions.*

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

What a lineup of events and celebrations we have this week! Today, the Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time just so happens to be Super Bowl Sunday. And for many people, the Super Bowl is its own liturgy, a whole day consecrated to American football. Well, for us Catholics, and for us St Patricians, we know why Sundays are consecrated first of all to the Lord. Sunday is the *dies Domini*, the day of the Lord, when we celebrate his resurrection from the dead. After giving thanks to God in the act of divine worship that is our Eucharistic gathering, the Mass, we are free to delight and play and rest and take our ease. It is fitting, then, that on this Sunday in particular we wholeheartedly enjoy the spectacle and celebration that is the Super Bowl.

Then, on Wednesday we Catholics celebrate Ash Wednesday, which is a day of fasting (for ages 18-59) and abstinence from meat (age 14+). As Lent begins, we turn away from sin, embrace our penances, and repent for forty days.

Ash Wednesday just so happens to fall on February 14 this year, putting a damper on Valentine's Day. But look, our priorities as Catholics are clear. First, the Lord, then everything else. So be sure to adapt your Valentine routine before or after Ash Wednesday. Honor your sweetheart, but honor God first!

On Friday mornings during Lent, it is our custom at St Patrick's to pray the Way of the Cross together before morning Mass. So please join us for the Way of the Cross, which will begin at 7:05 a.m. each Friday of Lent.

Now remember that when it comes to choosing a Lenten penance, it is best to undertake a penance that is sustainable. Better a small act of self-denial that I can sustain for the whole of Lent than an ambitious penance that I give up after only a few days. Plus, we need to remember that the Lenten practices are not only about self-denial, but also about growing in prayer and contributing to the poor. So *prayer, fasting, and almsgiving* are all part and parcel of the Lenten walk with Jesus.

With this in mind I want to encourage each of you to find a way to give to the poor this Lent, perhaps by contributing to the Ash Wednesday collection, which you can do on Ash Wednesday in church or online (see the flyer in this bulletin).

To help you grow in prayer this Lent, our parish is making available a little Lenten booklet called *Repent and Believe*. It is meant to be a guide to reflection and prayer for each day of Lent.

May our Lent begin well and with God's grace bring us to the joy of Easter!

*Fr Guillory*

