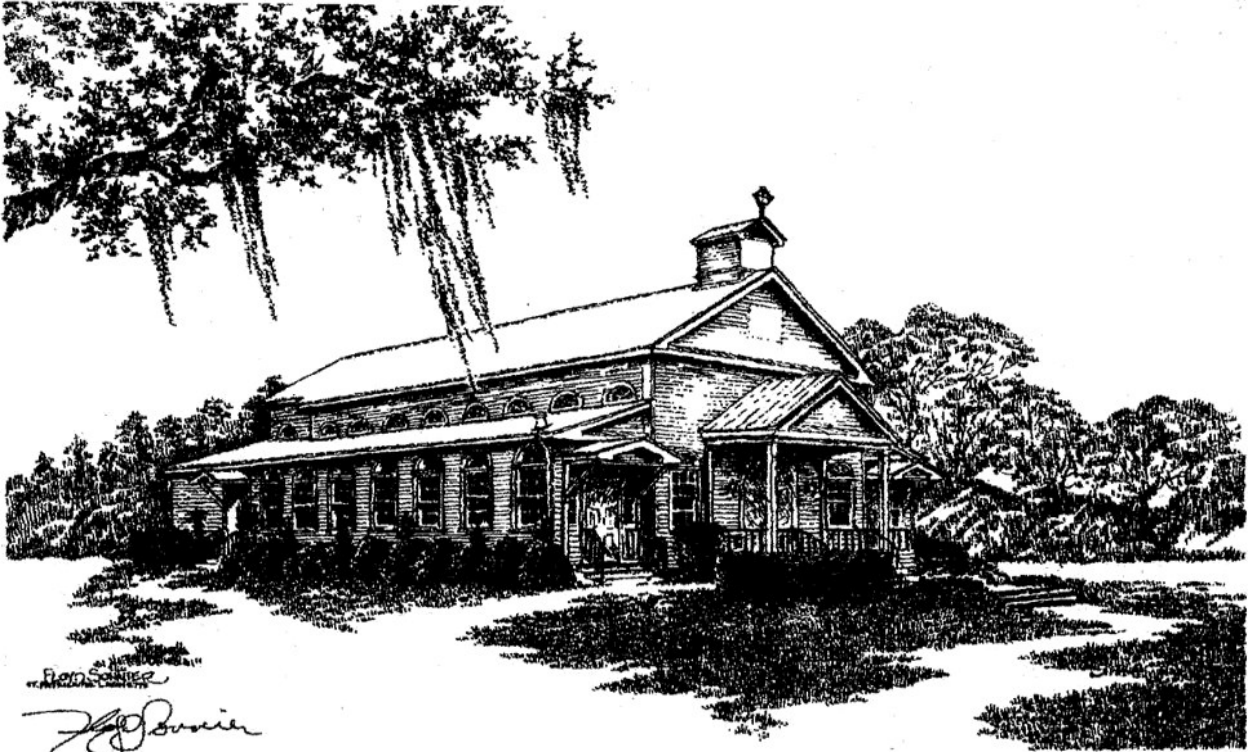


St. Patrick Catholic Church

February 18, 2024 – First Sunday of Lent



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 17

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; John P Zagar; Patricia S. Fournet; Noah Sears; Bonnie Dues

Sunday, February 18

8:30 a.m.: Louis Delahoussaye; Chad LeBlanc

10 a.m.: For Parishioners

Monday, February 19

7:30 a.m.: Ceil Lincoln; Ricky Hornberger

Tuesday, February 20

7:30 a.m.: Matthew Schnur

Wednesday, February 21

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Thursday, February 22

7:30 a.m.: Marliene Bellard; Faye Beasley; Ludden Bellard

Friday, February 23

7:30 a.m.: Ceil Lincoln; Ricky Hornberger

AI-Anon Meetings

AI-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).

Catholic in Recovery

Meets at 7 p.m. on Thursdays at St Peter Room of St Pius X Church. Also online meetings. For more information contact Marcelo at cirstpiusx@gmail.com or visit the website catholicinrecovery.com.

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 for more information or to support this charitable effort organized by St Thomas More HS.

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 Drobic 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.

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have; God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind.

~Hebrews 13:16

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 holytravels.org/FrGuilloryItaly.

Find Mass when traveling

There are several resources available to help Catholics find Mass when they're away from home or traveling. Look at 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.

Let us pray for:

Michael Doumit, who celebrates his birthday on February 21.

Suzanne Lavergne, Ed Roy, Doug Nicko, and Dickie Bell for their health concerns.

Brooks Citron, who was diagnosed with bone cancer.

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

Email us at office@stpat.org.

***Pray for one another,
that you may be healed.***

~James 5:16

Collect for the First Sunday of Lent

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.

From a sermon by St Leo the Great, pope († 461)

Dear friends, what the Christian should be doing at all times should be done now with greater care and devotion, so that the Lenten fast enjoined by the apostles may be fulfilled, not simply by abstinence from food but above all by the renunciation of sin. There is no more profitable practice as a companion to holy and spiritual fasting than that of almsgiving. This embraces under the single name of mercy many excellent works of devotion, so that the good intentions of all the faithful may be of equal value, even where their means are not. The love that we owe both God and others is always free from any obstacle that would prevent us from having a good intention. The one who shows love and compassion to those in any kind of affliction is blessed, not only with the virtue of goodwill but also with the gift of peace. The works of mercy are innumerable. Their very variety brings this advantage to those who are true Christians, that in the matter of almsgiving not only the rich and affluent but also those of average means and the poor are able to play their part. Those who are unequal in their capacity to give can be equal in the love within their hearts.

Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....\$4,530

From the Pastor's Desk

As we all know, the liturgical seasons of Advent and Lent are special in that they are preparational/penitential seasons that come before the great festive seasons of Christmas and Easter. A hallmark of both Advent and Lent is that our liturgical observances are simplified somewhat, notably by omitting of the Gloria.

At St Patrick's, we add to the simplicity of Advent and Lent by omitting the sign of peace, which is an optional rite. By doing so, we seek to promote a deeper silence that is a more intimate expression of prayer as we celebrate the holy Eucharist each Sunday.

Now, at every Sunday Mass the Creed is recited, no matter the liturgical season. The Creed is both a statement of faith and a prayer, and it takes its name from the first word of the statement of faith in Latin: *credo*, which means "I believe." And so the Creed is often called a *profession of faith*, since it is a summary of the faith that Christians believe and profess. Another term for the Creed is *symbol of faith*, from the Greek word *symbolon*, which means a collection or summary, in this case, of the principal truths of Christian belief.

Over the centuries, Christians have used many different Creeds, composed as professions of faith to emphasize the key beliefs of Christianity and as prayerful summaries of right Christian teaching.

The Creeds we are most familiar with are the Nicene Creed, which we recite at Mass each Sunday, and the Apostles' Creed, which is in common use for other prayers and devotions, such as the Rosary. Also noteworthy are the so-called Athanasian Creed (which dates from the 500s) and the Creed of the People of God (1968). Of these four professions of faith, the oldest (and the shortest) is the Apostles' Creed, which is the ancient baptismal symbol of the Church of Rome.

I mention this because there is an option to use the Apostles' Creed at Mass in place of the Nicene Creed, especially during the seasons of Lent and Easter. And so, to provide some variation and to pray together a prayer of great authority and antiquity, we will use the Apostles' Creed at Mass during the weeks of Lent and Easter.



From the Catechism of the Catholic Church (197): As on the day of our Baptism ... let us embrace the Creed of our life-giving faith. To say the Credo with faith is to enter into communion with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and also with the whole Church which transmits the faith to us and in whose midst we believe: *This Creed is the spiritual seal, our heart's meditation and an ever-present guardian; it is, unquestionably, the treasure of our soul.*

In Guillory