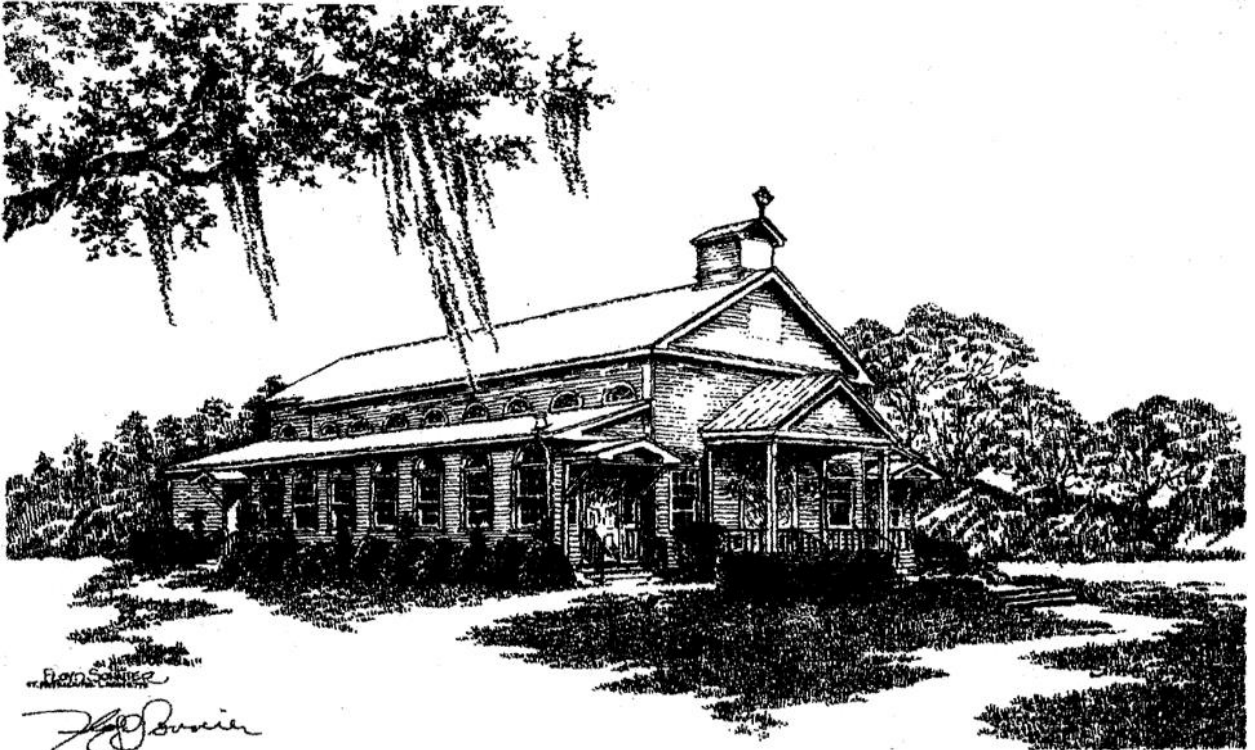


# St. Patrick Catholic Church

February 25, 2024 – Second 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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# **Second Sunday of Lent**

## **February 25, 2024**

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

#### **Saturday, February 24**

**4 p.m.:** Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; John P Zagar; Patricia S. Fournet; Bonnie Dues; Ron, Wallace & Romaine Venable; Bart, Jules & Isola LeJeune

#### **Sunday, February 25**

**8:30 a.m.:**

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

#### **Monday, February 26**

**7:30 a.m.:** Louis & Ruby Delahoussaye

#### **Tuesday, February 27**

**7:30 a.m.:** Mrs. Mary Mineo

#### **Wednesday, February 28**

**7:30 a.m.:** Noah Sears

#### **Thursday, February 29**

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

#### **Friday, March 1**

**7:30 a.m.:** Brett Walker

#### **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.

#### **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).

#### **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](mailto:cirstpiusx@gmail.com) or visit the website [catholicinrecovery.com](http://catholicinrecovery.com).

#### **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.

#### **Holy Hour for Vocations**

The monthly "Holy Hour for Vocations and for the Spiritual Renewal of All Priests" will be held Monday, March 4, from 6-7 p.m. here at St Patrick's. Recitation of the Rosary begins at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to join in prayer for vocations and perseverance of vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. Sponsored by the Serra Club of Lafayette.

## **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*.

## **Lenten Way of the Cross**

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

## **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).

### **Let us pray for:**

Jared LaVergne and Ashley Bella, who were married at St Patrick's on Friday, February 23.

Carter Day and Lauren Schoeffler, daughter of parishioners Todd and Jeanne Schoeffler, who will be married on March 2 at Our Lady of Wisdom.

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](mailto:office@stpat.org).*

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

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory.

## **From a sermon by St Gregory Nazianzen, bishop († 390)**

Recognize to whom you owe the fact that you exist, that you breathe, that you understand, that you are wise, and, above all, that you know God and hope for the kingdom of heaven and the vision of glory, now darkly as in a mirror but then with greater fullness and purity. You have been made a son of God, co-heir with Christ. Where did you get all this, and from whom? Is it not God who asks you now in your turn to show yourself generous above all other creatures and for the sake of all other creatures? Because we have received from him so many wonderful gifts, will we not be ashamed to refuse him this one thing only, our generosity? Brethren and friends, let us never allow ourselves to misuse what has been given us by God's gift. Let us not labor to heap up and hoard riches while others remain in need. Let us put into practice the supreme and primary law of God.

## **Thank you for last week's stewardship**

Offerings.....\$3,534  
Ash Wed. (Catholic Charities).....\$1,119  
Black & Indian Missions.....\$490

*Next week's second collection is for St Patrick's build and maintenance fund.*

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

In this time of Lent, when we are called to repent of our sins and seek the Lord's forgiveness, I thought it would be good to read some pertinent sections of the Catechism of the Catholic Church on the sacrament of penance and reconciliation:

### **THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION**

**1422** "Those who approach the sacrament of Penance obtain pardon from God's mercy for the offense committed against him, and are, at the same time, reconciled with the Church which they have wounded by their sins and which by charity, by example, and by prayer labors for their conversion."

#### **I. What is This Sacrament Called?**

**1423** It is called the sacrament of conversion because it makes sacramentally present Jesus' call to conversion, the first step in returning to the Father from whom one has strayed by sin. It is called the sacrament of Penance, since it consecrates the Christian sinner's personal and ecclesial steps of conversion, penance, and satisfaction.

**1424** It is called the sacrament of confession, since the disclosure or confession of sins to a priest is an essential element of this sacrament. In a profound sense it is also a "confession" – acknowledgment and praise – of the holiness of God and of his mercy toward sinful man. It is called the sacrament of forgiveness, since by the priest's sacramental absolution God grants the penitent "pardon and peace."



It is called the sacrament of Reconciliation, because it imparts to the sinner the love of God who reconciles: "Be reconciled to God." He who lives by God's merciful love is ready to respond to the Lord's call: "Go; first be reconciled to your brother."

#### **II. Why a Sacrament of Reconciliation after Baptism?**

**1425** "You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God." One must appreciate the magnitude of the gift God has given us in the sacraments of Christian initiation in order to grasp the degree to which sin is excluded for him who has "put on Christ." But the apostle John also says: "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." and the Lord himself taught us to pray: "Forgive us our trespasses," linking our forgiveness of one another's offenses to the forgiveness of our sins that God will grant us.

**1426** Conversion to Christ, the new birth of Baptism, the gift of the Holy Spirit and the Body and Blood of Christ received as food have made us "holy and without blemish," just as the Church herself, the Bride of Christ, is "holy and without blemish." Nevertheless the new life received in Christian initiation has not abolished the frailty and weakness of human nature, nor the inclination to sin that tradition calls concupiscence, which remains in the baptized such that with the help of the grace of Christ they may prove themselves in the struggle of Christian life. This is the struggle of conversion directed toward holiness and eternal life to which the Lord never ceases to call us.