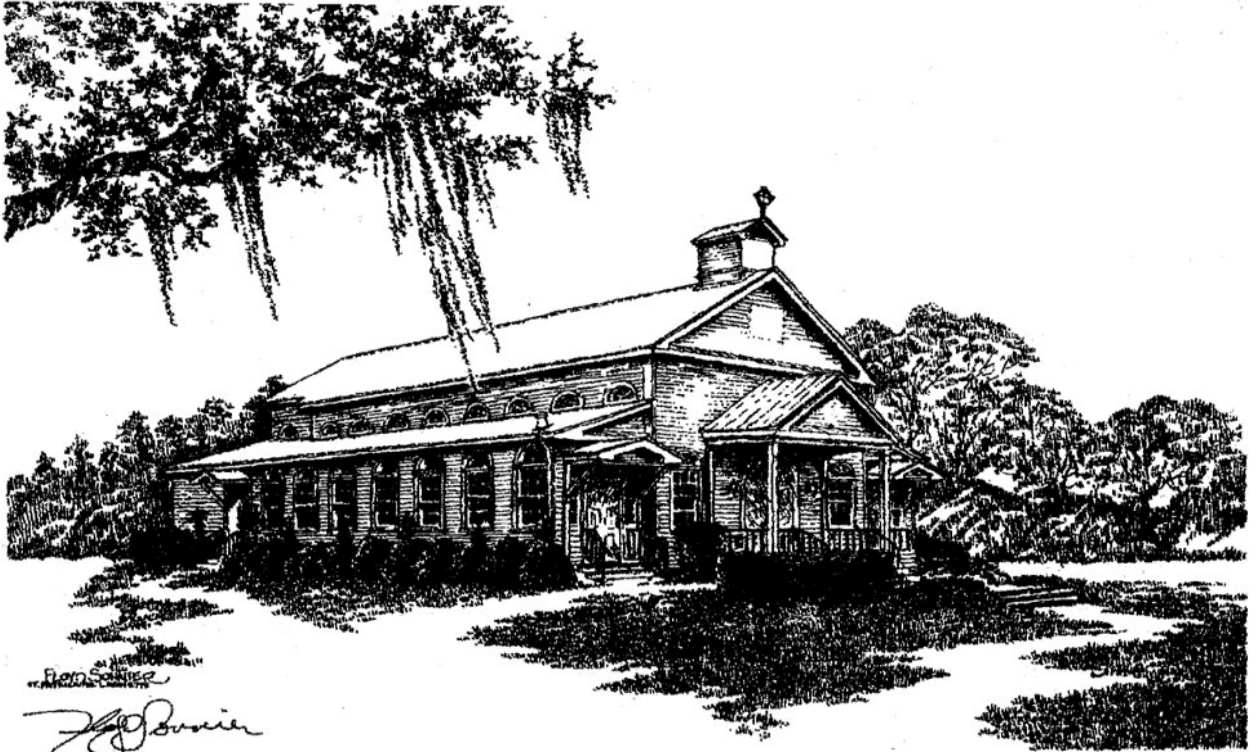


St. Patrick Catholic Church

March 10, 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday



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, March 9

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

Sunday, March 10

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

10 a.m.: For Parishioners

Monday, March 11

7:30 a.m.: Sheldon Blue

Tuesday, March 12

7:30 a.m.: Steven Bellard; Marliene Bellard; Gerald Beasley

Wednesday, March 13

7:30 a.m.: Noah Sears

Thursday, March 14

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Friday, March 15

7:30 a.m.: Ken Dugas



Lenten Mission, St Patrick

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 Mission, St Pius

St Pius Church. March 18, 19, 20. 5:30 p.m. Mass followed by Lenten mission talk by John Ray Perkins. Topic: invitation; reconciliation; sanctification.

Lenten Mission, Holy Cross

Holy Cross Church. March 12, 13, 14. 6 p.m. Mass followed by Lenten talks by Fr Jude Halphen. Topic: Psalm 23 and releasing spiritual burdens.

Lenten Mission, St Edmond

St Edmond Church. March 10 and 11 at 6:30 p.m. Fr Leo Patalinghug, speaker.

Lenten Way of the Cross

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

St Patrick Holy Week Schedule

Monday-Wednesday
March 25-27, 7:30 a.m.

Holy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Supper
March 28, 6 p.m.

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
March 29, 3 p.m.

Easter Vigil
March 30, 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday
March 31, 8:30 and 10 a.m.

Mission of Truth with Jim Caviezel

Saturday, April 16, 6 p.m. at the Cajundome. An evening with actor Jim Caviezel who will speak about what it means to seek truth in today's world by sharing his own life experiences. Go to jpgacademy.org for more information and tickets.

Tenebrae Service

Cathedral of St John. Monday, March 25 at 6 p.m. Join in prayer with the Cathedral Mens' Schola to chant the divine office.

Bereavement/grief support

Hospice of Acadiana offers a weekly support group for those who are bereaved or have experienced the death of a loved one. Call 337-232-1234 for more information.

Let us pray for:

Charles Francis Horaist, grandson of parishioners Todd and Jeanne Schoeffler, who was born happy and healthy on March 4.

Geraldine Broussard (82) who is recovering from covid and double pneumonia.

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

Shelby Graciana, who is facing difficulties in her cancer recovery.

Charles Dugas, brother of parishioner Ken Dugas, who died last week.

Fr Keith LaBove, the fifth anniversary of whose death is March 9 († 2019).

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

Email us at office@stpat.org.

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 sermon by St Peter Chrysologus, bishop († 450)

Prayer, mercy, and fasting: these three are one, and they give life to each other. Fasting is the soul of prayer; mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. Let no one try to separate them; they cannot be separated. If you have only one of them or not all together, you have nothing. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others, you open God's ear to yourself. When you fast, see the fasting of others. If you want God to know that you are hungry, know that another is hungry. If you hope for mercy, show mercy. If you look for kindness, show kindness. If you want to receive, give. If you ask for yourself what you deny to others, your asking is a mockery. Let this be the pattern for all when you practice mercy: show mercy to others in the same way, with the same generosity, with the same promptness, as you want others to show mercy to you. Therefore, let prayer, mercy, and fasting be one single plea to God on your behalf, one speech in your defense, a threefold united prayer in your favor.

Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....\$7,381
Building fund.....\$4,601

From the Pastor's Desk

The fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called "Laetare Sunday," a term taken from the entrance antiphon of today's Mass, which quotes Isaiah 66:10: "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her." Laetare is the Latin word for rejoice. A sign of this rejoicing, even in the depths of Lent, is the wearing of rose vestments. The color rose is but a lighter shade of purple and lifts our minds for a moment from the heaviness of the Lenten season.

Below, I am reproducing a few articles from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* on the penance.

During this time of Lent, it is good for us to reflect on the reality of penance in our everyday lives, not just on the exterior practices of penance, but most especially on what it means to have a penitential disposition of heart.

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

~ John 3:20-21

IV. Interior Penance

1430 Jesus' call to conversion and penance, like that of the prophets before him, does not aim first at outward works, "sackcloth and ashes," fasting and mortification, but at the conversion of the heart, interior conversion. Without this, such penances remain sterile and false; however, interior conversion urges expression in visible signs, gestures and works of penance.

1431 Interior repentance is a radical reorientation of our whole life, a return, a conversion to God with all our heart, an end of sin, a turning away from evil, with

repugnance toward the evil actions we have committed. At the same time it entails the desire and resolution to change one's life, with hope in God's mercy and trust in the help of his grace. This conversion of heart is accompanied by a salutary pain and sadness which the Fathers called *animi cruciatus* (affliction of spirit) and *compunctio cordis* (repentance of heart).

1432 The human heart is heavy and hardened. God must give man a new heart. Conversion is first of all a work of the grace of God who makes our hearts return to him: "Restore us to thyself, O LORD that we may be restored!" God gives us the strength to begin anew. It is in discovering the greatness of God's love that our heart is shaken by the horror and weight of sin and begins to fear offending God by sin and being separated from him. The human heart is converted by looking upon him

whom our sins have pierced:

Let us fix our eyes on Christ's blood and understand how precious it is to his Father, for, poured out for our salvation it has brought to the whole world the grace of repentance.

1433 Since Easter, the Holy Spirit has proved "the world wrong about sin," i.e., proved that the world has not believed in him whom the Father has sent. But this same Spirit who brings sin to light is also the Consoler who gives the human heart grace for repentance and conversion.

In Guillory