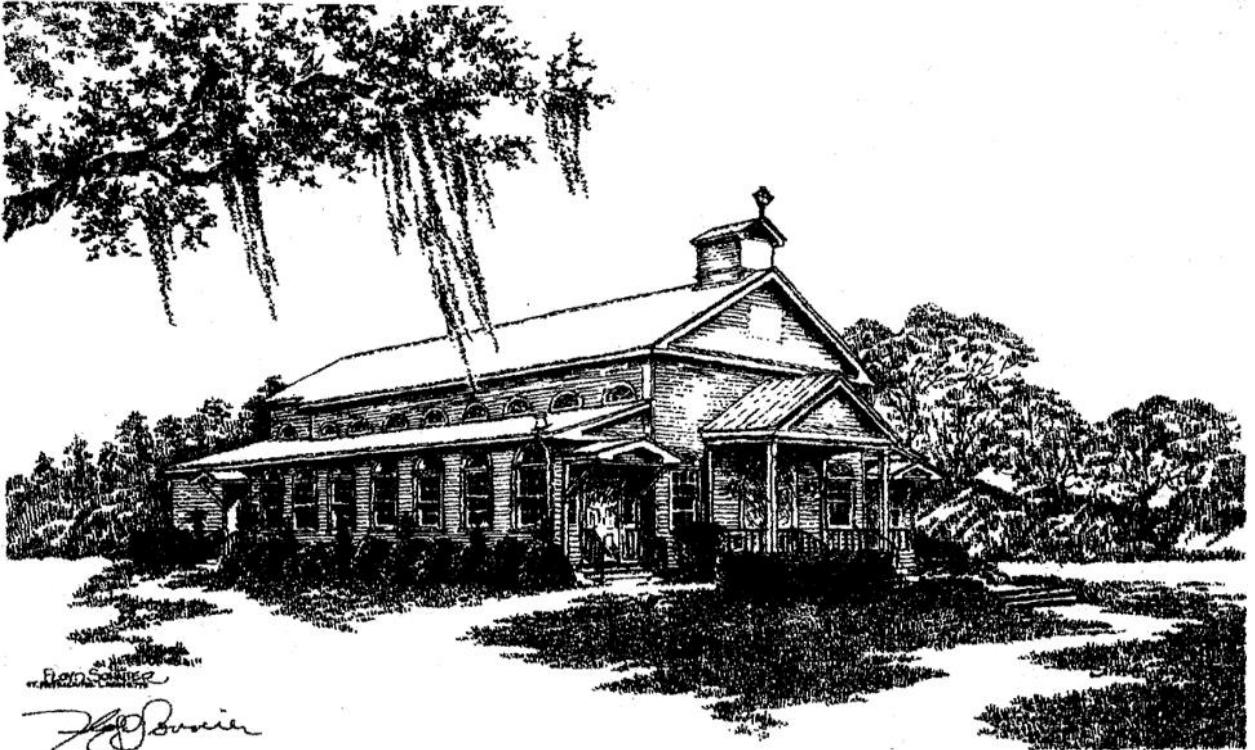


# St. Patrick Catholic Church

March 17, 2024 – Fifth 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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# ***Fifth Sunday of Lent*** ***March 17, 2024***

## **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

### **Saturday, March 16**

**4 p.m.:** Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; John P Zagar; Bonnie Dues; Marguerite Montagnet; Oscar "Bo" Phillips

### **Sunday, March 17**

**8:30 a.m.:** Shelly Romero

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

### **Monday, March 18**

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

### **Tuesday, March 19**

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

### **Wednesday, March 20**

**7:30 a.m.:** Mrs Wanda Bergeron

### **Thursday, March 21**

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

### **Friday, March 22**

**7:30 a.m.:** Marlene Credeur family



### **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 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 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 Way of the Cross**

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

### **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.

### **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.**

## Collect for the fifth 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.

## 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](http://jpgacademy.org) for more information and tickets.

## 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.

## Workshop on declarations of nullity

Saturday, March 23, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. St Pius Church Parish Life Center. More information online at [www.womenatthewelloflove.org](http://www.womenatthewelloflove.org).

### Let us pray for:

Oscar "Bo" Phillips, brother of parishioner Kenneth Phillips, who died on March 10.

Mitchell Kalifeh, brother-in-law of parishioner Michael Doumit, who died unexpectedly on March 8.

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

Jack McElligott, who celebrated his 70th birthday on March 13.

*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).*

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

*Blessed are the merciful, because they shall obtain mercy, says the Scripture. Again: Blessed is he who is considerate to the needy and the poor. Once more: Generous is the man who is merciful and lends. In another place: All day the just man is merciful and lends. Let us lay hold of this blessing, let us earn the name of being considerate, let us be generous. Not even night should interrupt you in your duty of mercy. Do not say, "Come back and I will give you something tomorrow." There should be no delay between your intention and your good deed. Generosity is the one thing that cannot admit of delay. Share your bread with the hungry, and bring the needy and the homeless into your house, with a joyful and eager heart. He who does acts of mercy should do so with cheerfulness. The grace of a good deed is doubled when it is done with promptness and speed. What is given with a bad grace or against one's will is distasteful and far from praiseworthy. When we perform an act of kindness we should rejoice and not be sad about it. If you undo the shackles and the thongs, says Isaiah, that is, if you do away with miserliness and counting the cost, with hesitation and grumbling, what will be the result? Something great and wonderful! What a marvelous reward there will be: Your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will rise up quickly. Who would not aspire to light and healing?*

## Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....\$5,535  
Catholic Relief Services.....\$347

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

Passiontide. This is the period in the Church liturgical year that takes in the last two weeks of Lent, beginning with the fifth Sunday of Lent. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. Then we enter Holy Week, which culminates in the celebration of the Sacred Paschal Triduum: the liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday.

We are now deep into Lent, deep into the desert with the Lord, and even the décor of the church reflects this reality. During Passiontide, it is customary to cover images and statues, to remove from our sight anything that speaks of life and beauty, like the greenery of decorative plants or flowers. All this in order to represent the stark and barren reality of the desert experience.

It is now the time for us to embrace with greater zeal and intensity our Lenten penances and observances. Those who persevere to the end will be amply and generously rewarded. The greater our Lenten self-denials, the greater our Easter joy. The greater our spiritual preparations during Lent, the more we will rejoice in the Spirit when the Lord surges from the tomb on the day of his Resurrection.

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Our parish feast day, St Patrick's Day, March 17, falls on a Sunday in Lent this year. Which means that this year the liturgical observance of St Patrick is omitted. However, we still gathered together as a parish community on Saturday, March 16, for our annual St Patrick's breakfast, our spring social. I am grateful to all who worked to organize and plan for this event, as well as for the many St Patricians who came to enjoy a morning of food, faith, and fellowship. As we get to know one another better as

members of the same parish community, we grow together in the bonds of charity and offer a witness to the world as disciples, followers, of the Lord Jesus.

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Our parish photo directory is one way in which we will be able to get to know each other better. I'm hoping that it will be delivered by the end of the Easter season. Just last week we received the proof copy of the photo

directory, and we are now proofreading it, correcting some few stray errors and misprints. We will soon return this to the publishing company and then await the delivery of the final product. Again, I am very grateful for all the volunteers who have collaborated in this effort. Without you, this would not have happened. Many thanks, and Happy St Patrick's Day to all our St Patricians!

*In Guillory*