

# St. Patrick Catholic Church

March 2, 2025 – Eighth 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, March 1**

**4 p.m.:** Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; Alaina Bouvier (*living*); *The Holy Face Devotion*; Louis & Ruby Delahoussaye

### **Sunday, March 2**

**8:30 a.m.:** John P Zagar; Jeremy & Megan Dean; *The Holy Face Devotion*

**10 .m.:** For parishioners

### **Monday, March 3**

**7:30 a.m.:** Dickie Bell

### **Tuesday, March 4**

**7:30 a.m.:** Ann Guillotte

### **Ash Wednesday, March 5**

**7:30 a.m.:** Ronald Lege family

### **Thursday, March 6**

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

### **Friday, March 7**

**7:30 a.m.:** Shirley Stinson

### **Lenten Day of Recollection**

St Edmond Altar Society Lenten Day of Recollection will be on Thursday, March 6, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Retreat master will be Fr Kyle White. Tickets are \$15, and must be purchase in advance. Lunch is included. Deadline for ticket purchase is Friday, February 28. For tickets, please contact Judy Dixon at 337-739-9332 or the St Edmond Church office.

### **Tend Your Soul**

Laura Huval Music Ministry presents a Lenten morning of reflection at St Joseph Hall in Cecilia on Saturday, March 8, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Cost to attend is \$30 and includes breakfast. Register online at [laurahuval.com](http://laurahuval.com).

### **Lenten Mission**

March 9 through 11 at Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist with Fr Mark-Mary Ames, CFR, host of *Rosary in a Year* Podcast. Mission begins at 6:15 p.m. following Mass.

### **Lenten Day of Reflection – Finding Freedom in Christ: Healing Life’s Hurts**

The Office of Catechetics is hosting its upcoming Lenten day of reflection on March 15, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. featuring Mass with Bishop Deshotel and presenter Dr Matthew Breuninger. For more information or to register go to [tinyurl.com/yk7pbwy8](http://tinyurl.com/yk7pbwy8).

### **Women’s Lenten Morning of Reflection**

St Pius X Women’s Guild will be hosting it’s Women’s Lenten Morning of Reflection on March 18. Doors will open at 9 a.m. with light refreshments in Leonpacher Hall. Guest speaker is Fr Stephen Pellessier from Our Lady Queen of All Saints, Ville Platte. Confessions will be heard following the talk and Mass will be celebrated at 12:05 p.m.

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

Friday mornings during Lent, beginning at 7:05 a.m. in church.



## Holy Hour for Vocations

The monthly "Holy Hour for Vocations and for the Spiritual Renewal of All Priests" will be held Monday, March 10, 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.

## Be Silent and Let God Speak to Your Heart

St Anthony's Altar Society is hosting its Lenten retreat on March 15, 8 a.m. to 12 noon. A donation of \$15 is asked to cover the cost of all retreat materials, continental breakfast and lunch. Contact Florence Henry at 337-230-2905 for more information.

## Parish office closures

St Patrick's parish office will be closed on the afternoon of Thursday, February 27 and Monday, March 3 as well as all day on Tuesday, March 4.

### Let us pray for:

Charles and Kate Bull, who celebrate five years of marriage on March 1.

Kathy Arceneaux, Lee Carricut, and David Roy, who are recovering from surgeries.

Jackie Bourgeois, Joyce Stelly, Harold Schoeffler, Raymond Garry, Merrick Stelly, Gail Roetker, and Brenda Simon for their health concerns.

*Please let us know of your prayer intentions, birthdays, anniversaries, and other prayer-worthy occasions. Email us at office@stpat.org.*

## Collect for the Eighth Sunday

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that the course of our world may be directed by your peaceful rule and that your Church may rejoice, untroubled in her devotion.

## From a homily on prayer by St John Chrysostom, bishop (†407)

Prayer and converse with God is a supreme good, a partnership and union with God. I do not mean the prayer of outward observance but prayer from the heart, not confined to fixed times or periods, but continuous throughout the day and night. Prayer is the light of the spirit, true knowledge of God, mediating between God and man. The spirit, raised up to heaven by prayer, clings to God with the utmost tenderness. Like a child crying tearfully for its mother, prayer craves the milk that God provides. It seeks the satisfaction of its own desires and receives gifts outweighing the whole world of nature. Prayer gives joy to the spirit, peace to the heart. I speak of prayer, not words. Prayer is the longing for God, love too deep for words, a gift not given by man but by God's grace. When the Lord gives this kind of prayer to someone, he gives him riches that cannot be taken away, heavenly food that satisfies the spirit. One who tastes this food is set on fire with an eternal longing for the Lord. His spirit burns as in a fire of the utmost intensity.

**Thank you for last week's stewardship Offerings.....\$3,999**

*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 & Indian Missions.*

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

This coming Wednesday, March 5, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. While many Catholics do attend Mass on Ash Wednesday, it is not a day of obligation. However, we feel drawn to the Ash Wednesday celebration of the Eucharist as a fitting way to begin the Lenten season, which is symbolized by the distribution of ashes.

When we are marked by ashes, the following words are said, *Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.* From the dust of the earth God created man (Gen 2:7), and breathed life into him so that he became a living being. When, at the moment of our death, the breath of life leaves us, we return to the dust from which we were drawn.

All of our Lenten practices and penances are meant to remind us of this reality, that one day we shall die. So we prepare ourselves for that day by denying ourselves some worldly comforts and by seeking the higher things that belong to heaven. This is the sense of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent. It is a rehearsal for our death, so that when we die, we may do so ready and prepared, so that we may freely and acceptingly leave behind the things of this life and long for the life of the world to come.

It is useless for us to deny this reality or try to gloss over it or ignore it. Lent is about facing the realities of life and death

and preparing ourselves, as disciples of the Lord Jesus, to inherit the kingdom that he promises to those who do the will of his heavenly Father.

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I remind you that on Ash Wednesday, a collection will be taken for Catholic Charities of Acadiana. Your contribution to this collection will go to help the poor throughout the Diocese of Lafayette, to those most in need. It is a good way to *begin* the almsgiving that is required of us during Lent, and every day of our lives. Remember the words of the Lord from last Sunday's Gospel: *give to everyone who asks of you.*

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Finally, the St Patrick's breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, March 15, beginning at 8 a.m., at City Club in River Ranch. Please sign up if you plan to attend. There is no cost. This event is simply about time together in fellowship, to meet fellow

St Patricians in a casual and relaxed atmosphere. I encourage you to get to know people you don't already know. We may see each other at Mass, but we don't know each other. Our parish socials are just the right occasion to slow down and visit with familiar faces. We already have a lot in common: our Catholic faith, our love of St Patrick's!

Toward the end of the breakfast, there is a drawing for door prizes. If you'd like to, I encourage you to bring a small gift as a door prize. It is a way of contributing to the fun of the parish breakfast celebration.

*Fr Guillory*

