



Sunday, April 3, 2022
The Fifth Sunday of Lent
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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Mass Times and Devotions

Weekends

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.

Weekdays

Tuesday: 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Adoration

Wednesday and Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Rosary

Saturday: 3:15 p.m. (before the Vigil Mass)

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Sacraments

Baptism

Seminar required for parents and godparents. Call the parish office to schedule. For more information, visit www.stpatrickbr.org/Baptism

Reconciliation

Saturday: 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. and by appointment.

Marriage

Couples should contact the parish office at least six months prior to their desired wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office.

Funeral Planning

Please call the parish office prior to scheduling with the funeral home.

Call the parish office to place individuals on the prayer list in the bulletin or the parish prayer line.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 14

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 15

The Passion of the Lord, 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 16

Easter Vigil, 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 17

Masses at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 am

The Mission of St. Patrick Church

*Conscious of God's presence, the family of St. Patrick Parish
strives to create a community of oneness in God's love.*

Called, we follow Jesus,

*Empowered by the Spirit, we dedicate ourselves to living Christ's Message:
Love of God, shown forth in love of neighbor.*

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 3

Mass, 7:30 a.m., 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.
 RCIA Dismissal, 9:30 a.m.
 Maronite Mass, 1:30 p.m.
 Youth Group (6th and up), 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Monday, April 4

Bible Study, 6:00 p.m.
 NA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 5

Rosary at Delta Women's Clinic, 7:30 a.m.
 Rosary at Mercedarian Prayer Center, 7:30 a.m.
 Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
 Meeting Christ in Prayer, 10:00 a.m.
 Mass followed by Novena, 6:00 p.m.
 Combined Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.
 RCIA Adult Confirmation Session, 6:45 p.m.
 Scouts Troop 203 Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 Respect Life Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 6

That Man Is You!, 5:45 a.m.
 Mass, 8:00 a.m.
 Adoration, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 Meeting Christ in Prayer, 6:30 p.m.
 Children's Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m.
 Maronite Mass, 6:30 p.m.
 OA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 7

Mass, 8:00 a.m.
 Adoration, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 KC Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
 KC Ladies Auxiliary, 7:00 p.m.
 Cantor Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 8

Mass followed by the Rosary, 8:00 a.m.
 Way of the Cross, 5:00 p.m.
 KC Fish Fry, 5:30 p.m.
 AA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 9

NA Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
 Reconciliation, 2:30 p.m., Rosary, 3:15 p.m.
 Vigil Mass, 4:00 p.m.



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**St. Patrick Knights of Columbus
 & Ladies Auxiliary**

**Last Fish Fry of Lent on April 8
 following 5:00 pm Way of the Cross**

MENU:

**Fried Fish,
 French Fries, Coleslaw
 and Roll \$10 per plate
 Take Out Only**



S. Medica, A. Pichon, Jr., J. Root, K. Johnson, A. Roy,
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SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

See, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? (Is 43:19)

Psalm:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. (Ps 126)

Second Reading:

I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things. (Phil 3:8)

Gospel:

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." (Jn 8:7)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6/Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 2

4:00 p.m. — Margaret Ray, Wilma T. Cronan, James Michael Cronan & Larry Joseph Cronan, Sally Duet, Fred Connors, George Tanoos, Robert Geissler, Ophelia Patin, Brett Smith & Mansel Timothy Smith, Sr., Alma Corbin, Nickie Dimaio, Warren Periou, and Billy Yoches

Sunday, April 3

7:30 a.m. — Anna Ngo, Robert & Doris Gunn, Nghiem Le, John Nguyen, and Judy Morrell

9:30 a.m. — For the People of St. Patrick

11:30 a.m. — Michael White, Virginia Messina, Jeremiah Vought, Terry Edwards, Sam & Rowena Brocato, Dr. Steven Collins, Dale & Glenn Gaudet, and Nickie Dimaio

Tuesday, April 5

6:00 p.m. — Margaret Ray, Mable Beaugh, Kayla Savoie, and Billy Yoches

Wednesday, April 6

8:00 a.m. — Anna Ngo, Anna Marie Minick, Robert Geissler, and Oscar, Edith & Wayne Boudreaux

Thursday, April 7

8:00 a.m. — Tony Barbara, Oscar, Edith & Wayne Boudreaux, Lucky Bardeau, Van Le and Quyen Anna

Friday, April 8

8:00 a.m. — Anna Ngo, Bernadine Chenevert, Van Le and Quyen Anna



*Deepest Sympathy is extended to
Kathleen Gendusa on the death of her brother,
Patrick O'Donnell.*

*The Sanctuary Light burns
March 26 — April 8, 2022
in loving memory of
Earl, Ione & Buddy Heckman*



THANKS TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEERED! Our St. Patrick's Day meal was a huge success. It was very nice to once again have the family center filled with so many of our parishioners and friends. We wish to thank everyone who cooked, served and cleaned up as well as all of you who came out to celebrate with us. We were so happy to see you!



ST. PATRICK

Parish School of Religion

Register Today!

Religious Education classes are offered through our Parish School of Religion (PSR) program for children in grades 1st through 10th who do not attend Catholic School.

Learn more at
www.stpatrickbr.org/psr

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

All PSR volunteers are called to teach and witness the Good News of Jesus Christ to our children so that they may respond to God in faith, actions, prayer, community, and discipleship. We are looking for people who love their faith and want to pass on that faith to our children and youth. Our summer PSR program provides religious education to the children in our parish who do not attend a catholic school. Each class is dependent on a volunteer catechist or leader. The program runs from June 6 through June 17 from 8 am until 11:45 am.

If you feel called to serve in this way, please contact Melissa Harshbarger in the parish office, 753-5750.



Way of the Cross Outdoors

Everyone is invited to consider using the outdoor depictions of the Way of the Cross for your Lenten devotions. Located behind the church, the Way of the Cross is available for your prayer time. There are benches for seating in the area. Come alone, come as a family, come as you are to pray the Stations of the Cross outdoors here at St. Patrick.

Diocese of Baton Rouge Employment Opportunity Tribunal Secretary/Receptionist/Notary Full-Time Benefits Eligible

The Tribunal Secretary/Receptionist/Notary functions as receptionist and secretary for the Director of the Tribunal office. He/She also sees that the paper and digital files of the Tribunal are properly set up, maintained, communicated, and archived. As such, he/she is appointed an ecclesiastical notary for the Diocese of Baton Rouge (cf., e.g., Dignitas connubii, art. 61).



For more information on the requirements of this position, please see the diocesan website at www.dioabr.org/employment-opportunities.

Interested in a New Method of Natural Family Planning?

Vitae Fertility Education teaches the Marquette Method of NFP, a highly effective method that employs the Clearblue line of home-based fertility monitors to track women's hormonal changes throughout each menstrual cycle. For a free consultation, please contact local instructor, Stephanie Hilgert, at (229) 251-0947 or visit the website at www.vitae fertility.com.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

We love to make examples out of those who have erred and done wrong. Publicly punishing others serves as a means of demonstrating the consequences for what is deemed inappropriate or wrongful behavior. While this may appear an effective way of achieving conformity to established rules, it runs the real risk of distorting motivation. Obviously, we want people to do what is right and pursue healthy, virtuous behaviors and ideals. But is fear of punishment ever the best motivation for avoiding one action in favor of another?

Doing something out of fear is never healthy. Focusing exclusively on our behavior and what others expect or think, leads to living life with a self-focused superficiality. We become more concerned about protecting ourselves from something negative and unpleasant, than investing ourselves in the freedom, wonder and awe of being human! We can still find our way to the unacceptable or inappropriate behavior as long as we do not get caught! Being a whole, focused, and God-centered human being requires more. It demands an investment of the heart. Virtuous, moral, and mature lifestyles reflective of the Gospel necessitate love.

When we experience and recognize love, God's unconditional love, in the depth of our soul, we fall in love with what we have found. We then find ourselves leaving destructive and sinful actions behind in search of something more holy, dignified, true, integral, and loving. This is really "mercy realized." God's tremendous, loving, eternal forgiveness and willingness to bring us back to something more real and tender is transformational. The respect for myself that I receive from God is so life changing that it causes me to run quickly away from anything sinful and self-destructive to things that are whole and holy.

There are many people who want nothing more than to judge or criticize us. What would actually stoning the woman caught in adultery really accomplish? Nothing more than the inflation of the already self-righteous egos of a few men who think they have power. They have no power because they are sinners too, just like everyone else. What all of us have is the humble ability to express sorrow for pursuing destructive thoughts and actions and receive the power of God's mercy. Then, Jesus' request to "go and sin no more" will be one we proudly heed and follow.



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