



ST. PATRICK
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, January 31, 2021
The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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The Shamrock



If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.

*Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord;
let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.*

*Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us joyfully sing psalms to him. Psalm 19*

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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: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Rosary

Saturday: 3:15 p.m. Prayed in Church before Mass.

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Sacraments

Baptism

Call to register parents and godparents for the required seminar and to schedule date and time. 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. Names will remain listed in the bulletin for approximately 2-3 months unless otherwise notified.

Stewardship of Finance

January 10 and January 17, 2021

Identified	\$23,609.50
Unidentified	\$1,441.00
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TOTAL	\$26,303.50

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Stewardship

is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God's gifts and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor.

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:
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An unclean spirit within

by Pamela Folse

Many of us know nothing about William Wilson or Dr. Robert Smith. Some know them quite well as Bill W and Dr. Bob, the founders of Alcoholics Anonymous. Bill was actually born in a tavern, abandoned by his parents at a young age, and his grandfather was an alcoholic. During a hospital stay for alcoholism, Bill had a religious experience which changed his life forever. Not long afterwards, he realized that his affinity for alcohol was tempered if he called to talk to others whom he knew also struggled with alcoholism. That was the beginning of the sponsor part of AA and all the other Anonymous help groups for people with various kinds of addictions. Anyone in recovery will gratefully acknowledge their relationship with a sponsor and with the others who support them.

In this week's Gospel, we read of the encounter between Jesus and the man with the unclean spirit. We tend to think of unclean spirits as being "out there," but unclean spirits can also be "in here," clouding our thinking and altering our vision of truth.

The concept of "me" and "mine" can be one of those unclean spirits. Little children can begin to show possessiveness with their toys and their unwillingness to share. It's up to people who love them to help them to see the value of sharing and generosity. Left unchecked, we begin to notice signs of selfishness and independence when they are teenagers and young adults. That can lead us, as adults, to think that everything we possess is ours to use as we wish without limit or concern for others. We might also be fooled to thinking that we can live in this world alone. These are far from true.

Nothing that we have is really ours. When we leave this world, we take nothing with us. All of what we collected and have stacked away in storage closets and bank vaults will stay here. While we are here, we need other people. We need our family, we need our community and we need the people in other groups we choose to belong. There are people out there who need us, too.

One woman was showing obvious signs of depression. Isolation was getting to her and she didn't know how much longer she could live that way. When asked if she thought of calling her children, a neighbor, or a friend from church, she said, "Oh, I just hate to bother them." She was denying her own need for interaction. Anyone would have been happy to talk to her for a while or even take her for a ride just to get her out of the house.

The neighbor of an elderly man called him two or three times a week to see if he needed anything at the grocery store or pharmacy. He always denied the offer for help. When his son came to visit, he learned that his dad had gone two days without medicine because he couldn't go to the pharmacy. His son just happened to share that story with the very neighbor who repeatedly asked if he needed anything. Why can't we admit to ourselves that we need help and ask?

Such stories are many and each is heartbreaking. Just as Jesus took authority over the evil inside the man in Mark's Gospel, he can take authority over the evil inside each of us. Jesus' authority is the healing love of God that can penetrate what we might believe to be impossible. Let us pray to soften our hearts so that we can learn humility.

Maybe our problem is not alcoholism as was the case with Bill W and Dr. Bob. Maybe it's some other kind of 'ism' that bothers us. In this time of pandemic and isolation, let us not be so selfish and self-centered that we don't ask for help. We should not have to do without necessities because we are too proud to ask for help. To those who can help others, please do, even if you have to use some gentle persistence.

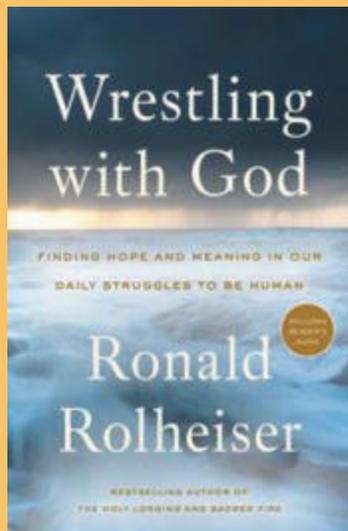
We all need good "sponsors" as we make our way through life. Programs like AA are great examples of how we need others to help us through our fears, rough times and isolation.

*In their synagogue
was a man with an
unclean spirit; he
cried out, "What
have you to do
with us, Jesus of
Nazareth? Have
you come to
destroy us? I know
who you are—the
Holy One of God!"
Jesus rebuked him
and said, "Quiet!
Come out of him!"*

- Mk 1:23-25

New Book Discussion Groups Forming For Lent

This Lent our parish will study the book “Wrestling with God: Finding Hope and Meaning In Our Daily Struggles to Be Human,” written by Father Ron Rolheiser, OMI, whom many will recognize from his regular articles in *The Catholic Commentator*.



In “Wrestling with God,” Fr. Ron provides an inspiring message of hope and perseverance for all who struggle with their faith during tumultuous times. He offers a steady and inspiring voice to help us understand our faith in a world where nothing seems solid or permanent.

Our sessions will be held beginning the week of February 22, the week after Ash Wednesday, and finishing the week of March 22, the week before Holy Week, for a total of five sessions. Sessions will be held via Zoom and participants can choose from three time slots: Tuesday mornings at 10:30, Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 and Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Sessions last an hour.

The book sells for \$17. We can order the book for you for pick up at the office or you can order and have it sent directly to your home. The discussion guide will be available for pick up or can be sent electronically.

If interested, please call Pam Folsie at the parish office (753-5750) to indicate the time you plan to attend, whether you want her to order your book, and how you would like to receive the discussion guide. The deadline for ordering the book is Monday, February 1.

**“SPREAD LOVE
EVERYWHERE
YOU GO.”**

- St. Teresa of Calcutta

*Everything and
everyone is won
by the sweetness
of our words
and works.*

- ST. JOHN BOSCO

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 31, 2021

SUN 1/31	Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
MON 2/01	Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20
TUE 2/02	Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
WED 2/03	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6
THR 2/04	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13
FRI 2/05	Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29
SAT 2/06	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34
SUN 2/07	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 31, 2021

Sunday:	4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
Tuesday:	The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life
Wednesday:	St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
Friday:	St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Saturday:	St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Sunday:	5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Most of us are not trail blazers. Throughout history though, there have been many folks who tirelessly and persistently pursued the promptings of their hearts without giving any care to what others thought or trends dictated. Jesus is one of them. St. Teresa of Calcutta and St. Francis of Assisi are examples of others. The rest of us are people who take a more measured look at things, want to test the waters, and take our time choosing what path or person to follow. We need credible witnesses of faith. We need the Moses people in our lives to show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose-driven life looks like. They are the pointers to truth, who even though they struggle themselves, seem to embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and caught the attention of the greatest of skeptics. They were astonished. Even though we need our human prophets we can also be somewhat prophetic ourselves by putting integrity and conviction behind our embrace of the Gospel. Perhaps much to our surprise, we all have the power to be a credible witness. Are you willing to give it a try?

MEMORIAL GIFTS TO YOUR CHURCH

Please consider remembering St. Patrick Church with a planned gift in your last will and testament. You might also encourage your family to ask friends and family to make a donation to St. Patrick in lieu of flowers at the time of your death.

A memorial gift to St. Patrick Church is a wonderful way to acknowledge the lives of those who considered this parish their beloved spiritual home.

Call the parish office for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 30, 2021

4:00 p.m.: Wilma T. Cronan, James Michael Cronan, Larry Joseph Cronan, Vincent and Rose Rao, Margaret Ray, Genevieve Klobucar, Mr. L. Debusschere, Wallace Young

Sunday, January 31, 2021

7:30 a.m.: For the people of St. Patrick

9:30 a.m.: Oscar, Edith and Wayne Boudreaux, Margaret Hirezi, Bailey Lauret

11:30 a.m.: Glenn Gaudet, Terry Edwards, Randall Sonnier, Margaret Whittington, Mary and Roy McKnight, Sharon Herrington

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

6:00 p.m.: Margaret Ray, Teddy Penno, intention of Sabrina Peck

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

8:00 a.m.: Chung Le

Thursday, February 4, 2021

8:00 a.m. -

Friday, February 5, 2021

8:00 a.m. - intention of Edis Castillo, Bernadine Chenevert

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

S. Medica, A. Pichon, Jr., J. Root, K. Johnson, A. Roy, G. Mackey, L. Polite, L. Barbarin, B. Coghlan, J. Wray, M. Tichota, C. Prendergast, M.B. Langlois, S. Rikhoff, M. Varner, T. Joiner, T. Smith, Sr., C. Mokry, R. Geissler, G. Auzenne, V. Mayeux, P. Romano, T. Shiver, J. Sughero, R. Luksa

SANCTUARY LIGHT

(January 30 through February 2, 2021)

The Folse and Kliebert Families

HEARTFELT SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

We extend heartfelt sympathy and prayers to Eretta Perrien on the death of her mother, Margaret M. Chachati; to the family of Jean Cangelosi; to Deacon Alec Campbell on the death of his uncle, Larry E. Robin, Jr.; to the family and friends of Oscar Godeaux, and to Faye Coopender and family on the death of her aunt, Bernadine Chenevert.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...

Please continue to pray for these young adults who receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend.

Benjamin Paul Almond

Veronica Claire Bogantes

Jodi Elle Caraccioli

Samantha Belle Dupuy

Laura Marie Farris

David Keith Hayden

Rebecca Danielle Magri

Lethan Mai Nguyen

Kamryn Lacey Reed

Anastasia Christiane Santa Ana

Sophie Camille Tierney



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