



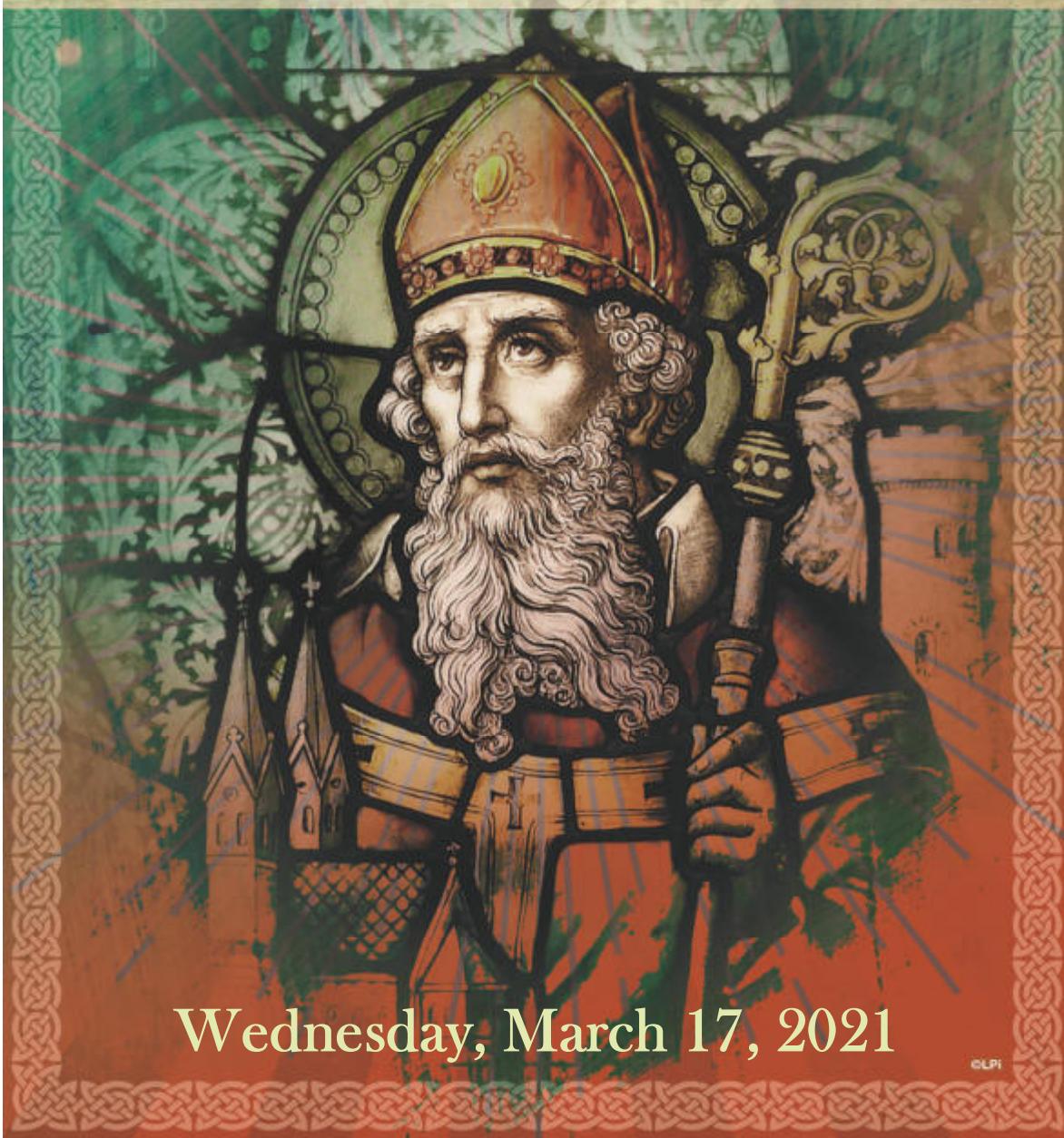
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Sunday, March 14, 2021  
The Fourth Sunday of Lent  
Volume 47, Number 14

# The Shamrock



## SAINT PATRICK'S DAY



Wednesday, March 17, 2021

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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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Call to register parents and godparents for the required seminar and to schedule date and time. For more information, visit [www.stpatrickbr.org/Baptism](http://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

*March 7, 2021*

Identified	\$33,707.85
Unidentified	\$899.00
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### 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.

## Join us on St. Patrick's Day for Movie and Prayer

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day, Wed., March 17,  
with online viewing of the award-winning film, PRAY, at 7 p.m.

An Online Parish Rosary will begin immediately after the film,  
at 8:15 p.m., to pray for our families and parish needs. For  
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**PRAY Movie:** Available online (Homepage Tab):

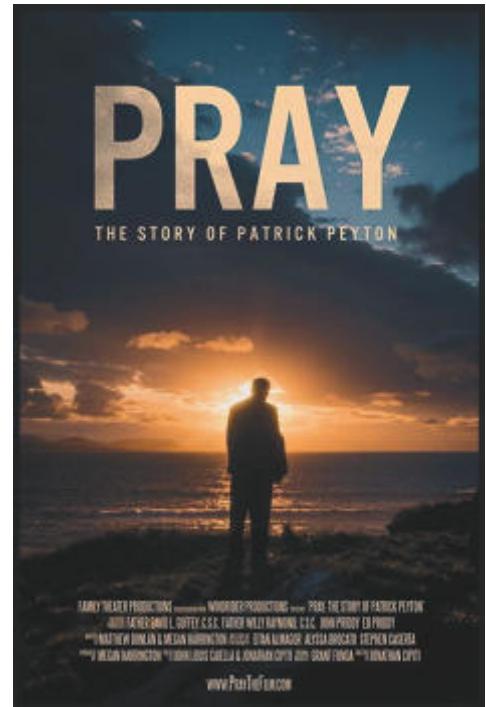
MARCH 17, 2021, 7 p.m. CST - MARCH 19, 2021 7 a.m. CST.

**PARISH ROSARY** (via Zoom) (Q & A Tab): MARCH 17, 2021 8:15 p.m.,

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### St. Patrick's Day Fun

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# *Write A Little Note to St. Joseph Asking for Help*

**by Pamela Folse**

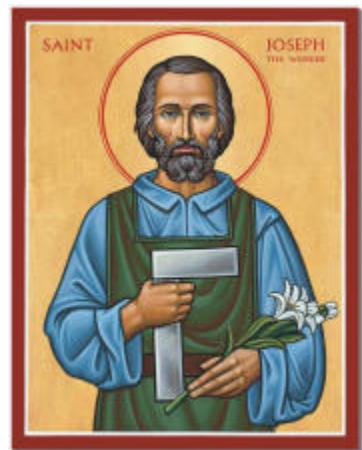
I recently took a drive to St. Michael Church in Convent as I do each year at this time. I've been going there since I was a child and, each time I go, my fondness for the church deepens. I go at this time of year particularly to light a candle and place it at the feet of St. Joseph. That's my way of remembering the wedding anniversaries of both my maternal and paternal grandparents. In 1915 and 1934, when they were married, St. Joseph's Day was the only day during Lent that weddings could be held.

When I put my candle on the altar, I noticed there was a folded paper at the base of the statue. Perhaps I broke a rule about reading other's people's requests, but I did. What I read was a very beautiful prayer to St. Joseph for various intentions. The writer recalled St. Joseph's silence and strength. I have a statue that I put out during the Christmas season of Joseph sleeping after the birth of Jesus. Even while asleep with exhaustion from a long journey, Joseph was still caring for his family and for our Church.

I would like for us to take inspiration from that little slip of paper that I found. When we have a problem or a difficulty, let us write a little note and put it underneath St. Joseph, so that he can dream about it. It's our way of asking St. Joseph to please pray for our problem or circumstance.

Pope Francis has declared this the Year of St. Joseph. How fitting that our diocesan home church here in Baton Rouge is the St. Joseph Cathedral. The Cathedral has Mass at noon that day, but the church will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for those who choose to visit.

On March 20, 2017, in his morning homily at Casa Santa Marta, the clergy guest house where Pope Francis has chosen to live, the pontiff said: "Today I would like to ask that St. Joseph grant all of us the ability to dream because when we dream great things, good things, we draw near to God's dream, what God dreams about us. That he might give to those who are young people—because he was young—the ability to dream, to take risks and to take on the difficult tasks seen in their dreams. And that he might give to all the fidelity that generally matures in upright behavior, since he was just, which grows in silence—in few words—and grows in that tenderness which is capable of safeguarding one's own weaknesses and those of others."



## *In Case You Are Wondering...*

We have been invited to pilot a new way of producing The Shamrock and we expect to begin real soon.

As a part of that process, our bulletin is being redesigned. There are many things that we like about the redesign and things that we will likely change.

We just want you to be aware that it may take several weeks for us to get the bulletin in a format that we really like. If there are elements that you like or really don't like, we would like to hear from you. This will take patience!

### ST. PATRICK PRESCHOOL 2021-2022



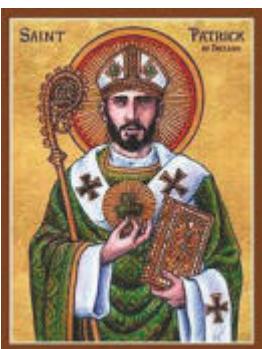
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## St. Patrick's Day Activities

Everyone is invited to join us for St. Patrick's Day, Wed., March 17, beginning with 8 a.m. Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 3 p.m.

Come and have fun at our Cross Wise Ministry beginning at 10:30 a.m. We play games, have box lunches and do painting with punch. Call the office in advance if you plan to attend.

At 7 p.m., our parish community is invited to a special viewing of the movie PRAY, about the life of Fr. Patrick Peyton. See the ad on page 3 for more information on how to sign up for the movie and the parish rosary which will begin at 8:15. There's something for everyone on St. Patrick's Day here at St. Patrick, so join us.



## FISH FRY FRIDAY



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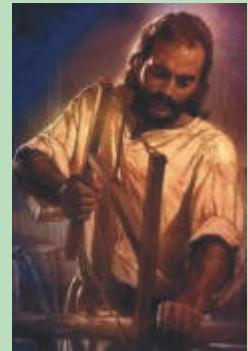
## Daylight Saving Time; Set Your Clock Ahead an Hour

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 14, when clocks will "spring forward" one hour and we lose an hour of sleep. Though it's been staying light out a

little later each day since the winter solstice on Dec. 21, the big change will occur at 2 a.m. on March 14 with the shift to Daylight Saving Time.



**Prayer to  
St. Joseph  
Feast Day  
March 19**



To you, O blessed Joseph,  
do we come in our tribulation, and having  
implored the help of your most holy Spouse,  
we confidently invoke your patronage also.  
Through that charity which bound you to the  
Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the  
paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus,  
we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance  
which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with  
your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family,  
Defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;  
O most loving father, ward off from us  
Every contagion of error and corruption influence;  
O our most mighty protector, be kind to us  
And from heaven assist us in our struggle  
With the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril,  
so now protect God's Holy Church  
from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity;  
shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection,  
so that, supported by your example and your aid,  
we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness,  
And to obtain eternal happiness in heaven.  
Amen.

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2021

<b>SUN 3/14</b>	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
<b>MON 3/15</b>	Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
<b>TUE 3/16</b>	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16
<b>WED 3/17</b>	Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30
<b>THR 3/18</b>	Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
<b>FRI 3/19</b>	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
<b>SAT 3/20</b>	Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
<b>SUN 3/21</b>	Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2021

<b>Sunday:</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins
<b>Wednesday:</b>	St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day
<b>Thursday:</b>	St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
<b>Friday:</b>	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>Sunday:</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

God's messengers always seem to get mocked. They speak a truth that some folks do not want to hear. While on the one hand we admire them, we also are quite happy keeping them at a distance. After all, they are not referring to me but someone else, aren't they? We often wrongly conclude that because we may be more avant-garde, contemporary, politically sensitive, and untraditional, we are somehow more in the light than others. People tend to prefer darkness more than light, even the most spiritually sensitive among us. The light always carries with it the richness of God's mercy and compassion which see beyond ideologies and concepts to relationships that cultivate life, earthly and eternal. Every hand of compassion and mercy extended to a human being must always point back to God. The call always involves ordering our lives in accord with our truth and essence of being. As God never forgets us, we must never forget God. Now is the time to take stock of our infidelity and return to the light, even though it is difficult to look at.

## SHE FINALLY NOTICED IT WAS A BABY

She was a very successful abortionist who owned and operated two abortion clinics in Louisiana and Mississippi. One standard procedure that she used involved collecting the body parts from the aborted baby and verifying that all parts were removed from the womb so as not to endanger the mother's life. In enumerating the parts, somehow God's grace broke through and she realized this is a baby. She closed both clinics and never did an abortion again. Prayer really is effective. Please join us in praying at Delta Women's Clinic every Tuesday morning at 7:30.  
Deacon Pete

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, March 13, 2021

**4:00 p.m.:** Wilma T. Cronan, James Michael Cronan, Larry Joseph Cronan, Jimmy Warfel, Virginia Simmers, Stephanie Simoneaux, Anthony Scaramuzza, Wallace Young, Thomas Phillips, Earl Weber, Theresa Groves and Roshawn Donahue

### Sunday, March 14, 2021

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

**9:30 a.m.:** Marta McCarron, Omar and Marina Hernandez, Jackie Hazey, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Recatto, Margaret Hirezi, Dr. Steven Collins, John Gajda and Bailey Lauret

**11:30 a.m.:** Lee Dupuis, Terry Edwards, Glenn Gaudet, Dale Gaudet, Linda Sughero, Margaret Whittington, Carrie Hernandez, and Eloise Persac

### Tuesday, March 16, 2021

**6:00 p.m.:** Margaret Ray and Karen Cochran

### Wednesday, March 17, 2021

**8:00 a.m.:** Peter Hung Le, Jean Cangelosi, Edna Martin and Michelle Crawford

### Thursday, March 18, 2021

**8:00 a.m.:** Jean Cangelosi, Michelle Tichota and in thanksgiving

### Friday, March 19, 2021

**8:00 a.m.:** Quyen Le, Bernadine Chenevert, Oscar, Edith and Wayne Boudreax

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

S. Medica, A. Pichon, Jr., J. Root, K. Johnson, A. Roy  
G. Mackey, L. Polite, L. Barbarin, B. Coghlan, E. Picue,  
M.B. Langlois, S. Rikhoff, M. Varner, T. Smith, Sr., S. Duet,  
C. Mokry, R. Geissler, G. Auzenne, V. Mayeux, P. Romano,  
T. Shiver, J. Sughero, R. Luksa, J. Cazes, T. Waguespack,  
T. & C. Lastrapes, A. Nola, M. Mumphrey, C. Prendergast

## SANCTUARY LIGHT

(March 6-19, 2021) — Ronald Litz

## 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.

# Bishop Duca Issues Guidance on New Coronavirus Vaccines

On Monday, March 1, Bishop Michael Duca of the Diocese of Baton Rouge issued a statement on the Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines. Below are some of the important parts of the statement. The complete letter can be found on the diocesan website at [www.diobr.org](http://www.diobr.org).

...In a letter read in all parishes several weeks ago, I explained: 'Vaccines are now being made available to various groups throughout the United States. I have reviewed these remedies along with the Bishops of the United States and we have determined, reinforced by the Holy Father Pope Francis, that receiving the new Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are justifiable and morally acceptable ways to help end this pandemic. Being vaccinated should be considered as an act of charity toward others in our communities. I encourage all of the faithful of the Diocese of Baton Rouge to take this moral evaluation to heart as you make your decision to receive the coronavirus vaccinations as they become available.'

I continue to encourage everyone to receive a vaccination, but the new vaccine from Johnson & Johnson uses a line of stem cells procured from abortions performed over 30 years ago in the production of the vaccine...Given our present situation and the need to protect ourselves and one another from this virus, my guidance to the faithful of the Diocese of Baton Rouge is to accept as your first choices the vaccines created by Pfizer and Moderna, but if for any reasonable circumstance you are only able to receive the vaccine from Johnson & Johnson, you should feel free to do so for your safety and for the common good. In addition, I have consulted with Catholic health care representatives, and I understand and appreciate their serious challenges as to the acquisition and equitable distribution of all three vaccines. I therefore support their policy of administering any of the vaccines as circumstances require.

Again, as I have stated in my original letter to the Diocese, "I encourage all of the faithful of the Diocese of Baton Rouge to take this moral evaluation to heart as you make your decision to receive the coronavirus vaccinations as they become available."

With Hope in the Lord,

+Michael G. Duca, Bishop of Baton Rouge



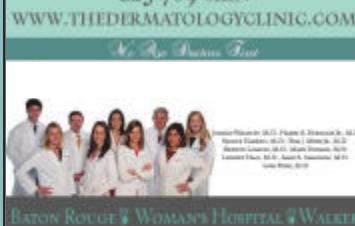
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