



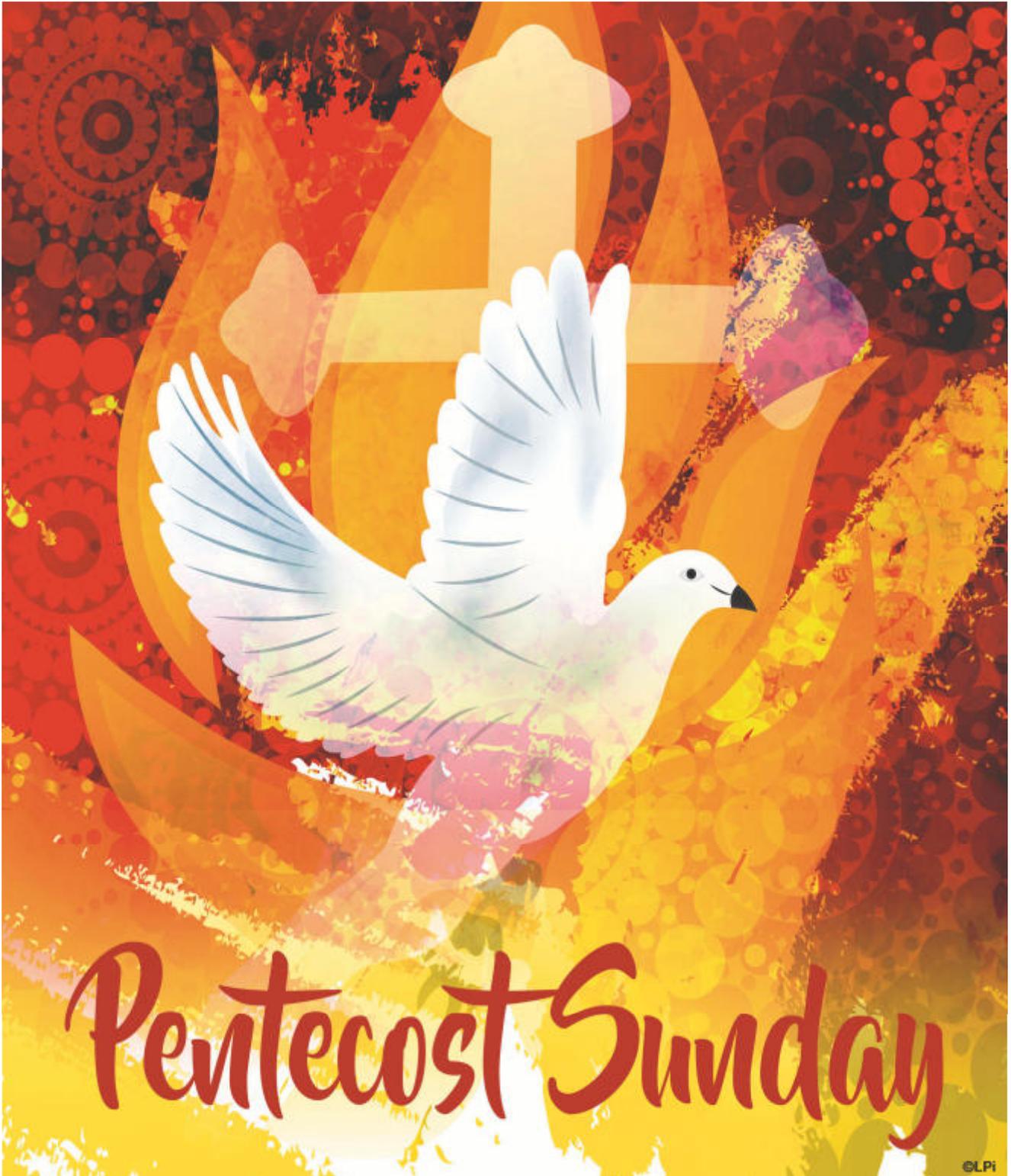
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CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, May 23, 2021

Pentecost

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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

May 9, 2021

Identified	\$14,957.50
Unidentified	\$1,078.00
Building Fund	\$1,437.00
Other	\$737.00
TOTAL	\$18,209.50

**Thank you for your continued
generous support!**

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:
Love of God, shown forth in love of neighbor.

The Holy Spirit is Given to Us Anew at Pentecost

Years ago, I attended a workshop in Albuquerque, New Mexico, at a beautiful retreat facility. On my way to breakfast on the second day, I noticed that some who were ahead of me on the path to the next building were standing looking at the sky. They were smiling. Some stood in wonder. Others pointed in various directions. Once outdoors and away from the covered walkway, I could see very many hot air balloons flying over us. They were absolutely beautiful and the flawless blue skies of New Mexico seemed to provide the perfect backdrop for the spectacular shapes, colors and the splendor of the moment.

As I read the readings for Pentecost, I recalled having been to the “balloon glow” in Gonzales. At a designated time after dusk, the balloon captains simultaneously fire up their burners causing their balloons to inflate and “glow” like the lights on a Christmas tree.

The Feast of Pentecost, which we celebrate this weekend, occurs 50 (pente) days from Easter. It is not truly a remembrance of the first Pentecost, but a celebration of the completion of the Paschal Easter season. It is a celebration of the fullness of the Risen Christ who now remains with the Church through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Like those beautiful balloons when not in use, we perhaps were curled up in the confusion of the events of Easter. We saw Jesus crucified on Good Friday and his body placed in the tomb. We heard of his resurrection

on Easter morning. He traveled with us on the road and was made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Like his closest followers, we may have been afraid and worried. Like Thomas, perhaps we needed to see in order to believe. Finally, we may be starting to climb out of our storage boxes to unfold.

On this feast day, the Holy Spirit is given to us like the fire that causes the balloon to inflate. The roar of

the burner is loud and strong enough to produce a glow. The Holy Spirit is given to us new at Pentecost in the form of gifts—wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and awe or fear of the Lord. These are called gifts because they are not meant to be kept, but to be given away or shared with other disciples for the building up of the church.

Unlike the balloon which is set sail by filling it with a lot of hot

air, we receive the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Blessed Trinity, whose supply never runs out.

How appropriate then that the church of the Diocese of Baton Rouge has chosen to ordain three young men to the priesthood to be of service to us. Please continue to pray for Father David Dawson, Father Danny Roussel and Father Taylor Sanford as they return to their home parish churches to celebrate with their own communities, those who, like all of you have prayed for them and continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood.





Congratulations to Father Michael on May 17, the 24th anniversary of his priestly ordination. We thank God for his ministry to us here at St. Patrick and continue to pray for continued good health. May he be open to the Spirit's call in his life and in his ministry.

Altar Servers Training on May 26

As we open up our church and gradually return to some sense of normalcy, we are reinstating the ministry of altar server. A training session will be held on Wed., May 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. in church. All former altar servers and anyone interested in this ministry should attend. Children who have celebrated First Eucharist, teens and adults can become altar servers.

Readers, Communion Ministers Needed

We appeal to our former readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to please consider returning to ministry.

We are so very grateful to those who have so unselfishly been serving in these ministries throughout the pandemic.

If you are ready to return to ministry and be added to the schedule or have any questions, please call the office or send an email to pfolse@stpatrickbr.org.

Congratulations, Grads!



**We are so
very proud
of you!**

Let's Celebrate With Deacon Pete

Tues., May 25, is Deacon Pete's 25th anniversary of his ordination as a permanent deacon. Deacon Pete has served us well here at St. Patrick over the years. We are grateful to him for answering God's call and for the many years he has served our parish and the diocese of Baton Rouge.



To show our appreciation for Deacon Pete and to join in his celebration, everyone is invited to a simple reception in his honor following the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 30. Come and get a bowl of delicious jambalaya prepared by the Knights of Columbus and thank Deacon Pete for his faithful service.

Thanks For Donations

St. Vincent de Paul Conference at St. Patrick Church would like to thank the family of St. Patrick for their generous contributions to the "Fill A Prescription for the Needy" campaign. Through your generosity, our St. Vincent de Paul Conference was able to present to the District Council a check for \$4,260.73. You have assisted people you may never meet. May the Lord continue to bless you all for your generosity.

Thank You

Parish School of Religion Back on Campus This Summer

Our Parish School of Religion (PSR) program is back on campus this summer! We have over 90 children and youth registered. We are also offering a take-home program for those unable to attend on campus. This summer we are using a brand new program from Loyola Press. "Finding God 2021" is an updated Religious Education Curriculum that incorporates a variety of new options for our program. All grades will meet in the morning for an overview of the day and a group activity before dividing into small groups. The children will have the opportunity to attend a weekday Mass and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Elementary and junior high students will meet from June 1st through June 11th. Our high school students will meet from June 21st through June 25th. In addition to summer PSR, students and families will have opportunities to continue their faith formation throughout the year. Please pray for our catechists, children and youth as we prepare for PSR.

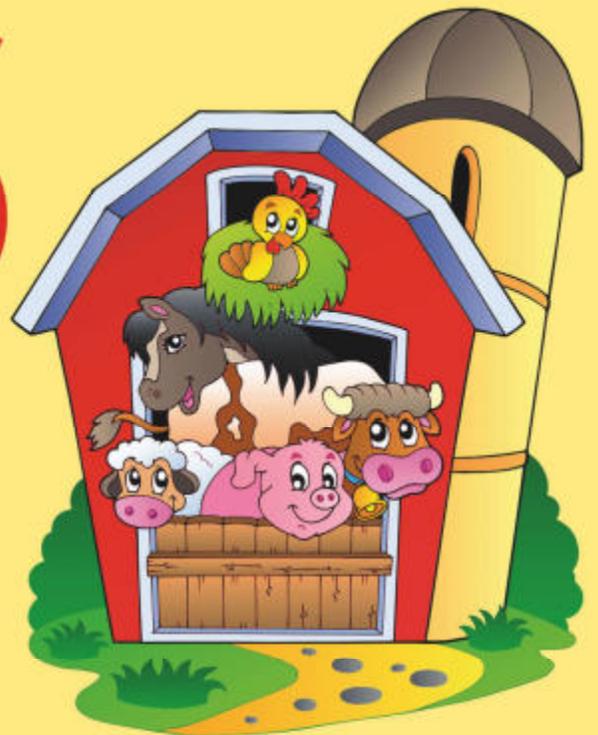


Habitat for Humanity Needs Your Help

Let us remember all that has been given to us so that we may give to others. You're invited, and we pray you follow the example set by our Lord, to give your time on Sat., June 12, to help paint the interior and work on the trim during this year's Habitat for Humanity Catholic Build. If you haven't already, plan to join us to help this year's family who has already helped others and who are now trying to help themselves. If you need more information or would like to volunteer, please call Ken Koehler at 561-301-2820 or email kkoehler@windstream.net.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Join us for
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Register today at www.stpatrickbr.org/vbs

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 23, 2021

SUN 5/23	<i>Vigil:</i> Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/ Ps 10:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 <i>Extended Vigil:</i> Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/ Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 <i>Day:</i> Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b- 7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15 Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
MON 5/24	Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31
TUE 5/25	Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [Sir 36:1b]/ Mk 10:32-45
WED 5/26	Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Mk 10:46-52
THR 5/27	Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mk 11:11-26
FRI 5/28	Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 19, 11 [9ab]/Mk 11:27-33
SAT 5/29	Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14- 17/Mt 28:16-20

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 23, 2021

Sunday:	Pentecost Sunday
Monday:	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Tuesday:	St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin
Wednesday:	St. Phillip Neri, Priest
Thursday:	St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
Saturday:	St. Paul VI, Pope; BVM
Next Sunday:	The Most Holy Trinity

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

The phrase "being filled with the Holy Spirit" may summon forth images that are a bit too intense for some folks. They may conclude that when one is filled with the Holy Spirit that they immediately begin speaking in tongues, loudly praise God, sing alleluia from roof tops, and do other demonstrative things. In reality, being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It is the Holy Spirit that draws us together as a community of faith, inspires us with wisdom and right judgment, and turns us from the darkness of sin to the virtues that bring life. We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. The Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church, guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced human beings God made us to be. Come, Holy Spirit, and fill our hearts!

HEARTFELT SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

Heartfelt sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of Hugh Smith.
Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord...

MEMORIAL GIFTS TO YOUR CHURCH

Please consider remembering St. Patrick Church with a planned gift in your last will and testament. Please encourage your family and friends 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, May 22, 2021

4:00 p.m.: Wilma T. Cronan, James Michael Cronan, Larry Joseph Cronan, Tina Latino, Margaret Ray, Wallace Young, Earl Weber, E. J. Moreau, Jr., Fred Connors, Tim Smith, Sr., Michael White, Stephanie Baudry and the intention of C. J. Broussard for healing

Sunday, May 23, 2021

7:30 a.m.: Hung Le, Rong Tran, Ry Pham, Mary Guarino, Dang Pham, Nghiem Le, Barbara Jenkins and Buddy Heckman

9:30 a.m.: For the people of St. Patrick

11:30 a.m.: Glenn Gaudet, Terry Edwards, Margaret Hirezi, Jean Cangelosi, Betty Romaire, Dr. Steven Collins, Tom Lucek, Bill Higgins and the intention of Coco Castillo

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

6:00 p.m.: Margaret Ray, George Tanoos and Tayler Huett and the intention of Deacon Pete on the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

8:00 a.m.: Teo Luong, Laura Collette Mannino and Ileana Bellecci

Thursday, May 27, 2021

8:00 a.m.: Jeffery Wells and in thanksgiving

Friday, May 28, 2021

8:00 a.m.: Kha Le and Hugh Smith

SANCTUARY LIGHT

George Tanoos (May 5-28, 2021)

REMEMBER A LOVED ONE OR A SPECIAL OCCASION WITH THE SANCTUARY LIGHT

You can have the sanctuary light burn in memory of a deceased loved one, in honor of someone special or to mark a special occasion. The sanctuary light burns for two weeks and the stipend is \$20 for the two-week period. We have several openings for the sanctuary light. You are invited to call soon and the sanctuary light can burn for your special intention.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

S. Medica, A. Pichon, Jr., J. Root, K. Johnson, A. Roy, G. Mackey, L. Polite, L. Barbarin, B. Coghlan, S. Rikhoff, C. Mokry, R. Geissler, G. Auzenne, V. Mayeux, P. Romano, T. Shiver, E. Picue, S. Duet, T. & C. Lastrapes, C. J. & V. Broussard, C. Heckman, S. Patrick, D. Suire, J. Broussard, B. Veillon, N. Lorio, J. Cronan, F. Fontenot, D. Soileau, M. B. Langlois, G. Lohfink, K Albert

Please Consider Donating Blood

Our Lady of the Lake Blood Donor Center is facing a severe blood and platelet shortage at this time.

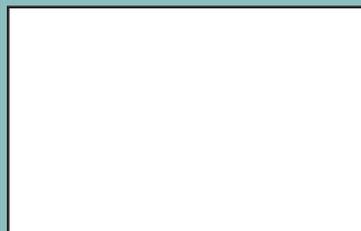
St. Patrick Church Blood Drive

This Sunday, May 23, 2021

8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

DONORS SHOULD:

1. Eat before donating.
2. Bring picture ID
3. Bring reading glasses
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