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Sunday Masses: 8:30am 11:00am 5:15pm
Weekday Masses: Tuesday - Friday: 5:15pm



The Vine Dresser and the Fig Tree by James Tissot

Third Sunday of Lent **March 23, 2025**

This Week: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; Psalm 103; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9
Next Week: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12; Psalm 34; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:18

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of St. Patrick Catholic Community is to proclaim and live the Gospel message of unconditional love, healing, and reconciliation, through prayer, celebration, and action on behalf of justice, as a sign of hope for all God's people.

PARISH NEWS



Welcome to Saint Patrick Parish, a Roman Catholic community that gathers day by day, week by week, to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. Our close-knit and diverse parish family has been serving our neighborhood since 1866. Young, old, poor, rich, various ethnic origins and differing backgrounds gather to proclaim and live the Gospel message of unconditional love, healing, and reconciliation through prayer, celebration, and action on behalf

of justice as a sign of hope for all God's people. From our lively music to our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd formation program; from our commitment to liturgy being truly "the work of the people" to plentiful social outreach opportunities through our St. Patrick-Champion Outreach Center, St. Pat's continues to be a vibrant community of faith that is centered in prayer and action that extends far beyond the walls of our buildings.

Saint Patrick is the third oldest parish in Memphis following St. Mary in The Pinch and St. Peter downtown. Our community was founded to serve the growing number of working-class Irish families in the south Memphis neighborhoods.

Despite sickness and tragedy of the Yellow Fever Epidemics in Memphis, the community continued to grow. In 1904, construction on a new Romanesque church building began. The parish served as a "mother church" to two new parishes, St. Thomas in Soulsville and Immaculate Conception in Central Gardens during this time. To honor our Irish heritage, the co-patrons of Ireland, Saint Patrick and Saint Brigid are featured on either side of the Holy Family in the apse above the Sanctuary. Our pipe organ is the oldest working pipe organ in Memphis. Completed and dedicated in 1905 by the Bishop of Nashville, Right Reverend Thomas S. Byrne, our gathering space stands today as a testament to not only the enduring spirit of our community, but also our charism of accompanying the people of God through the tests of time. The St. Patrick campus resides on the ancestral homeland of the Quapaw Nation.

In 1954, St. Patrick welcomed the Paulist Fathers, who served our community until 2013. Our time with the Paulists during the Civil Rights Movement, drastic changes to our neighborhood, and changes within the Catholic Church at large imbued our community with our famous radical welcome, commitment to justice and solidarity, and a call to action to love God and each other. As a result of the missionary spirit of the Paulist Fathers, many of our traditions such as an empowered laity, the Good Friday Neighborhood Stations of the Cross, Noyze in the Hood caroling, the first LGBTQ Catholic ministry in Memphis, and various outreach ministries that still root us in place and faith began.

Inspired by the Holy Spirit and Vatican II, St. Patrick became a full-time gathering space for the community and worship and not just a space for Sunday obligation. Taking note from the global Church and the Acts of the Apostles, we choose to forego kneeling and commit to the active act of standing shoulder-to-shoulder in communion with God and each other during Mass. Except during the solemn seasons of Advent and Lent, we clap during the Great Amen and hold hands during the "Our Father." We believe Mass is a celebration, Mass is a feast, Mass is a chance to share in the glory of God together actively and with joy. Some of our members still kneel and we encourage everyone to do what connects them with God and makes them comfortable.

We heartily welcome all who come through our doors and are committed to accompanying each other on all journeys of faith.

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Today's Psalm Response

***The Lord is kind and merciful.
Psalm 103)***

11am MASS



Live streamed Every Sunday at
www.bit.ly/StPatrickFacebook

Worship Aid Available
Readings and Music
www.stpatsmemphis.org
Click on Communications



Replayed on YouTube after 1:00 pm
www.bit.ly/StPatrickYouTube

Baptismal Preparation Class For Parents and Godparents



If you plan to participate in a Baptism in the next few months, please call the parish office 901-527-2542 so we can schedule a preparation class.

Sacrament of Reconciliation



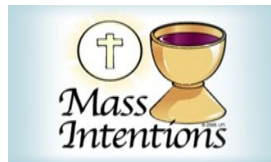
*Sundays 7:50 am-8:10 am
10:20 am-10:40 am
4:40 pm-5:00 pm
or by appointment
901-527-2542*

Can be done face-to-face or anonymously.

JOURNEY TO CATHOLICISM

Our Journey to Catholicism sessions are held Sundays at 9:45am. We are now entering the period of more intense preparation for those who have decided to become Roman Catholics at Easter or if you are an active Roman Catholic who missed Confirmation. Please contact Sally Greene if you are interested in being Confirmed.

Please call or email Sally Greene (901) 483-3656 or sbg1220@aol.com with questions.



Mar 23, 11:00 am, in honor of Archbishop J. Peter Sartain celebrating 25 years of Episcopal Ordination by Delia Molinski

Mar 27, 5:15 pm, +Irma Hooker

Mar 28- 5:15 pm, +Frances Horner

WEEKLY CALENDAR Mar 23 - Mar 30

Sunday, Mar 23

- 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 5:15pm Masses
- 9:45 pm, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Atria
- 9:45 am, Sunday by Sunday Group, Braganza Rm
- 9:45 am, Journey to Catholicism, St. Brigid Room
- 11:00 am Mass live streamed on Facebook
- 12:15 pm, Youth Group, Youth Room, Center
- 1:00 pm, Soup Kitchen, Outreach Center
- 1:00 pm, Health Clinic and Foot Care Clinic, Outreach Center

Tuesday, Mar 25

- NO Mass

Wednesday, Mar 26

- NO Mass

Thursday, Mar 27

- 5:15 pm, Mass, Chapel

Friday, Mar 28

- 5:15 pm, Mass, Chapel
- 5:45 pm, Stations of the Cross, Church

Saturday, Mar 29

- 8:00 am, Sr. Thea Pilgrimage to Canton, MS

Sunday, Mar 30

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- 9:45 am, Journey to Catholicism, St. Brigid Room
- 11:00 am Mass live streamed on Facebook
- 11:00 am, Youth Group Service Mass
- 12:15 pm, Youth Group, Youth Room, Center
- 1:00 pm, Soup Kitchen, Outreach Center

Worship Aids and Bulletins

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Stations of the Cross Fridays During Lent

March 28 5:45
April 4 4:30
April 11 5:45



Good Friday
Neighborhood Stations of the Cross,
with Fr. Bruce Nieli, C.S.P.

April 18 10:00

Please join us for donuts, juice, coffee and fellowship in the SPC Outreach Center after the morning Masses.



Parish Giving
simple. secure. convenient.

<http://bit.ly/StPatrickGiving>

You can set up your offerings to St. Patrick Church through Parish Giving. Your contributions will be automatically deducted from your checking or savings account or credit card and deposited directly to St. Patrick's bank account.

**You can now also donate to
St. Vincent de Paul,
Tanzania Health Ministry,
Sr. Thea Bowman Montessori
School**



*Please pray for our
St. Patrick community
every day*



*Wednesday
April 2 @
6:00pm*

NO 5:15 Mass



**Sunday
Afternoon
in the Center
Youth Room
12:15 after
the 11am Mass**

Join us for hot chocolate and goodies each week along with prayer and reflection.

Text Monica and Stephen Juma at 408-802-8376 for more information.

Next Event: **April 12
Hiking at Shelby Farms**



Offertory Donations



Offertory	\$3,357
Parish Giving	5,132
Outreach Center	880
Other	45
Total	\$9,414

Thank you for your generosity!



Please follow us on social media!
And check out our website:
www.stpatsmemphis.org



PARISH NEWS

Please pray for the sick in our parish community, our friends and loved ones:

Kelly Townsend, Lucy Winston (daughter of Karen Scott), Pete Alfonso, Mary Baldwin, Fran Barendse, Ray Barker, Rosemary Batorski, Ray Berthiaume, Judy Bettice, Jane Marie Blackham, Sydney Bowers (Pamela Higgins' granddaughter), Antonio Bradshaw, Dick Brereton, Ricky Burnett, Terri Burns (Mary Ann Burns' daughter-in-law), Andrew Carroll, David Carter (Renae Taylor's nephew), Deacon Eugene Champion, Sam Cochran, Janice Craven (Tim Craven's daughter), Annabel Crowson, Peggy Cunningham, Mateo Duarte, Bryan Duffel, Sue Ann Duffy, Dot Eubanks, Gloria Sangster Fort, Jerry Foster, Sean Garlick, Senait Gebreab, Stephen Golanka (Mary Evans' son), Pat Gorney, Bob Greene, Thelia Green, Terry Greene Sr (Bob Greene's brother), Diane Griggs (Don Lawrence's daughter), Richard Grinder, Sr. Maureen Griner, Janis Habbaz, Travis Handwerker, Diane Harder, Patrick Harkins, Lisa Harris (Bob Greene's sister), Pamela Higgins, Maureen Hough, Brian Huebner, Juanita Huff, Florida Jackson, Roberta Kane (Mike Watermeier's sister-in-law), Jan Kidder, John Letchworth, Luca (Aletta Roebuck's two-year-old great-grandson), Evelynne Malone, Karen Mathis (Mac Mathis' daughter), Jan-Blaise and Aggie Llew MacEachern (children of Brianna and Blaise MacEachern, Fenton McEvoy, Della Miles, Maureen Mischler, Bill Morman (Monica and Stephen Juma's uncle), Stephen and Margaret Murphy, Terry Nesmith, Nora O'Connell, Brad Patterson, Rusty Ramsey, Earl Randle, John Clarence Simmons, Connie Simpson, Samantha Smith, Tara Stebbins, Tracy Sweat, Shelby Terry (Ray and Louise Terry's daughter-in-law), John Trouy (Beth Trouy's brother), Mary and Melvin Tuggle (Chandra Tuggle's parents), Lynn Tune, Robert Tutson, Pam Watermeier, Nia Watkins, Courtney Whalum (Kirk and Ruby's daughter), Jan Watson, Basil White, Mary Wynn (Sharon Shea's mother), Cynthia Zawacki, Jan Zinselmeyer (Sr. Margaret Ann Zinselmeyer's sister-in-law)



Notify Parish Office: If you or someone you know is hospitalized or homebound and would like to be added to our prayer list, or if someone has recovered and should be removed from our list, please call the parish office at 901-527-2542.



Small Faith Sharing and Prayer Groups

Sunday by Sunday

Faith Sharing Group

Braganza Room, Outreach Center

Sunday, 9:45 a.m.

Pat Papachristou ppapachr@cbu.edu

A Prayer Circle

Monday – Friday

9:00 a.m. for about 30 minutes

Jan Kidder jan.kidder62@gmail.com

Sunday by Sunday

Faith Sharing Group

Fridays 10:30 am - Noon on Zoom

Louise Cayo 901-833-1506

Donna McLellan 901-210-8321

Say Their Names

Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

Linda Opiel lindaopiel@comcast.net

Sandy Heiss heisshouse@yahoo.com

Jan Kidder jan.kidder62@gmail.com

Sunday by Sunday

Faith Sharing Group

Thursday, 10:30 - noon

Judy Bettice

Call 901-327-8068 or text 901-216-7208

Prayer for Ukraine



Mother of God, to your Immaculate Heart we entrust and dedicate all humanity, the Church, and all believers, especially Russia and Ukraine. Please intercede amidst our human weaknesses. Rain down compassion and offer forgiveness to Putin and Russian leaders for their crimes against humanity. Give them hearts of mercy for a peaceful end to this unjust war. Ease the suffering of the Ukrainian people, banish all evil, and light this inconceivable darkness with your unconditional love. Amen



A Story of Hope From Guatemala

Nutritious Meals Help Children's Growth.

Ana Belén and her husband, José, have four children and a baby on the way. They live in a small house in Santa María Chiquimula, Guatemala. Francisco, their 9-year-old son, says his neighborhood is, “a very happy place to live, but sometimes it’s also very hard to live here.” He is not wrong. In their community, malnutrition affects over half of the population mainly because people can’t afford to put food on the table.



Ana Belén with her children Francisco, 9, Joseph, 1, Dylan, 6, and Fiderlia, 4.
Photo by Oscar Leiva/Silverlight for CRS

Almost five years ago, when the COVID-19 pandemic started, José lost his job as a driver. This created serious challenges for the family. Even after the pandemic, things never went back to normal. Food prices went up and eggs became twice as expensive. Bad weather made things worse—strong rains damaged the crops, causing the prices of vegetables, including tomatoes, onions and corn to go up.



Photo by Oscar Leiva/Silverlight for CRS

When Ana Belén went to the market, she could barely buy anything. The little money she had wasn’t enough to buy even the basics. “Sometimes I would cry because I didn’t have anything to give my children,” she recalls.

Ana walks with two of her sons to their school where she receives eggs and other food rations for her family. “I don’t want to see my children suffering from hunger. Thank God this project came along.”

Now the family participates in a Catholic Relief Services project that helps fight hunger in places where people don’t have enough food. Through the project, Ana Belén goes every other week to her children’s school to receive food such as corn, beans, rice, vegetable oil and eggs. “It made me happy when they started giving me eggs,” she says.

Her children really like eggs, especially hard-boiled with beans, so they make sure to remind their mom when it’s time to pick them up. Ana Belén’s family now eats nutritious meals every day. She also makes sure to take her children for monthly health check-ups, as part of the project.

Having enough nutritious food is very important to help children grow healthy and gives them the energy they need to learn and play, just like Francisco, who loves playing ball with his cousins and at school.

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Please join us for our First-Tuesday-of-the-Month Potluck

6:30pm | Food, Fellowship, Prayer
7:00pm | Speaker | Marian Hall
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

April 1, 2025:

Rev. Michael Werkhoven

Pastor, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
*Reflections on Ministering to Teens
Through SEARCH*

Bring a dish if you can, but come anyway if not!

All are Welcome

Gay, Straight, Family, Friends, and
Allies of All Faiths & Cultures Welcome

Contact us for more info: CMGLP@ic.cdom.org

MICAH ISSUES CONVENTION

March 23 2:00 - 6:00 pm

**St. Paul Baptist Church, 2124 E Holmes Road
Partnering for Power,
Acting for Justice.**

St. Patrick's: Here is an opportunity to participate in "action on behalf of justice as a sign of hope for all God's people!"

St. Patrick Catholic Church is a partner organization of MICAH, Memphis Interfaith Coalition for Action and Hope, and has been since its beginning seven years ago. We have worked with MICAH in several ways, particularly in ensuring that our neighbors displaced from the former Foote Homes were welcomed into the new Foote Park at South City.

The upcoming MICAH Issues Convention will decide the direction of the organization for the next 5-6 years, and St. Pat's needs to be at the table and part of the deliberation. Please save the date, March 23, for the Issues Convention!



Thank you for your support in action and hope!

LENT at CALVARY PREACHING SERIES & THE WAFFLE SHOP

This year's preaching series will also be live-streamed at noon, Wednesday through Friday, on [Calvary's Facebook page](#), [YouTube channel](#), and [website](#).



Jemar Tisby
Historian, author, podcast host, and professor of history at Simmons College of Kentucky in Louisville
Wednesday, March 26 at 12 p.m.



Lillian Lammers
Pastor at First Presbyterian in Downtown Memphis, TN
Thursday, March 27 at 12 p.m.



Earle Fisher
Senior Pastor of Abyssinian Baptist Church in Memphis, TN
Friday, March 28 at 12 p.m.



Barbara Brown Taylor
Episcopal priest, academic author; Clarkesville, GA
Wednesday, April 2 at 12 p.m.



Jeff Chu
Award-winning journalist, author, preacher and teacher
Thursday, April 3 at 12 p.m.



Dorothy Wells
Eleventh bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi
Friday, April 4 at 12 p.m.



Micah Greenstein
Senior Rabbi at Temple Israel, Memphis, TN
Wednesday, April 9 at 12 p.m.



Christopher Davis
President of LeMoyné-Owen College, Memphis, TN
Thursday, April 10 at 12 p.m.



Pádraig ÓTuama
Poet, peacemaker, storyteller, Ireland
Friday, April 11 at 12 p.m.

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March 23, 2025	8:30	11:00	5:15
Lector 1	Julie Schap	Lauren Ready	Joe Catrambone
Lector 2	Keith Schap	Scott Ready	Nana Sintim-Damoa
EMHCs	Kate Pera Julie Long Mike Stengel	Sally Greene Oneata Windler	Jeanine Blackwell Louise Cayo
Cantor	Ann Miranda	Rusty Ramsey	Matthew Bowles
Musician	Diego Parra	Diego Parra	Diego Parra
Altar Servers	Sofia Lesure	Avery Kjellin	
Sacristan	Shannon Curtis	Connie Kjellin	Chuck Blackwell
Flowers	Lent		

March 30, 2025	8:30	11:00	5:15
Lector 1	Mike Stengel		Anita Houk
Lector 2	Wayne Fuller		Louise Cayo
EMHCs	Tobia Fuller Julie Schap Kate Pera		Jeanine Blackwell Shannon Curtis
Cantor	Ann Miranda	Maria Torres	Marisol Gonzales
Musician	Diego Parra	Diego Parra	Diego Parra
Altar Servers	Dominic Spano		
Sacristan	Tracy Burgess		Chuck Blackwell
Flowers	Lent		

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Parish Office Hours
Monday - Friday
8:30am - 4:30pm

Procedure for Reporting Sexual Abuse

Anyone who has knowledge of or who has cause to suspect an incident of sexual abuse should report the information to the appropriate civil authorities first at 1-877-237-0004, then to the Diocesan Director of Child & Youth Protection at 901-359-2027 or the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 901-652-4066.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

The Gospel of Luke Lenten Series with Sr. Cathy, OP

In person classes:

5 Mon., Mar. 3-Apr. 7 at the Cathedral, 10-11:30 a.m. (Skip Mar. 17)

5 Tues., Mar. 4-Apr. 8 at Holy Spirit, 10-11:30 a.m. (Skip Mar. 18)

Online classes: Register to receive link

5 Mon., Mar. 3-Apr. 7 via Zoom, 6:30-8 p.m. (Skip Mar. 17)

5 Wed., Mar. 5-Apr. 9 via Go To Meeting, 10-11:30 a.m. (Skip Mar. 19)

On Mar. 5 (Ash Wed.) we will have class 9:45-11:15.

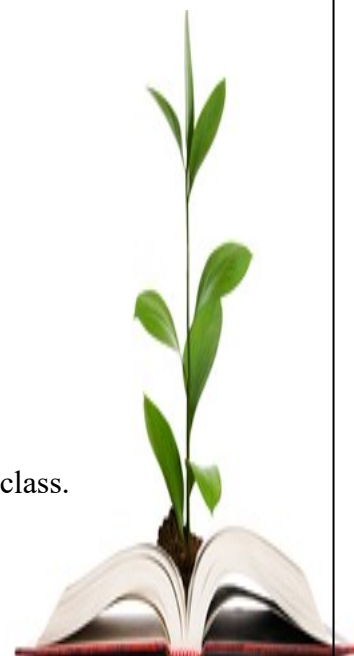
Materials. *The Bible.* A study guide is provided for each session.

Video Recordings are sent to class members each week; this helps those who miss a class.

Register 901-726-5611 or cathy.galaskiewicz@gmail.com

\$15 for entire series to Dominican Sisters of Peace.

In-person classes pay at first session. Online persons will receive a mailing address.



Through our Pray IT Forward Program, we offer Catholic resources and free or discounted retreats for those who would normally not be able to attend.

WILL YOU Pray IT FORWARD?

OUR LADY QUEEN OF *peace*

Save Your Spot and Register Now!

SCAN to get more information and REGISTER or email: steve.fracchia@olqp.cdom.org

olqpretreats.com

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Be in the know

2025 Upcoming Events

March

One:One SERIES

MARCH Fri. 7–Sun. 9

Lenten Retreat

Be part of our second annual Lenten retreat. Experience inspiring talks, delicious meals, and a peaceful opportunity to reflect, find serenity, and embrace the Lenten season.

Session 1: Fri. 7th (evening)–Sat. 8th (morning)
Session 2: Fri. 8th (evening)–Sat. 9th (morning)



April

APRIL Thurs. 10–Sun. 13

Silent Retreat

Start Thurs. or Fri. in preparation for Holy Week. Make Your Own Personal Meditative Retreat. No rules, no requirements. Attend daily Mass, Eucharistic adoration, or group prayer. Spiritual direction available including spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola option.



May

One:One SERIES

MAY Fri 9–Sun. 11

Prayer + Reflection

Join us for this time of prayer and reflection with Sister Mary Lawrence, O.P. and Fr. Mike Werkhoven. This retreat will treat you to delicious meals, and a peaceful opportunity to pause and find peace.

Session 1: Fri. 9th (evening)–Sat. 10th (morning)
Session 2: Fri. 10th (evening)–Sat. 11th (morning)



June

JUNE Fri. 6–Sun. 8

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

We invite you to join us for a Pentacost Weekend Retreat with Paco Gavrilides from Franciscan University at Steubenville. This weekend will reignite the joy and passion of the Holy Spirit within you.



JUNE Fri. 13–Thur. 19

Family Stay-Cay

Pick from 1–6 nights for an enjoyable and budget-friendly family staycation. Enjoy daily Mass, prayer, Bible school (*catechesis*), campfires, movies, games, and tasty food. It's a great way to bond with family and refresh.

