

# Saint Patrick's Church

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St. John the Baptist  
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NEW ORLEANS HISTORIC LANDMARK  
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St. John the Baptist Masses  
Saturday 4 p.m., Sunday 9:15 a.m.

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Feast of the Annunciation  
Wednesday, March 25



Traditional Latin Mass  
at 6:30 p.m.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Please make St. Patrick's your spiritual home whenever you are in New Orleans.

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# PARISH NEWS

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## MASS PROPER

**TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS—SUNDAY AT 9:15 A.M.**

Passion Sunday

**ENGLISH—ALL OTHER MASSES**

Fifth Sunday of Lent

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

## UPCOMING SPECIAL MASSES (LATIN)

☞ **Feast of the Annunciation** Wednesday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m.

*There will be no 7:15 a.m. Mass on this day.*

☞ **Palm Sunday w/ Procession** Sunday, March 29 at 9:00 a.m.

## ST. PATRICK'S MASSES

Saturday 8 a.m. (Latin)  
5:30 p.m. (Anticipated Mass)

Sunday 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m. (Latin),  
11 a.m., & 5:30 p.m.

Monday-Friday 7:15 a.m. (Latin), & 11:30 a.m.

Holy Days *Please check the bulletin and online calendar for Holy Day schedules.*

### CONFESSIONS

30 minutes prior to Masses and by appointment.

### DEVOTIONS

Novena after the 11:30 a.m. Mass Wednesdays.  
Adoration and Rosary after the 11:30 a.m. Mass Daily

### BAPTISMS

Please call the office to schedule your Baptism.

### WEDDINGS

Please call the Parish Office at 504-525-4413 for wedding inquiries at least 6 – 8 months prior to the wedding date.

## ALL-PARISH CONFESSIONS

Confessions will be available in all parishes across the Archdiocese of New Orleans on **Wednesday, March 25, 5 p.m.—6:30 p.m.**



## HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2026

### Palm Sunday, March 29

- ✦ (5:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 28—English, sung)
- ✦ 7:45 a.m. English ✦ 9:00 a.m. Latin, Solemn *with Procession*
- ✦ 11:15 a.m. English, sung ✦ 5:30 p.m. English, sung  
*Confessions before each Mass*

### Maundy Thursday, April 2

- ✦ 6:30 p.m. Latin, Solemn  
*Confessions 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.*

### Good Friday, April 3

- ✦ 12:00 noon Stations of the Cross
- ✦ 3:00 p.m. Latin, Solemn  
*Confessions 10:00 a.m. to Noon*

### Holy Saturday, April 4

- ✦ 8:00 p.m. Latin, Solemn  
*Confessions 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.*

### Easter Sunday, April 5

- ✦ 7:45 a.m. English ✦ 9:00 a.m. Latin, Solemn
- ✦ 11:00 a.m. English, Solemn  
Mozart's "Sparrow" Mass with orchestra at
- ✦ 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
*Confessions before each Mass*

**NO evening Mass on Easter Sunday**

## BANNS OF MATRIMONY

*Please pray for those preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.*



### St. John the Baptist Church

March 28, 2026

Devin Thomas Surcouf & Emily Genevieve Mistretta



## STEWARDSHIP



We are very grateful for your generosity. **Our online giving program** is set up to make it easy for you to achieve your stewardship goals. **Visit our websites to support St. Patrick's and/or St. John the Baptist.**

## WEEKEND OFFERINGS

### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

MARCH 9

First Collection (Operating Costs)	\$ 3,877
Restoration & Maintenance	\$ 447
Online Giving	\$ 160

### ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

First Collection (Operating Costs)	\$ 7,079
Restoration & Maintenance	\$ 1,126
Online Giving	\$ 1,400

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# IN MEMORY 2026

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| Ahmed Family                           | Odis & Imogene Fowler               | Beverly B. Orillion & Family         |
| Robert Anthony Andras, Sr.             | Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Valsin Guillotte  | Patrick Logan Petagna                |
| Freddie Andras                         | Alexandra Alford Healy              | Petrolia Family                      |
| Lucille Totina Andras                  | Frank Casper Hemelt                 | Ramirez & Mackie Families            |
| Ronald P. Barreca                      | Patricia Hepler                     | Redmann & Rapiere Families           |
| Roland D. Belew                        | Hoomann, Fischer & Clement Families | Ellin Reitmeier                      |
| Dr. Walter Birdsall                    | Bettina Hurley                      | Jack Markem Riley, Jr.               |
| Baby McCune Anne Breazeale             | Thomas Kenny                        | Gladys & Louis Schwartz              |
| Leanora Goodyear Breecher              | Wendy Ann Kirkland                  | Carl & Marjorie Sklamba              |
| Louis Breecher, Sr.                    | Belinda Christine Lazaro            | Anna & Joseph Szabo                  |
| Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence C. Britto          | William & Delta Lazaro, Sr.         | Smith, Salles & Barkerding Families  |
| James J. Buras                         | William C. Lewis                    | Sotile & LcBlance Families           |
| John D. Burckell                       | The Luccioni Family                 | Leonardo Spalluto                    |
| Mr. & Mrs. Peter Butler                | Frank Major                         | Susan Spalluto                       |
| Emily Cercena                          | Mary Iris Manning                   | John D. Sparck                       |
| Fr. Wilfredo T. Comellas               | Leonora V. Maurice                  | Mary Streckfus & Gary Glynn Families |
| Mary Helen Wentz Courts                | Bob & Lilly Maurin                  | Patrick F. Taylor                    |
| Robert & Elizabeth Crosby              | Carla McClelland                    | Hilton & Mary Toups                  |
| James & Laura Cuicchi                  | McCrossen & Neely Families          | Mark Anthony Toups                   |
| G.P. & Sarah Dalton                    | Albert George Messina               | Salvator Trentacoste                 |
| Mrs. Irma V. Dalton                    | Cecilia McNamara Messina            | Versie & Leona Wallace               |
| Maurice & Helen Dance                  | Dianne C. Montalbano                | Ettie Wentz                          |
| Mr. & Mrs. Theophile A. Duroncelet, Jr | Nassau & Foster Families            | Rev. Anthony J. White                |
| Michael Fay                            | Simon Hoa Hai Hoang Nguyen          | Walter Mitchell Whiteside            |
| Capt. Joseph & Condalaura Fletchas     | Martha D. & Daniel F. Nolan         | Jonathan Philip Wilson               |
| Fontenot Family                        | Masson & Paulin Families            | Robert & Lillian Wilson              |
| Katherine Foster                       | Jeremy Reed                         | Jack H. & Cynthia Young              |

### ST. PATRICK'S PASCHAL CANDLE

*Please pray for Ramirez-Mackie Families*

### ST. PATRICK'S SANCTUARY CANDLE

*Please pray for Anne-Marie Theriot*

### CANDLES AT THE ALTAR OF THE SACRED HEART

*Please pray for Thomas Miller*

### CANDLES AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY

*Please pray for Mrs. Hope Croff*

### CANDLE AT THE STATUE OF ST. PATRICK

*Please pray for Ben Bragg & Patrick Lynch, Jr.*

### CANDLE AT THE STATUE OF ST. JOSEPH

*Please pray for Jason Liuzza*

### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SANCTUARY CANDLE

*Please pray for John Ciravolo*

### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PASCHAL CANDLE

*Please pray for Benefactors of St. John the Baptist*

### PRAYERS AFTER SUNDAY MASS

*Please join in!*

*St. Michael the Archangel*, defend us in battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into Hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



### PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL

For the sick of our parish and those who have asked for our prayers, especially:

Pat Andras; Bill Andre; Fr. Walter Austin; Baby Sophie; Celeste Bertaut; Billie Butler; Geraldine Ceramic; Gary Carbo & Family; Ali Cooper; Cynthia Dominiquez; Fernando Estevez; Kathleen Gaudin; Cynthia Hemelt; Cy Hoomann; Ella Hoomann; Anna & Roquey Jobs; Ron Johnson; Patricia Kelly; Fr. Stanley Klores; Jason Liuzza; Francis Marin; Fr. Bob Massett; Arthur Maurice; Darlene Melendez; Erena Messina; David M. O'Keefe; Kathleen O'Keefe; Rachel Pedeaux; Shelly Presley; Stephen Drexel Ridley; Mari Ridley; Patricia Russo; Toby Russo; Jude Augustine Rivera; Carolyn Ann Centanni Stevens; Simon Temple; Anne Marie Theriot; Ernest Thomas Trejo Jr.; Mary Trentacoste; Darlene Walk; Jane Wilson; John Zar

To add a name to this list, please call the parish office at 504-525-4413

## Saturday, March 21

### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

4:00 p.m. St. Lucy Society; Lois Lauland Walk†

### ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

8:00 a.m. Lauren Roberts†

5:30 p.m. Philip & Bree Braun

## Sunday, March 22

### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

9:15 a.m. Fr. Minh Cong Phan

### ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

8:00 a.m. Peter A. Russ†

9:15 a.m. Cassara Family; Donald Cherry†; Gay Chin; Andrew Fourcade; GLB; Lauren Hatty; Alexandra Alford Healy†; Cynthia Hemelt; Fr. Reginald Hoefler OP; Ella Hoormann; Lisa Hoormann; Holy Souls in Purgatory†; Linda H. Heydt†; "In Memory" List; Mary Scanlan Jeansonnet†; Stewart "Jay" Lagarde, Jr.; John Lagarde; Theresa Tran Thi Lien†; Mary Iris Manning†; Fr. Joseph Martello; Janet Martello†; Jackie, Julie, Joseph, Dominic, Therese, Jude, Margaret, John Martello, Luke & Maria Corona, Andrew Mayer, Emma Polozola, Ross, Emma & John Lotspeich; Urban Mathieu; McCloskey Family; Jose Maria Mendes-Bonito†; Albert G. Messina†; Cecilia McNamara Messina†; Mary Wentz Courts†; Ettie Wentz†; Thomas Miller; Danny Nemeth; Jacques L.Z. Nemeth; Sharon Nemeth; Simon Hoa Hai Hoang Nguyen†; Ms. Phillis†; Greg & Charlene Raymond; The Schroder Family; Joseph & Una Songy†; Lauren Stidham; Anne-Marie Theriot; Andrew Thomas; Gregory Torore†; Joe Maggio Family; Lee Vaccari Family; Marian Vaccari Walk†;

11:00 a.m. Janet Ogeron†

5:30 p.m. Pro Populo

## Monday, March 23

7:15 a.m. Thomas Watson III

11:30 a.m. Jennifer Harrell

## Tuesday, March 24

7:15 a.m. Fr. Reginald Hoefler, OP

11:30 a.m. Mary Ramirez

## Wednesday, March 25

11:30 a.m. Stacy LaMorte

6:30 p.m. LaDelle Suit†

## Thursday, March 26

7:15 a.m. John Thomas Sweeney†

11:30 a.m. Matthew Schnur

## Friday, March 27

7:15 a.m. Matthew Schnur

11:30 a.m. Josephine "Josie" Devall†

Join me in returning to Deacon Uhlich's reflections on the diaconate in the life of the Church. It cannot be denied that while the diaconate has a clear origin in the New Testament, its duties have varied widely over the many eras of the Church. Deacons' roles have ranged from "serving at table" as described in the book of Acts, to a clear liturgical role described by the Church fathers. Then deacons saw a time of administrative prominence during the 3rd and 4th centuries, to some obscurity for many centuries after that until the Second Vatican Council. Plunging in a survey of the theology of the diaconate through the centuries of the Church can help us establish some ideals by which the contribution of Deacons can be understood and directed.

To begin a theological overview of the order of the diaconate, consider that order, *ordo*, stems from a Roman concept which organized individuals into various places in society. As used in the Church, the "order" of the diaconate denotes a particular place in the life of the Body. However, this order as a religious concept, is not just a man-made designation, but the bestowing of a gift by which the man exercises sacred power. (CCC 1538) Such power is granted to the ordained not for his own use, but as a consecration into the service of Christ's faithful. The ordination of bishops and priests brings those men into the order that serves the Body in the position of the Head of the Body. The order of the diaconate is consecrated "not unto the priesthood, but unto the ministry." (Lumen Gentium, 29, citing Church Fathers)

This ordained ministry that is not the same as priestly ministry has had an attachment to sacramental service since the time of the New Testament. In Acts 8, St. Philip leads a Gentile to Baptism, and liturgical assistance in the Mass was clear from the earliest days. In time, this ministry drew very near to the exercise of the episcopal ministry, forming a community near to the bishop, assisting him with the operations of churches, and in carrying out charitable works. As St. Hippolytus understood, "They are not ordained to the priesthood but to the service of the bishop." The close connection to the bishop even gave rise to contentious power dynamics between early priests and deacons! Deacons' foray into temporal power may have set the stage for some instability for their roles (one may speculate) for a significant change took place over the succeeding centuries.

By the middle of the third century, the order of the diaconate was becoming a stepping-stone on the way toward presbyteral ordination; this was a practice that became the norm by the end of the 5th century. We see this change in practice echoed in early ordination rituals which alluded to the "higher things" for which the ordained deacon was destined. (Leonine Sacramentary) From this time until the Council of Trent (1545-1563), the diaconate was confined to a transitional order bestowed on men on the path to the priesthood. At Trent, there was a proposal to reconsider the state of the diaconate, and reconstitute it as a permanent order. However, the great demands on the Council, its irregular meeting schedule, and the impetus to conclude the Council resulted in the matter being tabled. Next time, we will consider those events which set the stage for the work of Vatican II.



ear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my supplications! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness! Enter not into judgment with your servant; for no man living is righteous before you.

For the enemy has pursued me;  
he has crushed my life to the ground;  
he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead.  
Therefore my spirit faints within me;  
my heart within me is appalled.  
I remember the days of old,  
I meditate on all that you have done;  
I muse on what your hands have wrought.  
I stretch out my hands to you;  
my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.

~Psalm 143~