



St. Patrick, the beloved patron of Ireland, is renowned as the bishop who brought Christianity to Ireland, who used the three-leaflet shamrock to teach about the Trinity and who wrote the often-recited prayer that begins, Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me. But did you know — he wasn't even Irish?

Patrick was born in Britain, the son of a Roman official. According to his Confession, Patrick was kidnapped by Irish pirates as a youth and spent six years enslaved, tending sheep in the Irish wilderness. During this time of isolation and deprivation, Patrick writes that he often prayed hundreds of times a day, asking for God's protection and guidance. Eventually, he escaped and traveled 200 miles to board a ship sailing for Britain. After a difficult journey, he finally returned home.

Then in his early 20s, he had a dream after he returned home that inspired him to study for the priesthood and volunteer to return to Ireland after ordination. Recognizing the potential that Patrick's knowledge of Ireland's language and culture had, his bishop ordained Patrick the bishop of Ireland when the first Irish bishop died.

Patrick visited parts of Ireland where no missionaries had traveled. Although he was often threatened and even imprisoned, he boldly preached to the most powerful Irish kings. Despite this resistance, Patrick traversed the island for 40 years — humbly grateful to God the Father and joyfully inspired by the Holy Spirit — to preach about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Before his death around 460, Patrick's compassionate enthusiasm had effectively converted thousands to Christianity. The priests and religious formed in the many monasteries and convents he established spread Christianity into Northern Europe to inspire more missionaries, and Irish emigrants have spread love for him around the world.

– Diocese of St. Augustine

= = Stations of the Cross = =

\*The location will switch between churches each week\*



Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> at **OLPH** – 6:00 pm (English)  
6:30 pm (Spanish)

Mar. 24<sup>th</sup> at **SJA** – 6:00 pm (English)  
6:30 pm (Spanish)

Liturgy Intentions  
For The Week 

**Saturday, March 11**

5:00pm SJA † Wes Frontz

**Sunday, March 12**

8:30am OLPH † Mary Weeks  
10:30am SJA † Rolando Carrasco  
12:30pm OLPH † Vicente Borrego

**Monday, March 13**

No Mass

**Tuesday, March 14**

5:00pm SJA † Jim Curdie

**Wednesday, March 15**

8:30am OLPH † Robert Goodrum, Sr.

*Adoration following mass*

**Thursday, March 16**

8:30am SJA † Margorie Terro

*Adoration following mass*

**Friday, March 17**

8:30am OLPH † Vicente Borrego

**Saturday, March 18**

5:00pm SJA † Wes Frontz

**Sunday, March 19**

8:30am OLPH † Robert Goodrum, Sr.  
10:30am SJA † Fulton J Highsmith, Sr. & Fulton J Highsmith, Jr.  
12:30pm OLPH Parish Family



PRAYER  
REQUESTS

Lillian Rae Saldivar, Maria Cecilia Espina, Gary Evans, Shae Jenkins, Christy Hanson, Ed Waligura, Sarah Gilbert, Martin Puente, Johnny Ray Liserio, Jr., Charles Wells, Sam Hollis, Bessie Highsmith, Kathy Howard, Denise Carreon, Sydney Horak, Luis Pizarro, Rosie Vargas, Groze Family, Alice Martinez, Estella Martinez, George & Matthew Svoboda, Mark Bertsch, Theresa Garrett, India Mosely-Simpson, Lori Duran, Wayne Vinson, Dru Vinson, Willie Butler, Maria Garcia, Naomi Smith, Carrie Liserio, SC Hutze, Dale Hudson, Brittney Billings, Estella Ellis, Brylie Stowers, Cindy Delgado, Ann Polka, R. J. Perez, Alainah Perez, Eric Hatz, Granny Matejka, Viviana Salazar, Lucy Laker, Luis Covarrubias, Debra McCormac, Maria Rosas, Sofia Patino, Chrisitan Robles, Michael Rivera, Judy Bernard, Genevieve Buenger, Frances Gonzalez, Linda Miska, Fatima Perez, George Gracia, Juan Martinez, Theresa Siska, Beth McQueen, Wayne Schmidt, Ed Klaiber, Emma Smith, Lucy Casarez, JeanMaire Pempek, Diana Berlanga, Ricardo Rodriguez, Dorothy Havel, Sarah Beth Strother, Lori Comley, Janie Ordenez, Eriverto Garcia, Marissa Miska, Myra Houston, Juanita Griffith, Yolanda Guerrero, Esther Martinez, John Garza, Sr., Erica Janette Reyna, Roger Edgar, James Pisklak, Larry Barak, Itzel Rodriguez, Esperansa Curiel, Rodolfo Curiel, Brett Perkins, Ana Saucedo, Leon Bertsch

**Viola Kapalski**

Scripture Readings for the Week of March 12, 2023

Sunday

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday

Saint Patrick, Bishop: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 & 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday

Saint Cyril, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Lent: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

There will be a Youth Work Week this week, March 13-17. If any youth are needing service hours or are looking to earn credit towards their summer camp balance, then please call the office to schedule a day and time for them to come work! There are tasks to be done inside & outside.

Any girls who are having their Quinceañera this year, during 2023, need to attend an informational meeting with their parents on April 18 @ 6 pm in the OLPH Hall.



HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday:

9:00 am OLPH – Morning Prayer & Washing of the Feet

5:30 pm SJA – Confession will start

7:00 pm SJA – Holy Thursday Chrism Mass

Good Friday:

12:00 – 2:00 pm OLPH – Confession

2:30 – 3:30 pm SJA – Confession

3:30 pm SJA – Stations of the Cross

4:00 pm SJA – Passion of the Lord

6:00 pm OLPH – Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

6:30 pm OLPH – Passion of the Lord (Spanish)

Holy Saturday:

5:30 – 8:30 pm SJA – Confession

8:30 pm SJA – Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday:

Normal Sunday Mass Times



CHURCH SUPPORT

The Second Collection this weekend is for Faith Formation.

OLPH – Mar. 5, 2023

Regular Collection \$2,069.00

On-line Giving \$154.75

Weekly amount needed \$2,400.00

SJA – Mar. 5, 2023

Regular Collection \$1,903.00

On-Line Giving \$222.53

Weekly amount needed \$2,000.00

Here are some ways to Give On-Line

- 1) Text "Give" to 979-364-4259 for St. John's
Text "Give" to 979-356-3309 for OLPH
2) Give online at
https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjohnwestcolumbia
OR http://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/olphsweeny
3) You may use the QR Codes on the flyers at the exit doors, or pick up a flyer at the back of the parish.

Rosary – Sorrowful

3/11 5:00 pm Susan Hatch

3/12 8:30 am The Micans

3/12 10:30 am The Phillips

3/12 12:30 pm Benjamin S.

Rosary – Sorrowful

3/18 5:00 pm Irma M.

3/19 8:30 am Laurie Kane

3/19 10:30 am K of C

3/19 12:30 pm Maria G.

If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily in honor, or in memory of a loved one, please put an envelope in the collection. They are \$15 each!



Bible Study of the Gospel of Matthew

featuring video instruction by Jeff Cavins meets Tuesdays, 9 to 10:30 am, in Room 11 at OLPH.

All are welcome!



SPRING FORWARD 2023

Happy Anniversary Mar. 1st – 15th

Julian & Debbie Garza 13 Years
Adalaido & Debbie Garza 16 Years

Legion of Mary: Want to Know Christ better? Let Mary lead you to him. Please join our meeting every Monday, 8am at OLPH, or to become an auxiliary member, call Anita Heble at 979-480-3224!

Legion de Maria en Espanol: se reunira el martes a las 6pm en OLPH.

Mark Your Calendar!

- Faith Formation 1st-5th grade on Wed. @ 4:15 at Both Parishes
Faith Formation 6th-12th grade on Wed. @ 6 pm at OLPH
Confirmation Class on Mon. Apr. 24th from 6 – 8 pm at SJA
Life Night on Sun. Mar. 26th from 5 – 7 pm at SJA
The next First Saturday Mass is Apr. 1st @ 9:00 am at OLPH
Married Couples Retreat on Nov. 10th, 11th, & 12th