



ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

*U.S.A. National Circus Church
The Pallottines (Society of Catholic Apostolate)*

February 12, 2023
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Saturday

7:30 a.m. & 8:30 a.m.
4 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. - *Vigil*

Sunday

7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12 p.m., & 5:30 p.m.
8 a.m. Spanish - *Parish Hall*
12 p.m. Vietnamese - *Parish Hall*

Weekday

7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 12 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Confessions - Reconciliation Room

Saturday 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. & 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday thru Friday 11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration - Carosella Chapel

Tuesday thru Thursday 9 a.m. - Noon

Rosary & Morning Prayer Devotions

Rosary is prayed daily after the 7:30 a.m. Mass
followed by Morning Prayer

Baptism Class

2nd Sunday of each month from 9 - 10 a.m.
in the Parish Hall. No need to **RSVP**

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Parish Office Hours Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to Noon and 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Rev. R. Patrick Wilson, S.A.C.

Fr. Patrick was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma on September 12, 1946 to his parents Kathleen and Leroy Wilson. The family of five children includes his siblings Mike, Charlie, and twin sisters Joan and June. The Wilson family moved from Oklahoma and resided in Houston and Kansas City (explaining Fr. Patrick's enduring love for the Kansas City Chiefs).

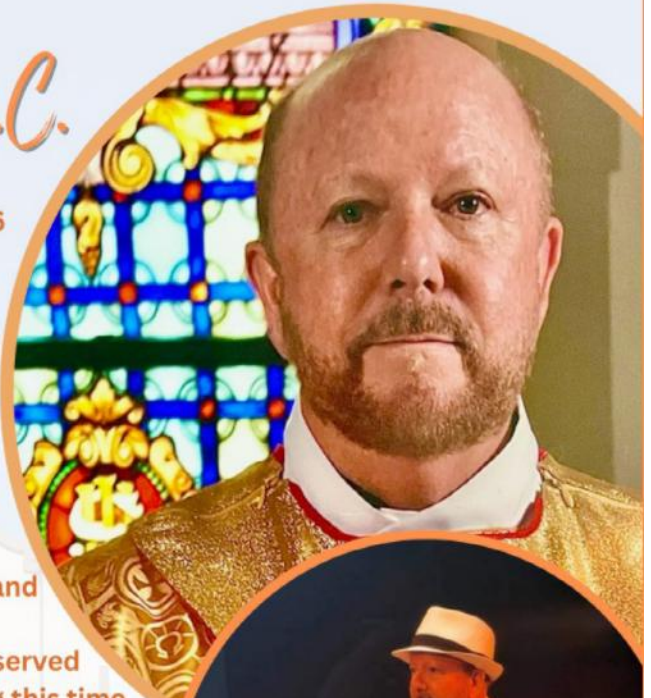
Upon graduating high school, he enrolled at Pittsburg State University, a small public university in Pittsburg, Kansas. After graduating college, Fr. Patrick joined the Brothers of Christian Service in 1973 and his ministry took him to Dayton and Cincinnati, Ohio (explaining Fr. Patrick's love for White Castle hamburgers). As a religious brother, Fr. Patrick lived with and served adult men with special needs for the next twenty years. During this time, Fr. Patrick continued his education at the University of Cincinnati, earning a master's degree in Education and a second master's degree in Theology.

Fr. Patrick was in final phase of his doctoral studies, when the Brothers of Christian Service relocated to Sarasota in 1992. Fr. Patrick began his service to St. Martha as the Director of Religious Education. Later, Fr. Fausto invited the brothers to join the Pallottine religious order.

With the encouragement of Fr. Fausto (his friend and mentor), Fr. Patrick pursued the priesthood. He was ordained to the Diaconate for the Society of the Catholic Apostolate (Pallottines) in June of 2005 and then ordained to the priesthood for the Pallottine community on November 27, 2005 at the Church of San Salvatore in Onda at the Pallottine Generalate in Rome. Fr. Patrick's first Mass was celebrated in St. Peter's Basilica (a special moment for Fr. Patrick and those who joined him). Fr. Patrick then celebrated his first Mass as St. Martha on December 4, 2005 and served as associate pastor until his retirement on July 1, 2022.

Fr. Patrick loved travelling and visited every continent, except Antarctica. His favorite destination was Paris, France (explaining his love for champagne). Fr. Patrick enjoyed tap dancing and musical theatre, participating in many Sarasota productions.

Fr. Patrick is best known for his gentle spirit and showed tremendous mercy and compassion, especially in confession. His warmth, kindness and generosity were obvious to all who knew him. A life-long ministry in service to others ended on February 2, 2023. He will be greatly missed. May our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, grant him eternal salvation.



All Shall Be Well, And All Shall Be Well, In All Manner of Thing, {With God} All Shall Be Well
Julian of Norwich

Gospel Reflection - Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time-Year A Dn. Vern Smith

What would our world be like if only we would follow what Jesus was telling us to in today's Gospel? Today's Gospel sets a higher standard for all of us. Jesus reminds us that if we want to enter the kingdom of God, we are going to need to do better than the scribes and Pharisees. They, as you know, are sticklers to the law, preoccupied with minutiae and endless details. Jesus brushes that kind of fundamentalism aside in His message to you today, far from encouraging you to ignore the law, proceeds to set a higher standard for you - actually for all of us who would be his followers.

We are hearing a rhythmic pattern here in his remarks: *"You have heard that it is said.... But I say to you..."* He repeats this rhythm several times. Listen to these three assertions made by Jesus, each raises the moral standard, setting the bar higher for those who would follow him.

"You have heard it was said to your ancestors, 'You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgement. 'But I say to you: whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgement.'" Avoiding murder is not sufficient; you've got to avoid anger. The higher standard.

"You have heard it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you: everyone who looks at a women with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart." Again, the higher standard. The act of adultery is clearly prohibited, but so is the lustful look, the unworthy and secret desire. There again, the higher standard.

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, 'Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow. But I say to you, do not swear at all. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one." And there again, you have the higher standard. Not only may you not lie or swear falsely, but you should also not swear at all. You should be forthright, straightforward, direct and completely honest. For you, "Yes" should always mean "Yes" and "No" always mean "No." There is no evasion, no waffling, no wiggling through the loopholes for those who would follow Christ.

When we take all three goals (avoiding anger, abolishing lustful desire, and committing oneself to honest speech) and consider not only how much our personal morality would improve if we adopted them as personal objectives, but also how much better off our world would be if all its inhabitants made these goals their own. The commitment to anger avoidance would mean non-violence in our midst and hence an end to war. The commitment to purity of heart would mean an end to pornography, prostitution, sexual exploitation and marital infidelity. The commitment to truth-telling would mean integrity in business, government, and all other areas of human interaction. What a social revolution that would be! What a better world we would have!

When you think about it, Jesus was a social revolutionary. He wanted to turn things around. His, of course, would be a completely non-violent revolution. It involves a turnaround in the minds of us humans. He created all who inhabit the world. He created them out of love for them. He wants nothing but their happiness and eternal security. And he laid out the path for achieving happiness and security by the teaching and example of his own life. Here in today's Gospel you have some of his teaching. He is showing you the way. His instruction is non-threatening and non-coercive. It is all pretty simple.

He knows that He has set a higher standard for you than was the case, as he puts it, for your "ancestors." But they didn't have the example of Jesus, as you have, or the teaching of his Church, or the help of his sacraments, as you have. Sure, the standard is high and you will not always achieve it or, when achieved, maintain it. But you've got to stretch, to reach, to keep on trying.

That's why you can apply to yourself the words of today's Responsorial Psalm: "Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!" Be happy and fully high hearted as you continue on your way!

Fr. Timothy Gallagher, OMV presents

Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement: An Ignatian Path to Hope

February 25-26, 2023

8:30 to 4:00

San Pedro Catholic Church
14380 Tamiami Trail
North Port, FL 34287

Registration:

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This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, Feb 12

8:00 a.m. Sunday Coffee - Geenen Hall

Monday, Feb 13

6:00 p.m. Parish Mission - Church

7:30 p.m. Parish Mission Social - Fr. Fausto Parish Hall

Tuesday, Feb 14 - *St. Valentine's Day; St. Cyril & St. Methodius*

10:30 a.m. Emmaus Bible Study - Conference Room

6:00 p.m. Parish Mission - Church

Wednesday, Feb 15

9:30 a.m. Walking with a Purpose - Geenen Hall

6:00 p.m. Parish Mission - Church

7:30 p.m. Parish Mission Social - Fr. Fausto Parish Hall

Thursday, Feb 16

10:00 a.m. Lectio Divina - Geenen Hall

6:00 p.m. Lectio Divina - Geenen Hall

Friday, Feb 17 - *Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*

Saturday, Feb 18

10:00 a.m. Council of Catholic Women - Geenen Hall

4:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive - Courtyard



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Rev. Jan Rykala, S.A.C.
Rev. Krzysztof "Chris" Frost, S.A.C.
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Middle School Service Night

We invite all those in grades 6-8 to come for a night of service. The season of Lent is the perfect time to give back! We will also have some food and games!

MARCH 3, 2023
6:30-8:30pm
Hosted at St. Thomas More Catholic Church
2506 Gulf Gate Dr. Sarasota

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For more information
Contact Patty Sileo at sileo@stmartha.org
or 941-366-4210 ext 3236

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Church of St. Patrick, 7900 Bee Ridge Rd
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To register contact Rich at rich.rosary.unborn@gmail.com

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**Thursday, February 23
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

*No Charge
Refreshments will be served*

You are invited to attend a complimentary workshop and free one-hour education session to provide you with the knowledge needed to make critical health, legal and financial decisions for yourself and/or a loved one. Attendees will obtain important information on financial planning from Michael Morse, Executive Director of the Catholic Community Foundation at the Diocese of Venice.

RSVP to Teresa McCoy at tmccoy@stmartha.org



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*Tanner Rice & Meghan Delaney (1)
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Weekly Mass Intentions

Sun., Feb. 12 Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37
 7:30 a.m. [RP] (L) Patricia Mahoney-Zaehle by Marie Williams
 8:00 a.m. [CG] (Hall/Spain) Herman Heibel by the Heibel Family
 9:00 a.m. [RP] Michael Houlihan by Father and Mother
 9:00 a.m. [RP] (Hall) (L) George Njers by wife, Jadranka
 10:30 a.m. [RP] For All Parishioners
 12:00 p.m. [RP] Dawn St. John by Tom Murphy
 12:00 p.m. (Hall/Viet) Special Intentions
 5:30 p.m. [RP] L & D Mbrs of the Plouffe Family by Joe & Betty Plouffe

Mon., Feb. 13 Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13
 7:30 a.m. [RP] Rose and Walter Szczesny by the Family
 8:30 a.m. [RP] Nelly Younan by Joe and Nora Stephan
 12:00 p.m. [RN] Frank Gooch by Mary and John McGruder
 5:30 p.m. [JR] (Hall) John Joseph Day, Jr. by Andrea and Joe

Tues., Feb. 14 Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21
 7:30 a.m. [RP] (L) Shirley and Barry Flynn and Family by the Family
 8:30 a.m. [RP] Jack Kesler by Jack and Hank
 12:00 p.m. [CF] Thomas and Marie Kelly by the Kelly Family
 5:30 p.m. [GS] (Hall) (L) Edward Stephens by Mary and John

Wed., Feb. 15 Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26
 7:30 a.m. [RP] Dec'd Mbrs of the Russo and Sagnella Families by Barbara
 8:30 a.m. [RP] Herman Heibel by the Heibel Family
 12:00 p.m. [CF] Anna Sawchuk by Stephanie and Milton Kruk
 5:30 p.m. [GS] (Hall) (L) Miriam Dougherty by Hope

Thurs., Feb. 16 Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33
 7:30 a.m. [CF] R.D. & Cecilia Kelly Families by the Kelly Family
 8:30 a.m. [JR] (L) Rev. George Suszko, S.A.C. by Jack Buckingham
 12:00 p.m. [CF] (L) Stanley and Patricia Hartanowicz by Hope
 5:30 p.m. [FS] Sabah Ghali by Wife and Daughters

Fri., Feb. 17 Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34—9:1
 7:30 a.m. [JV] Loretta and Charles Wilken by Daughter
 8:30 a.m. [JR] (L) St. Martha Staff by Jack Buckingham
 12:00 p.m. [JR] Charles Koenig by Vicki Hatch
 5:30 p.m. [CF] Marie Hoffberg

Sat., Feb. 18 Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13
 7:30 a.m. [GS] Catherine O'Rourke by the Kelly Family
 8:30 a.m. [JV] Claudette Rodney by Liberty Joshuan
 4:00 p.m. [FS] Chuck Koenig by Jerry and Shirley Vilinsky
 4:00 p.m. [CF] (Hall) (L) Marilyn Kneafsey by Jack Buckingham
 5:30 p.m. [JR] Betty and Lou Smith by Daughter

Sun., Feb. 19 Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48
 7:30 a.m. [GS] Carla Scala Ussano by Carmine
 8:00 a.m. [CG] (Hall/Spain) Souls in Purgatory
 9:00 a.m. [CF] Lucille and John Buyko by Ann Crowley
 9:00 a.m. [GS] (Hall) Betsy Tuckey by Ollie ad Debbie Griffith
 10:30 a.m. [GS] For All Parishioners
 12:00 p.m. [FS] Laurie Dearie by Dan and Pat McAneny
 12:00 p.m. [JV] (Hall/Viet) Special Intentions
 5:30 p.m. [CF] L & D Mbrs of the Burch Family by Joe & Betty

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