



Patron Saint of the Week: Venerable Matt Talbot, Class 8C

The Venerable Matt Talbot was the second of twelve children. He was born into a poor Dublin family in Ireland. His education was short. He took up full-time work at the age of twelve with a wine merchant. Then he moved to a whisky distillery and thereafter, various construction sites. He worked generally as an unskilled labourer.

By the time Matt was 14, he was considered a hopeless alcoholic. As soon as his paid workday ended he would start drinking and as soon as his wages were spent he borrowed and stole to buy the next drink. Despite his alcoholism, and as is often the situation with those suffering from the illness, he was a committed worker and held in very high regard by colleagues.

After 16 years of constant daily drinking and when no one would loan him any more money, he went home to his mother. Deeply troubled, both spiritually and physically, he made a commitment to stop drinking for three months. At the end of the three months, he extended it to six and then life. Matt had transformed his living. He repaid his debts, attended daily Mass before work -multiple Masses (secretly) at weekends, joined the Third Order Franciscans, lived frugally and gave his money to the poor and the church. When he died and his body examined, it was discovered that he had also been performing regular physical penance for many years. Ven. Matt's Patronages include those with alcohol and other drug addictions. His Feast Day is June 19th.

Venerable Matt Talbot, Help me to use and enjoy in a balanced way the good things God has given. Help me to appreciate all God's gifts with gratitude for His generosity and with respect for His creation. Please pray for me and my friends, that we will be strong in the virtue of temperance, and turn to God for help in times of temptation. Amen. (Closing Prayer will be on intercom at 6:10 & 7:55)

Newsletters to be handed out tonight!!!! Next week: Ash Wednesday Is March 6, 2019. Students are expected to attend Mass with their families at regular class times of 5:00 and 6:45pm as their PSR assignment for the week. I will need readers for Mass?

March 13 is St. Teresa of Avila, Class 2B and also Penance Service for Grades 2-7

You will have to review Lent and Reconciliation tonight! The traditional themes for Lent are almsgiving, prayer and fasting. We will be focusing on these practices throughout Lent, but especially for the Penance service. Each student will put a post-it note on a wooden cross in the church after they have received the sacrament and said their penance. The notes will reflect a way to practice one of the actions for Lent. Tonight, I would like for you to ask for some suggestions from the kids, and then each teacher will fill out some pads of post-it notes for the most common. Practice. Then the pads will be in church for the children to choose. This sounds confusing...but should only take about 15 minutes of class time. See attached for more valuable info.

<https://www.pbgrace.com/lent-ideas/>

"A" Session 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th : grades will go up to church immediately after attendance and 2nd, 3rd, and 4th will then go up to church for individual confessions approximately 25 minutes late(About 5:30ish) All of B Session will all go up to Church immediately after attendance

Please begin individual confessions with the lower grade levels who are present by grade and then proceed to the next class. Classes may return to classroom after all in class have finished Penance. All times are approximate!

REMEMBER: March 17 Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. No postcards will go out this year...We are using "sign-up Genius" There are Confirmation service hours available for 8th graders. Please note these links!. And share especially with Confirmation students. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4cafae2da5fc1-carryout>
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4cafae2da5fc1-dine>
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4cafae2da5fc1-prep>



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Please sign up!!!

April 17 will be The Holy Week/Triduum Family Event **“Journey to Jerusalem”**: Teachers of each grade level will present a center explaining or experiencing that day. The children will progress through the centers accompanied by older grade buddies and /or parents. There are resources in the office. We will be again asking parents to escort children. 7th and 1st will go as buddies. 8th grades will be disciples to help lead along the journey. There are resources in the office...let me know what you need. We will supply most of the other items needed. Sign up for which center you would like to host!

Center	Activity	Grade A	Grade B	Location	Items Needed
Palm Sunday	Jesus and disciples will process through school, aid classes				Leftover palms, costumes
Holy Thursday Washing of Feet	wash feet or sign cross	3A	3B,4B	Outside gym lobby /cafeteria	Bowl and Pitcher of water, towels, chairs
Holy Thursday Last Supper	Institution of Eucharist	2	2	Cafeteria	Bread & grapes, candles, chalice, paten/ciborium, grape juice/sm. Cups on trays, matzah in baskets.
Prayer in Garden	Bracelet and prayer		1B	Hallway connection	Bracelets, picture, reflection
Good Friday	Stations,			Concession/Gym	stations, music.
Good Friday	Veneration of cross		5B	Gym	Large Cross, red fabric, crown of thorns,
Easter Vigil Easter	explanation of symbols, empty tomb			Lobby,	Oils, Paschal candle, Holy water, Alleluia tent, rock, folded burial cloth, candles, grocery bags





Some examination of conscience ideas.

The season of Lent reminds us to look in our hearts and see if we have been truly faithful in our relationship with God and others.

- How am I with God? Do I respect God’s holy name? Do I go to Mass at least once a week. Do I take time to pray? Do I respect God’s world and try not to waste or mistreat things?
- How am I with others? Do I help in my family and let them know I love them? Do I treat people with respect even if they are different from me, or strangers? Do I take time to pray for others in need? Do I try to avoid hurting others? Do I care about the poor? Do I try to be fair with others? Do I share my things? Do I respect others people’s property?
- How am I with myself? Do I try to be honest and truthful? Do I do my best to study and learn? Do I play fairly? Do I avoid temper tantrums and fighting? Do I say I’m sorry when I’m wrong? Do I forgive others when they hurt me? Do I avoid selfishness and boasting? Do I try to take care of myself by avoiding drugs and alcohol and other things that will hurt me?

Leader. For the times we have ignored our classmates who feel lonely or left out, we pray . . . *All.* O God, forgive us.

Leader. For the times we have been rude or disrespectful to our parents, teachers, or other adults who care for us, we pray . . . *All.* O God, forgive us.

Leader. For the times we have wasted food or taken for granted what we have, we pray . . . *All.* O God, forgive us.

Leader. For the times we have used other people for our own pleasure or gain by inappropriate behavior or by gossiping or fighting, we pray . . . *All.* O God, forgive us.

Leader. For the times we have put ourselves down, forgetting that we are created in God's image and should reflect that image to all we meet, we pray . . . *All.* O God, forgive us.

Leader. For the times we have not paid attention at Mass or during prayer, we pray . . . *All.* O God, forgive us.

Jesus prayed to His Father every day. When we do not pray every day, or rush our prayers, or use God's name outside of prayer, then we are not with God and Jesus. Have I skipped my prayers, used the name of God or Jesus when I should not?.

Jesus showed us how to honor and obey our parents. When we do not help our parents, disobey them, or are disrespectful, we do not honor them. Have I honored my parents and those in charge of me? (

Jesus asks us to treat others well. When we hurt, insult, call names, or ignore others, we are not treating them well. Have I treated my family and friends well?

Jesus invites us to be fair, to share and to be generous with others, and to be friendly to all. When we steal, cause fights, or do not share, we are not doing as Jesus asks. Have I been mean, jealous, or dishonest?

Jesus came to call sinners to God. Let us acknowledge the sorrow in our hearts and promise to try to avoid sin in the future.



Catechist Notes February 27, 2019

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February *Virtue* **Temperance**

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What's Happening at St. Patrick Parish

Important Dates & Times:

- Coffee & Catholicism 3/6, 3/20
- EDGE Middle School Youth Group 2/22, 3/1 Encounter 2/28, 3/28
- Mouse Races 3/2
- Alpha 3/4—5/20
- Presence Series 3/7, 3/14, 3/21
- Fish Fry every Friday beginning 3/8
- Young Adult Pizza & Beer 3/9
- Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner 3/17
- New Family Social Hour 3/23

Parish Mission 03/31—04/02 *Strengthen Your Faith*

- ☐ Bible Studies
- ☐ Rise and Praise
- ☐ Adoration
- ☐ Prayer Groups
- ☐ Retreats
- ☐ Missions

Ways to Volunteer St. Patrick Parish Community

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Eucharistic Ministers ☐ Greeters/Ushers ☐ Lectors ☐ Committees ☐ Ministries ☐ RCIA
 ☐ Corned Beef & Cabbage ☐ Junktique ☐ Lenten Activities ☐ Fall Festival | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Advent Events ☐ Fish Frys ☐ Annual Dinner Auction ☐ Daily Mass
 ☐ Mary Martha Thrift Shop ☐ Nursing Home Visitation ☐ St. Vincent De Paul ☐ PSR |
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