

St. Patrick Catholic Church

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Deacon James Roberge / Deacon Emeritus Ralph McAtee

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Confession: 4 p.m. Saturday

Mass Schedule: See pg. 8 Calendar

Christmas & New Year Schedule:
pg. 7 (detailed), & pg.8 (calendar)

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Bill McCarthy

Bulletin and Records: Lyn Gavel

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Church Office Hours:

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

December 11th — December 14th
(Monday — Thursday)

The office is **closed every Friday.**

Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday – December 10, 2017
Gospel Reading: [Mark 1:1–8](#)

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."* John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean Countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."



Christmas Flower Donations

Would like to donate money for the Christmas flowers "In Memory of/In Honor of" a friend or loved one? You may donate cash or by check.

Put your cash **or** check in a 'Christmas Flower Donation Envelope.' (Make checks payable to *St. Patrick Catholic Church* and put "**Christmas Flowers**" in the memo line.) Put envelopes in the collection basket or the Office Box.

Please print names and information **clearly** on the front of the envelope. Names will be listed in our Christmas and New Year bulletins.



**An Account of our Stewardship:
Debt Reduction principal balance as
of October 31, 2017 is: \$57,818.50!!!**

Building Fund envelopes are
available in the Narthex.

You may put your Building fund offering
in at **any** Mass.

TEXT Your Donation

Text Giving: Text your donation dollar
amount to number 478-217-7615.

Messaging rates may apply The first time
you text you will be prompted for a one-time
registration which will allow you to choose
a bank account or credit card where your
donations are withdrawn from.

All subsequent donations will simply involve
texting the amount to the parish number
above. You will receive a text confirmation
your donation was successful.



•**Note:** all donors who text
donations and donate online
(or through the mobile web
interface) will have all of their
history tied to their account.*

Parish Goal for Celebration 2018

As of September 2017 our remaining building
loan balance is now less than **\$58,000**. Thank
you for your generous donations.!

There is a terrific opportunity to accelerate the
rate to pay off the remaining debt by
St. Patrick's Day 2018. If every family
contributes just \$10 a week (or \$40 a month)
we can meet our goal for Saint Patrick
Celebration 2018. We'll also mark this notable
occasion with a mortgage burning ceremony.

Please prayerfully consider what is fiscally
responsible and appropriate for your family's
budget.

In Christ, Bernie Marino & Dick Morris
Celebration 2018 Co-chairs.

This is the QR code for
ConnectNow Online
Giving. Go to: [http://
www.stpatrickga.org/](http://www.stpatrickga.org/)
and look on the bottom
right hand side of the
home page for "Online
Donations."



FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

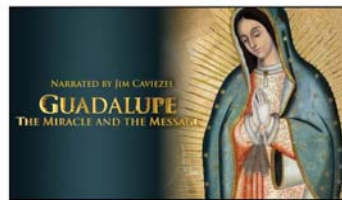
Guadalupe

The Miracle and the Message

Explore the Marian
Event that Transformed
the World

Over the course of four days in
1531, the Virgin Mary appeared to
an indigenous convert named Juan
Diego and ignited an extraordinary
transformation of the Americas. This
gripping film explores the beautiful
mystery and ongoing relevance of
Our Lady's apparition at Guadalupe.

Use St. Patrick Parish
Access Code **384DDG** to
access this free content!



Also available in Spanish!

FORMED.ORG



"So much of this documentary has
helped me understand Our Lady of
Guadalupe. I was moved to pray the
rosary after watching this."

—Letty M., Virginia Beach, VA

Watch on formed.org



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**Stewardship Verse
December 10, 2017**

Second Sunday of Advent

*As it is written in the prophet
Isaiah, "See, I am sending my
messenger ahead of you, who
will prepare your way; the
voice of one crying out in the
wilderness: 'Prepare the way
of the Lord, make his paths
straight.'" Mark 1:2 & 3*

The role of a steward is often to
make crooked paths straight.
We do this by helping those less
fortunate, by providing for the
needs of our church community,
by being voices of moderation
and encouragement, by being
examples of faith and hope for
those around us.

Peace

Our Church Prayer List

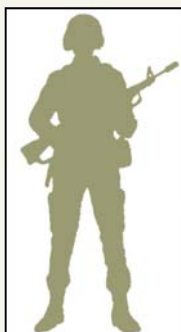
Jessica Bischof
Fr. John Brown
Richard Carter
Connie Cutlip
Susan Davenport
Lyle Fineis
Irma Fitzgibbons
Mark Funke
Debbie Gallion
Rosalie Joerger
Rebecca Johansen

Roland Lallier
Cathy Langhoff
Noli Mariano
Aidan McAtee
Michael Moniz
Annette Patterson
Mrs. Flora Rider
R. P. Rider
Aimee Sears
Aidan Wilson
Cita Zelenak

LeBlanc, Cyr, & Wilson families
Vicky Austin & Frances Story
William Joseph Campbell, IV
Fr. Patrick Cunningham
Jim & Eleanor Hamel
Larry & Chris Hart and families
Callie Light and (baby) Dani Ann
Chris & Jackie Lyons
Eddie and Carol Mann
Mel & Faye Pereski
Matt & Pamela Smagner

Our Military Prayer List

WO3 Cory Bischof
A1C Frankie Bulin, Jr.
QM (SN) Trevor J. Chastain
Capt. R. Zachary Frisch
RCT Nicholas Harkins
1SG Grant Miller
Garret M. Purnell
Joseph "Ronie" Pioquinto
Capt. Jamie Zimmermann
Capt. Ronnie Zimmerman



The Knights of Columbus Family Affairs Committee and the Ladies Auxiliary will sponsor a **Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest**.

Students in grades 8 – 12 are invited to participate. Entries will be collected on December 10th. All entries receive a participation certificate. Winners receive a \$25 gift card. Entry forms are in the Narthex.



The Knights of Columbus Church Affairs committee and the Ladies Auxiliary will sponsor a Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. Official rules, entry forms, and poster paper are on the Knight's table in the Narthex. Children ages 5–14 are invited to participate.

"Polar Express" Movie Night
Friday – December 15th
Movie starts at 6:30 p.m.
Dress code: Pajamas
Tickets are free
Bring the whole family
Snacks and drinks provided
Compliments of the Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary

Winter Coat Drive

The Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary will sponsor a **Winter Coat Drive** through December 17th. Donation boxes are in the Narthex. New or gently used coats will be distributed by Religious Education to disadvantaged families in our Parish. Remaining items will be donated to the Christian Service Center.

Prayer for Vocations

O God, hear our prayer and let our cry come unto You. Bless our Diocese of Savannah with many vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. Give the men and women you call the light to understand Your gift, and the love to follow always in the footsteps of Your priestly Son. Amen

K of C Pancake Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus Church Affairs and Family Life Committees and the Ladies Auxiliary will sponsor a **free** Pancake Breakfast on Sunday – December 10th immediately after 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Serving pancakes, grits, juice and coffee. All parishioners are invited. Dine in only.



(No take-outs. No doggie bags.)



Attention All Mass Servers: Sign-up sheets are on a clip board, in the Narthex, for Christmas and New Year Masses. **Please** take a moment to look over the schedules and sign-up to serve.

Mass	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers	Altar Servers
Saturday 5 p.m. December 9 th	J. McCabe	K. Drescher/T. Stanley J. & B. Marino	M. Connelly/R. Francisco J. Dominick/B. Milush	M. Zimmermann
Sunday 10:30 a.m. December 10 th	C. Punch	S. Guimond/R. Margetson A. & D. Hunter J. Papczynski/ _____	S. Pumel/J. Margetson _____/_____	E. Sears D. Sears J. Chavous
Sunday 5 p.m. December 10 th	J. Lee	D. Moorehead/F. Story V. Wasserman/S. Pichette *K. Phillips (*standby)	_____/_____ _____/_____	R. Moorehead

Mass Intentions	December 9 th	Saturday	5 p.m.	† Jeanne Zimmermann	by Helen Swinyard
	December 10 th	Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Missa Pro Populo	by Fr. Eric Filmer
	December 10 th	Sunday	5 p.m.	† Binh Nguyen	by Van Nguyen
	December 11 th	Monday	10 a.m.	† Danny Kaplan	by Fr. Nick Mansell
	December 12 th	Tuesday	10 a.m.	Special Intention	by Fr. Eric Filmer
	December 14 th	Thursday	10 a.m.	† All Souls in Purgatory	by Rosa Barragan

Mass	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers	Altar Servers
Saturday 5 p.m. December 16 th	B. Marino	J. McCabe/J. Lyons L. Gavel/ _____	M. Gavel/J. Gavel _____/_____	J. Sigmon
Sunday 10:30 a.m. December 17 th	H. K. Hyatt	A. Hunter/R. Rattary L. Cabasares/P. Smagner K. Corsentino/ _____	M. Kane/_____ _____/_____	E. Davies A. Weimer M. Weimer
Sunday 5 p.m. December 17 th	B. Johansen	V. Wasserman/F. Story D. Moorehead/C. Bulin *R. Margetson (*standby)	S. Pumel/_____ J. Margetson/_____	R. Moorehead A. Pumel

!!!Lookie-Lookie!!!

Beginning the weekend of February 3rd/4th of 2018, our weekly Saint Patrick bulletin will have a new look. The spiritual and communication tool for all our families and visitors will include full color ads on the back cover. If you are a business owner or professional and would like to get your message out to our loyal parishioners and visitors (while helping to defray the costs of the weekly bulletin) would you prayerfully consider placing an ad in our new bulletin?

Rob Kennedy, of our new publisher Liturgical Publications, Inc. (LPi), will be here the week of January 8th to meet with anyone interested in learning more. In the meantime, if you have any questions, feel free to email Rob at rkennedy@4LPi.com or call anytime at 804-366-4838. Thank you for your consideration and continued support of Saint Patrick Catholic Church.

Wreaths Across America

St. Patrick Life Teen will be helping lay wreaths at Andersonville National Cemetery on Saturday — December 16, 2017. The ceremony begins at noon. If you would like to volunteer to lay wreaths after the service, please be there by 11:30 a.m.. This is a great opportunity to remember and honor the service and sacrifice of our military members who have passed away. This event is open to everyone. Contact Mary Pangborn 478-987-4213 or Veganda Wasserman 808-343-4001 for more information. To sponsor a wreath, go to: www.donate.wreathscrossamerica.org.

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People

The Charter is a comprehensive set of procedures established by the USCCB in June 2002 for addressing allegations of sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy.

The Charter also includes guidelines for reconciliation, healing, accountability, and prevention of future acts of abuse. <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/child-and-youth-protection/charter.cfm>.

VIRTUS Refresher

If you completed the VIRTUS training class more than five years ago, take a *Refresher Training Packet* from the CD table in the Narthex.

Read the material then sign the “acknowledgment” page (the last page). Drop the signed page ONLY in the office box outside the church office. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.



Abuse Hotline Number To report sexual abuse of a minor by a Diocese of Savannah employee call the Abuse Hotline Number 888-357-5330 or The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People 912-201-4073/4

Catholic Pastoral Center 601 E. Liberty Street Savannah, GA 31401
Toll-free Hotline: (888) 357-5330 Fax: (912) 201-4101 www.diosav.org/chilyouthprotection.

To report abuse **locally**, contact the police or the Houston County Department of Family and Children Services 478-988-7600
<http://dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov/houston-county-dfcs-office>.

State of GA Hotline: 1-855-442-4453 [State of Georgia DFACS](http://www.dfs.ga.gov)

St. Patrick Ministries and Organizations

Adult Choir:

Arlene Roberge
478-953-8032
acroberge@cox.net

Celebrate Recovery:

478-731-5203
Rebecca Johansen
brjacjoh@yahoo.com

Children's Choir:

Carol Strandburg

Cub Scouts:

Chris Delcourt
603-502-2310

Family Promise:

Rebecca Johansen
478-218-5885

Finance Committee:

Pat Filholm
478-397-3178

Knights of Columbus:

Grand Knight Mike O'Brien
Fr. Michael A. Burke Council
#14488
mobrien110@cox.net

LifeTEEN:

Veganda Wasserman
478-987-4213

Ladies Auxiliary:

Kathy Eckert
478-971-3389
eckertk2@juno.com

Men's Group:

Bernie Marino
985-807-4862

Men's Group:

Dick Morris
678-428-9630
rjmmorris@comsouth.net

Music Director:

Arlene Roberge
478-953-8032
jdroberge@cox.net

Parish Council:

Ann Kane
478-396-2987

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults):
Deacon Jim & Arlene Roberge
478-953-8032

Visitation:

(for St. Patrick Church)
Bill Johansen 478-218-5885

Wedding Coordinator:

Cheryl Punch 478-273-7077

WHIM (With Him in Music):

Mark Funke 660-553-8444

St. Patrick Family Database

Our family database "ConnectNow" is:
<https://connectnow.parishsoft.com/savannah/>

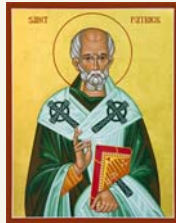
When the **Welcome** page loads, select one:
NEW USER the first time you go onto this site you must register and create your username/password. Once approved, you will be able to sign in and make changes.

OR

SIGN IN if you are a registered user.

Questions? Call Veganda in the church office.

We welcome all visitors to our church. We are glad you are here worshipping with us. If you are attending Mass at St. Patrick Catholic Church on a regular basis, please consider making us your home church. Registration forms in the Narthex under the office box.



Special Hosts We have special hosts, approved by the Vatican, with a very low wheat gluten content. Call the church office and let us know if you need this type of host.

Bulletin Submissions and...

If you have something to go in the bulletin, send it to Lyn Gavel at: saintpataa@stpatrickga.org, call the office 478- 987-4213, or put a note in the office box by **Monday** at Noon.

Please remember all notices, ads, signs, etc... must come through the church office for Fr. Eric's approval.

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church is available for purchase at St. Patrick. It covers the essential aspects of our Catholic Faith in a "question and answer" format (used previously in the Baltimore Catechism). The book is available for \$5. To purchase a copy see Fr. Eric, Deacon Jim, (or in office) Veganda, or Lyn.

Updates and Information

Please call 478-987-4213 or email Lyn Gavel at saintpataa@stpatrickga.org and let the church office know: of any changes in your email, phone, address, or military status, if you have moved or joined another parish, if you are homebound or in a nursing home and would like to receive Holy Communion, if you need to be added to our church prayer list or our military prayer list, or if a parishioner is in the hospital.

St. Patrick Catholic Church Sacramental Policies

Baptism

- * Parents must be registered at St. Patrick and attend Mass for **3 months** before preparation.
- * Parents must attend a Baptism Prep Class 2nd Sunday of the month at 11:45 a.m. (depending on Deacon Jim's schedule).
- * **Call office to register for class!**
- * Godparents are invited to attend.
- * Ensure at least one Godparent is Catholic.
- * Out of town Godparents must provide a letter from their pastor as to their suitability to exercise this office.

Marriage – Couples must:

- * Contact the pastor at least 6 months prior (preferably more) to desired wedding date.
- * Complete FOCCUS inventory
- * Participate in a pre-Cana course or marriage-prep weekend.
- * **NO** wedding date is guaranteed until **ALL** Diocesan and Parish requirements are fulfilled.

First Communion and Confirmation

- * Family must be registered at St. Patrick.
- * Preparation – two years of classes.
- * Children must be at least **7 years old** to receive First Communion **and** at least **13 years old** for Confirmation.

Mission Statement

We are a Community of Word and Sacrament, Called by CHRIST to grow in Faith, Hope, and Love; Foster Community; and Evangelize.



Detailed Mass Schedule for Christmas and Near at St. Patrick Catholic Church

Saturday	December 23 rd	5 p.m.	Mass – Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday	December 24 th	10:30 a.m.	Mass – Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday	December 24 th	5 p.m.	Children's Pageant then Christmas Vigil Mass
Sunday	December 24 th	11 a.m.	Christmas Mass at night – The Nativity of the Lord
Monday	December 25 th	11 a.m.	Christmas Mass in the day – The Nativity of the
Saturday	December 30 th	5 p.m.	Mass – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Sunday	December 31 st	10:30	Mass – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Sunday	December 31 st	5 p.m.	Mass – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
*Monday	January 1 st	10 a.m.	Mass – The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God.
*Monday	January 1 st	6:30p.m.	Mass – The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God.

(*January 1, 2018 is **NOT** a Holy Day of Obligation this year because it falls on a Monday.)

The Vocation Office of the Diocese of Savannah will sponsor a discernment retreat for men ages 18 to 40 from Friday – December 29th to Saturday – December 30th at Little Ocmulgee State Park & Lodge in Helena, GA. Please register at: www.diosav.org/vocations and click on the retreat icon. There is **no cost** for the Retreat. Registration will close on Christmas day.

GRACE Scholars

A scholarship organization serving Catholic K-12 schools in Georgia. Contributions to GRACE qualify for a 100% credit against Georgia income taxes.

To participate in 2018, you must pre-register by December 15, 2017.

You may submit a paper form or go online:

gracescholars@gracescholars.org or
Call **GRACE Scholars** 404-920-7900
or Dr. Marietta Lomboy 478-397-6529
(for Sacred Heart School)
mariettalomboy2013@gmail.com

The Most Reverend Gregory Hartmayer, OFM Conv., Bishop of Savannah

Invites all couples celebrating their Silver or Gold (25th or 50th) Wedding Anniversaries in 2018 to join him in celebrating the

Gold & Silver Wedding Jubilee Anniversary Mass

in your honor at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Savannah, GA on **SUNDAY: FEBRUARY 11, 2018.**

Those wishing to attend should **contact the parish office or register online**

<https://www.diosav.org/familylife-marriage-jubilee>

by December 18, 2017

in order to receive a formal invitation with detailed information.

Questions?

Contact the Diocesan Office of Family Life
912-201-4068

A Journey into the Heart & Soul of Ireland/ 12 Days: October 16 to 27 of 2018

Spiritual Director: Rev. Eric Filmer, Pastor of St. Patrick Catholic Church – Kathleen, GA
Group Coordinator: Deacon Jim Roberge
Pricing, Color Brochure, and Registration available after December 27, 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p align="center">Family Promise</p> <p>This month Family Promise needs: <i>gift cards (to Walmart)</i> Please put gift cards in the Office Box located outside the office door.</p> <p>They are also in need of: Laundry Detergent, paper towels, wash cloths, and bath towels. Thank you for helping!</p> <p align="center">Club 247</p> <p>For as little as \$2.47 a week, you can help put an end to homelessness. Information on the bulletin board in the hallway.</p> 			<p>6 December</p> <p>10 a.m. Communion Service</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Children's choir</p> <p>6:30 p.m. R.E. (K — 5th)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. RCIA (Cry Room)</p> <p>NO Fr. Eric's Bible Study</p> <p>7 p.m. Penance Service (at St. J)</p> <p>8 to 8:30 p.m. Confessions at St. Peter Claver</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10 a.m. Mass</p> <p>NO Adult choir practice</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Vigil Mass</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Cursillo (Library)</p> <p>After Mass K of C meeting (SKH)</p> <p>After Mass Lds. Aux. Meeting (SKH)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10 a.m. Mass</p> <p>Holy Day of Obligation</p> <p>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Mass</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>9</p> <p><i>Special Collection Retirement Fund for Religious</i></p> <p>9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Girl Scouts (SKH) Mrs. Wills</p> <p>4 p.m. Confessions</p> <p>5 p.m. Mass</p>
<p>10 Second Sunday of Advent</p> <p><i>Special Collection Retirement Fund for Religious</i></p> <p>10:30 a.m. Mass</p> <p>K of C Free Pancake Breakfast after Mass (SKH)</p> <p>3 p.m. WHIM</p> <p>3 p.m. R. E.</p> <p>5 p.m. Mass</p> <p>6 p.m. LifeTeen Christmas Party</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10 a.m. Mass</p> <p>7 p.m. Penance Service (at St. Patrick)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10 a.m. Mass</p> <p>6 p.m. — 9 p.m. ACTS (Library)</p> <p>7 p.m. K of C 4th Degree meeting (SKH)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10 a.m. Communion Service</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Children's choir</p> <p>6:30 p.m. R.E. (K — 5th)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. RCIA (Cry Room)</p> <p>NO Fr. Eric's Bible Study</p> <p>8 to 8:30 p.m. Confessions at St. Peter Claver</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10 a.m. Mass</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Adult choir practice</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Cursillo (Library)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Movie Night "Polar Express" Snacks and Drinks provided Compliments of K of C and Lds. Aux.. Wear your pajamas!</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Be seated by 11:30 a.m. for 12 noon Wreaths Across America at Andersonville</p> <p>4 p.m. Confessions</p> <p>4:40 p.m. Rosary</p> <p>5 p.m. Mass</p>
<p>17 Third Sunday of Advent</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Mass</p> <p>3 p.m. WHIM</p> <p>3 p.m. R. E.</p> <p>5 p.m. Mass</p> <p>6 p.m. LifeTeen</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10 a.m. Mass</p> <p>7 p.m. Penance Service (at St. Joseph)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10 a.m. Communion Service</p> <p>6 p.m. — 9 p.m. ACTS (Library)</p> <p>7 p.m. K of C 4th Degree meeting (SKH)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10 a.m. Mass</p> <p>Rehearsal for Christmas Pageant</p> <p>NO R.E.</p> <p>NO RCIA</p> <p>NO Fr. Eric's Bible Study</p> <p>8 to 8:30 p.m. Confessions at St. Peter Claver</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10 a.m. Mass</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Adult choir practice</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Cursillo (Library)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>23</p> <p>4 p.m. Confessions</p> <p>5 p.m. Mass</p>