



# Memo

**Date:** February 1, 2017  
**To:** Clergy, Parish, School and Chancery Staff  
**From:** The Most Reverend Wilton D. Gregory, S.L.D.  
**Re:** St. Patrick's Day Dispensation

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Please see the attached official decree for a St. Patrick's Day dispensation. St. Patrick's Day falls this year on Friday, March 17th.

For questions or more information, please contact Dr. Pat DeJarnett, Office for Divine Worship, at [pdejarnett@archatl.com](mailto:pdejarnett@archatl.com) or 404-920-7339.

Thank you.



Wednesday 1 February, 2017

**Official Decree**

The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Abstinence obligates one to abstain from all meats and meat products. It applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14.

This St. Patrick's Day falls on Friday, March 17, 2017. This particular feast is celebrated in significant ways in many parts of Georgia. A dispensation is hereby granted to all Catholics in Georgia from the Discipline of Abstinence on March 17, 2017.

Given at the Chancery February 1, 2017.

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‡ Wilton D. Gregory  
Archbishop of Atlanta

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv.".

Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv.  
Bishop of Savannah