

## Dispensation from Lenten Obligation

Bishop Barbarito has granted a general dispensation from the Lenten obligation of abstinence from meat on Friday, March 17th, in honor of St. Patrick's Day. This dispensation does not detract from the serious obligation of abstinence on the other Fridays of Lent and this particular exception should deepen our appreciation of this penitential practice.

Bishop wishes all a Happy St. Patrick's Day as we celebrate the richness which the Irish heritage has brought to Catholicism.