



DECREE

Regarding the Dispensation from the Discipline of Abstinence on March 17, 2023

The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence, obligating members of the Faithful over the age of 14 to refrain from consuming meat (mammals and fowl). This year, the Optional Memorial of St. Patrick occurs on a Friday in Lent. Because this memorial is celebrated in significant ways across south Georgia and typically involves the consumption of meat, **I hereby grant a general dispensation from the Lenten Discipline of Abstinence on Friday, March 17, 2023 for all members of the Catholic Faithful in the Diocese of Savannah.**

Those who wish to take advantage of this dispensation are required to abstain from meat on another day of the same week, excepting Sunday (March 13–18).

Given at Savannah, Georgia this 17th day of February 2023.

Most Reverend Stephen D. Parkes
Bishop of Savannah

Very Reverend Pablo Migone
Chancellor

