

If the weather outside reminds you of a cold and rainy night on the Emerald Isle, there is no better way to warm up than with a classic Irish Coffee.

## Irish Coffee

1 tsp. sugar, white or brown  
(we prefer brown)  
1 ½ oz. Irish whiskey  
black coffee, hot  
whipped cream

Build the sugar and whiskey in an Irish coffee cup and fill with coffee. Top with whipped cream.



### LAST CALL

To toast the Apostle of Ireland, a simple Irish Gaelic *Sláinte!* (pronounced “SLAHN-chuh”), meaning “To your health,” will suffice. Or how about the following:

Saint Patrick was a gentleman,  
Who, through strategy and stealth,  
Drove all the snakes from Ireland:  
Here’s a bumper to his health.  
But not too many bumpers,  
Lest we lose ourselves, and then  
Forget the good Saint Patrick,  
And see the snakes again.

### Beer

And, of course, there’s beer. Guinness is the most well known, but you can aim higher with Murphy’s Irish Stout (which is sweeter), Porterhouse Oyster Stout (a Dublin favorite), Beamish Irish Stout, and O’Hara’s Celtic Stout. In the realm of ale, Smithwick’s (pronounced “Smitticks”) is aromatic and hoppy with a hint of coffee and barley, while Kilkenny Irish Cream Ale lives up to its name with a smooth and creamy finish. Harp Lager and Murphy’s Irish Red (brewed since 1856) are equally fine choices. Some microbreweries, such as Grateful Hands in Cabot, Vermont, have recently gotten into the act with names like St. Patrick’s Stout and Ireland’s Pride. Finally, if you know any home brewers, Mr. Beer has a St. Patrick’s Irish Stout kit that is quite good.

## ST. JOSEPH, MARCH 19

St. Joseph, the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster father of Our Lord, receives rare praise in the Bible: he is described as “a just man” (Mt. 1:19, Lk. 23:50). In the thousands of pages of Sacred Scripture, you can probably count on one hand the number of times this happens. Noah, by contrast, is called “just in his generations” (Gen. 6:9), probably—judging from