

Administration of the Sacraments

Baptism

To schedule Baptisms, please call the church office. Godparents and parents must attend a Baptismal Seminar prior to the Baptism.

Penance

The Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation is offered before every mass.

Marriage

Arrangements for Christian Marriage should be made at least 6 months prior to the planned date of the wedding, by the couple, in person. Please do not set your date without first checking with the St Patrick Parish Office to be sure that date is available.

Ministry to the Sick

Please contact the Parish Office concerning hospitalized and homebound parishioners wishing to receive sacraments or parish visits. Contact the Rectory @564-6792.

Funerals

Family of the deceased should contact the rectory prior to making any arrangements. We realize that this is a very emotional time for the family, but the time that Church is available for the service must be taken into consideration.

We wish to accommodate everyone and welcome all ministers. All family member and ministers must address the family prior to the start of mass.

Cemetery

Proper license, insurance, permits and contracts needed prior to work performed in cemetery.

ST PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

ST ANN MISSION

NATIVITY OF THE LORD



DECEMBER 25, 2019

FATHER GERARD P. STAPLETON, PASTOR

ALGIERS - PLAQUEMINES DEANERY

VERY REVEREND JOHN F. TALAMO V.F.

*Father Gerry and his staff would like to wish
you and yours a Happy, Blessed, and
Safe Christmas filled with the joyous voices of
Loved Ones, and Good Cheer.*



*Behind the flickering lights, the presents
and the food, Christmas is a time for for-
giveness, compassion and friendship. Let
us all remember and enjoy this season with
love in our hearts.—Unknown*






READINGS FOR CHRISTMAS

Vigil Mass Isaiah 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1:1-25
Midnight Mass Isaiah 9:1-6; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14
At Dawn Isaiah 62:11-12; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20
During the Day Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18 or John 1:1-5, 9-14


Mission Statement

We, the Parish Family of St Patrick, which includes former parishioners of St Jude, St Joseph, St Ann, St Anthony, and Our Lady of Good Harbor, joyfully celebrate around the table of the Lord Jesus Christ the love and the beauty of our God and who we are as people on a faith journey. Conscious of our baptismal call, we proclaim God's word, in fidelity to our tradition, to believer and non-believer alike. We seek to give prophetic witness to our faith by striving to be a servant community of welcome and hospitality, of reconciliation and forgiveness, of compassion and hope.

Parish Staff:	Pastor	Father Gerard P. Stapleton
	Director of Religious Education	Clara Frelich
	Administrative Assistant	Doreen Davis
	Secretary	Destinee Turner

 **Sanctuary Lights** burn by the Tabernacle to show the real presence of Jesus (Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity) in the Eucharist. You may request that a sanctuary light burn in memory of a deceased loved one, in honor of a birthday, anniversary or any special event. The light burns for a 7 day period (Saturday-Friday) and a donation of \$10.00 is suggested.

 The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in loving memory of Lydia St Ann.

 The **Sacrament of the Mass** is a beautiful prayer that can be offered up for a deceased loved one or friend. For more information, please contact the church office.



The lovely flowers adorning our altars this Christmas have been donated in loving memory of Joseph Alexis by Alexis Marine and the Alexis Family.



Please visit us on the Web at: stpatrickportsulphur.com/



Daily Mass Schedule

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9:30 A.M.

Tuesdays 5:00 P.M.
Mass & Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursdays 5:30 P.M.
Mass & Hour of Prayer

Weekend Mass

Saturday
4:30 P.M.
Sunday
8:00 A.M.
10:00 A.M.

St Ann Church

Saturday
6:30 P.M.

Confessions 30 minutes before all Masses

Rectory:
(504) 564-6792
Fax: (504) 564-9760

Second Collection
1st
Sunday of every Month.



MASS INTENTIONS

Listed on Additional Sheet



- Holy Hour - Thursdays 6pm - 7pm (following the 5:30 Mass). Holy Hour Sundays from 5 - 6pm.
- Rosary/Divine Mercy on Wednesdays at 5:00pm in the Chapel.
- CCD Classes resume on January 5th.
- **The church office will be closed from December 20 - January 1. We will resume our regular business hours on January 2.**

Beautiful Christmas Quotes

"To the American People: Christmas is not a time or a season but a state of mind. To cherish peace and good will, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas. If we think on these things, there will be born in us a Savior and over us will shine a star sending its gleam of hope to the world."~Calvin Coolidge



In 1923, President Calvin Coolidge lit the first National Christmas Tree.

Later that night, African American community centers held an outdoor worship service on these grounds. And during that service, the Washington Monument was illuminated with a beautiful cross, a powerful reminder of the meaning of Christmas.

More than 2,000 years ago, a brilliant star shone in the East. Wise men traveled far, far afield. I mean, they were a long distance away. And they came and they stood with us under the star, where they found the Holy Family in Bethlehem. As the Bible tells us, when the Wise Men "had come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary, his mother, and fell down and worshipped him."

Christians give thanks that the Son of God came into the world to save humanity. Jesus Christ inspires us to love one another with hearts full of generosity and grace.



And at Christmas, we remember this eternal truth: Every person is a beloved child of God. As one grateful nation, we praise the joy of family, the blessings of freedom, and the miracle of Christmas.

On behalf of Melania and our entire family, Merry Christmas and God bless you all. Thank you very much. Merry Christmas, everybody. Thank you.—Excerpt from President Trump's Speech at the 2019 National Christmas Tree Lighting.