

## 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

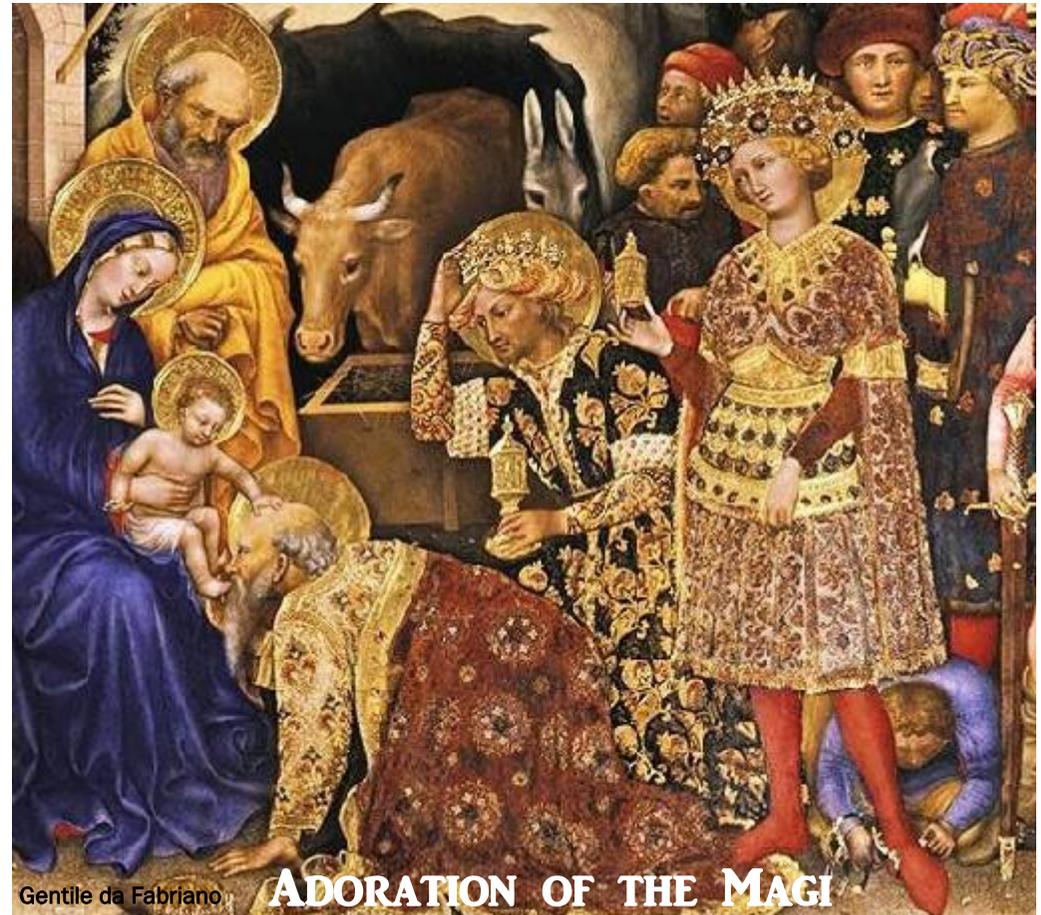
Proper license, insurance, permits and contracts needed prior to work performed in cemetery.

# ST PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

## ST ANN MISSION

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**JANUARY 5, 2020**



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## ADORATION OF THE MAGI

**FATHER GERARD P. STAPLETON, PASTOR**

**ALGIERS - PLAQUEMINES DEANERY**

**VERY REVEREND JOHN F. TALAMO V.F.**

### Excerpt from the HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI 01/06/2013



The Wise Men followed the star, and thus came to Jesus, to the great Light which enlightens everyone coming into this world (cf. Jn 1:9). As pilgrims of faith, the Wise Men themselves became stars shining in the firmament of history and they show us the way. The saints are God's true constellations, which light up the nights of this world, serving as our guides. Saint Paul, in his Letter to the Philippians, told his faithful that they must shine like stars in the world (cf. 2:15).

For the Church which believes and prays, the Wise Men from the East who, guided by the star, made their way to the manger of Bethlehem, are only the beginning of a great procession which winds throughout history. Thus the liturgy reads the Gospel which relates the journey of the Wise Men, together with the magnificent prophetic visions of the sixtieth chapter of the Book of Isaiah and Psalm 71, which depict in bold imagery the pilgrimage of the peoples to Jerusalem. Like the shepherds, who as the first visitors to the newborn Child in the manger, embodied the poor of Israel and more generally those humble souls who live in deep interior closeness to Jesus, so the men from the East embody the world of the peoples, the Church of the Gentiles – the men and women who in every age set out on the way which leads to the Child of Bethlehem, to offer him homage as the Son of God and to bow down before him. The Church calls this feast “Epiphany” – the appearance of the Godhead. If we consider the fact that from the very beginning men and women of every place, of every continent, of all the different cultures, mentalities and lifestyles, have been on the way to Christ, then we can truly say that this pilgrimage and this encounter with God in the form of a Child is an epiphany of God's goodness and loving kindness for humanity (cf. Tit 3:4).



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday** Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12  
**Monday** 1 John 3:22-4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25  
**Tuesday** 1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44  
**Wednesday** 1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52  
**Thursday** 1 John 4:19-5:4; Luke 4:14-22  
**Friday** 1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16  
**Saturday** 1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30

### 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.

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

### Our Sacrificial Offerings

*We offer unto you, O Lord, our sacrificial giving.*

**Last Week's Collection .....\$2557.00**

*Thank you for your generosity.*



**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.



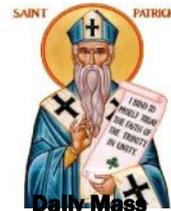
The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in loving memory of Paul Harvey Sr. & Jr.



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.

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.—Mark Twain 

Please visit us on the Web at: [stpatrickportsulphur.com/](http://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

Jan 4	4:30pm	Paul Harvey Sr. & Paul Harvey Jr.
	6:30pm	Joyce Kurtich
Jan 5	8:00am	For the People
	10:00am	Malinda Barthelemy
		Farrell Barthelemy
		Viola Riley
		Michael Kramer Jr
		Louis & Catherine Gonzales
		Mark Hebert
		Brian Bubrig
		Betty Cosse
		Celestine Ancar
Sarah Sylve		
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Reddick Sr		
Louis Reddick Jr		
Delorita Reddick		
Emile Honore		
Joseph Honore		
Alvina Ancar		
Agnes Barthelemy		
Victor Ancar		
Walker & Marie Solis		
Evelyn Rose		
Sidney Sylve		



- 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.
- January CCD Classes : January 5th, 12th, and 26th.



May the Lord keep you in his hand and never close his fist too tight on you, and may the face of every good news and the back of every bad news be toward us in the New Year.—Irish Proverb

Prayer for Epiphany (that we may be guided in Faith)

Father,

You revealed your Son to the nations by the guidance of a star.

Lead us to your glory in heaven by the light of faith.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.—New Saint Joseph Sunday Missal

