

## 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.

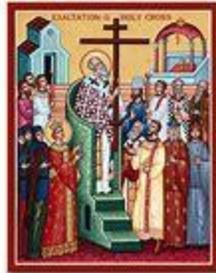
We wish to accommodate everyone and welcome all ministers. All family member and ministers must address the family prior to the start of mass.

### Cemetery

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

## The Story of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.



The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.—Franciscan Media .org



God Bless  
Our Grandparents

## ST PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH & ST ANN MISSION

### HAPPY GRANDPARENTS' DAY!



## 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

### FATHER GERARD P. STAPLETON, PASTOR

### ALGIERS - PLAQUEMINES DEANERY

### VERY REVEREND EUGENE JACQUES

I believe that  
God sent us  
Grandparents  
As our legacy  
from above,  
To share the  
moments of  
our life,  
As extra  
measures of  
His love.

-Author Unknown

 **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>SIRACH 27:30–28:9 ; ROMANS 14:7-9; MATTHEW 18:21-35</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>NUMBERS 21:4-9 ; PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11; JOHN 3:13-17</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>HEBREWS 5:7-9; JOHN 19:25-27</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1 CORINTHIANS 12:31–13:13 ; LUKE 7:31-35</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>GALATIANS 6:14-18 ; LUKE 9:23-26</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-20 ; LUKE 8:1-3</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1 CORINTHIANS 15:35-37, 42-49 ; LUKE 8:4-15</b>

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

**Our Sacrificial Offerings**

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

**Last Week's Collection .....\$2391.00**

 **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 **Vincent Barthelemy**.

 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.

 "There are some things we really need to take care of: the children, and grandparents. Children, whether they are young or older, they are the strength that moves us forward. We place our hope in them. Grandparents are the living memory of the family. They passed on the faith, they transmitted the faith, to us." —**Pope Francis**

**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**

<b>Sept 5</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>	<b>Rosita Reddick</b>
	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Leo Roth</b>
<b>Sept 6</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>For the People</b>
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Malinda Barthelemy Farrell Barthelemy Evelyn Rose Walker &amp; Marie Solis Brian Bubrig Joyce Kurtich Wilmer Ancar Curry Ancar Alvina Ancar Germaine B Curley Laura Lee Phillip Joel &amp; Brooke Ton Andrew Pobrica Michael Kramer Celestine &amp; Marcellin Ancar Phero Ty Nguyen Maria Noi T Nguyen Sherise &amp; Chimas Harold Sylve Sr Vincent Barthelemy Mark Hebert Marcella Ancar</b>



- **Second Collection today for Hurricane Laura Relief.**
- **Rosary/Divine Mercy Wednesdays at 5:00pm in the Church.**

- There will be confessions on Wednesday Sept. 9 at 5:00pm.
- We will have Mass at 5:00pm on September 14th and 15th with confessions to follow.
- There will only be a 4:30pm Mass at St Patrick on Saturday, September 19th.

**“THE RIGHT TO LIFE IS THE FIRST AMONG HUMAN RIGHTS.**

**CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH**

**TO ABORT A CHILD IS TO KILL SOMEONE WHO CANNOT DEFEND HIMSELF.”—POPE FRANCIS**