

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.



God is knocking...
Are we too busy to answer?

A teenage boy, playing a computer game, heard a knock on the front door. He chose to ignore it. Soon his mother came downstairs and asked, 'Did you answer the door?' Not taking his eyes from the screen, the boy replied, 'I didn't want to; someone may have been there and I'd have to stop my game.'

We often deny God's existence for many reasons. Sometimes, it's simply because we don't want Him to exist. We can be so preoccupied acquiring material things or fulfilling personal ambi-

tions that we think our plans will be upset if we concede that there is a God. Alternatively, we have accepted theories of evolution for so long we now consider them established facts – and nothing will move us from our faith in those atheistic beliefs. God reveals Himself in so many ways: through Creation, His Word, our conscience and various Christian agents imploring us to listen. Every person, without exception, hears God knocking, (Romans 1:20). But many of us don't want to answer just in case someone is there and we have to stop what we are doing. We know, if God exists we'll have to adjust our thinking and many balk at that idea. God is a Gentleman! He will not force entry into our lives. It is up to us to answer the door and let Him in. Understandably, no one likes to be disturbed by an unwelcome guest, but God is the Creator of the Universe and He comes bearing a great gift (eternal salvation). We have so much to lose by ignoring God. Furthermore, change that may occur in our life by answering God's call will only be a change for the better.

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with me." Revelations 3:20.

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ST PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

&

ST ANN MISSION



Follow Me, and I will make You "Fishers of Men."—Domenico Ghirlandaio 1492

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FATHER GERARD P. STAPLETON, PASTOR

ALGIERS - PLAQUEMINES DEANERY

VERY REVEREND EUGENE JACQUES

 **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**


Sunday	JONAH 3:1-5, 10 ; 1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-31 ; MARK 1:14-20
Monday	ACTS 22:3-16 ; MARK 16:15-18
Tuesday	2 TIMOTHY 1:1-8 ; MARK 3:31-35
Wednesday	HEBREWS 10:11-18 ; MARK 4:1-20
Thursday	HEBREWS 10:19-25 ; MARK 4:21-25
Friday	HEBREWS 10:32-39 ; MARK 4:26-34
Saturday	HEBREWS 11:1-2, 8-19 ; MARK 4:35-41


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

Our Sacrificial Offerings
We offer unto you, O Lord, our sacrificial giving.
Last Week's Collection\$2379.00

 **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 **Leo Roth**.


 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.

 **Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.**
 - Martin Luther King Jr.


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

 **MASS INTENTIONS**

 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.	Jan 23	4:30pm	Harold Sylve Sr
		6:30pm	Theodore Scarabin
	Jan 24	8:00am	For the People
		10:00am	Malinda Barthelemy Farrell Barthelemy Walker & Marie Solis Joyce Kurtich Joel Ton Viola & Ellied Riley Sr Dean Relford Martin St Ann Kate Pobrica Michael Kramer Special Intention Evelyn Rose Mark Hebert Brian Bubrig Phero Ty Nguyen Maria Hap T Nguyen Maria Noi Ty Nguyen Germaine Curley Tomas Huu Phero Nguyen Tu Chimas Sylve Sherise Sylve Larry Barthelemy Mary & John Sidney Sylve & fly Darrell Sylve Mr & Mrs Horace Ancar Mr & Mrs Louis Ancar & family Alvina Ancar Bernadette Duplessis

 **Church News**

- **Rosary/Divine Mercy on Wednesdays at 5:00pm.**
- **Tuesdays Mass and Novena at 5:00pm..**
- **Thursdays Mass at 5:30pm and Adoration 6-7pm.**

 **In God We Trust**

Nothing paralyzes our lives like the attitude that things can never change. We need to remind ourselves that God can change things. Outlook determines outcome. If we see only the problems, we will be defeated; but if we see the possibilities in the problems, we can have victory. - Warren Wiersbe

