

## 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 Temptations of Jesus

The first temptation of Jesus came after He had fasted for forty days and was hungry. Like an evil adversary hurls accusations against the just, Satan hurls a challenge against Christ. By getting the Holy Man to perform a miracle in changing stones into bread, Satan wills to make bread into a stone, a stumbling block. He wills to conquer this Man. Get Him at His weakest point to abandon the fast and, instead, feast. Not so! The angels were also watching. They would do the feeding when Christ willed it. The devil presented himself as an angel of light, a friend, someone from God, a being interested in Jesus' welfare; this was a lie. He was an enemy, not a friend. Jesus says: "It is written, that Man liveth not by bread alone, but by every word of God" (Matthew 4:4). Jesus does not do the devil's beckoning, nor does He show any inability to perform the miracle.

For the second temptation of Jesus, the devil took Him to a high place, showed Him all the power and wealth of the world, and then offered it to Jesus, claiming it was his to give, if our Savior would only recognize Satan as the rightful ruler of Earth and worship him.

For the third temptation, Satan took Jesus to the top of the temple, quoted Scripture out of context, and then tempted our Savior to jump off the tower to prove that He was the Son of God. The third temptation was to distrust God and exalt self through the application of Scripture and claims of devotion to God and advancement of His kingdom. Jesus was able to quote Scripture that exposed each temptation for the lie that it was. The devil was vanquished. —excerpt from [comeandreason.com/the-temptations](http://comeandreason.com/the-temptations)

# ST PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH & ST ANN MISSION




FEBRUARY 26, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FATHER GERARD P. STAPLETON, PASTOR

VERY REVEREND EUGENE JACQUES ALGIER - PLAQUEMINES DEANERY

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 <b>READINGS FOR THE WEEK</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>GENESIS 2:7-9; 3:1-7 ; ROMANS 5:12-19 ; MATTHEW 4:1-11</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>LEVITICUS 19:1-2, 11-18 ; MATTHEW 25:31-46</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>ISAIAH 55:10-11 ; MATTHEW 6:7-15</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>JONAH 3:1-10 ; LUKE 11:29-32</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>ESTHER C:12, 14-16, 23-25 ; MATTHEW 7:7-12</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>EZEKIEL 18:21-28 ; MATTHEW 5:20-26</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>DEUTERONOMY 26:16-19 ; MATTHEW 5:43-48</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>

### Our Sacrificial Offerings

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

**Last Week's Collection .....\$2914.00**



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.



**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 Sanctuary Light will burn this week in loving memory of **Philip F. Cossich**.



"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst...'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor -- He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you." —St Mother Teresa



### Daily Mass

#### Schedule

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

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

Thursdays 5:00 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

Sat. 6:30pm

Confessions 30 minutes before all Masses

Rectory:

(504) 564-6792

Fax: (504) 564-9760

Second Collection  
1st

Sunday of every Month.



## MASS INTENTIONS

Feb 25	4:30pm 6:30pm	Farrell & Verna Barthelemy Allyson Kirby
Feb 26	8:00am 10:00am	For the People Dominico Nguyen Q Thang Frances & Malinda Barthelemy Phero Ty V Nguyen Elise Gipson Walker & Marie Solis Kirk Franovich Chimas & Sherise Sylve Jaydon Ancar Brian Bubrig Evelyn Rose Maria Noi T Nguyen Cindy Zito Mark Hebert Philip Cossich Joseph Alexis Jr. Special Intention



### Weekday Masses this Week:

- ♦ Tuesday & Thursday Mass at 5:00pm
- ♦ Wednesday—Bible Study 5-6pm in the Family Life Center
- ♦ Friday— Rosary & Divine Mercy at

9:00am followed by Mass

- ♦ Friday-Way of the Cross—St Ann Mission 5:00pm  
St Patrick Church 6:30pm
- CCD Classes—Sunday 9-9:45am.
- Second Collection today for Catholic Charities.

### Fasting & Lent

The Regulations of the Church with regard to Fasting and Abstinence have been revised in accordance with present circumstances and conditions. The Indult granted each Lent in former years is no longer necessary, and all are required to observe the common law of the Church.

By the new code of Canon Law a distinction is made between fasting and abstinence. All the week days of Lent, the Ember Days and some vigils are days of fasting, but meat is allowed at the full meal except on Wednesdays and Fridays and the Ember Days in Lent.—EWTN

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