

SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

PORT SULPHUR, LOUISIANA

Father Gerard P. Stapleton, Pastor

Reverend Patrick Becnel, Deacon

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00 A.M.

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Tuesdays 6:00 P.M.

Mass & Novena to Our  
Lady of Perpetual Help

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Thursdays 6 P.M.
Mass & Hour of Prayer

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## Weekend Mass Schedule

### Saturday

4:30 P.M.

### Sunday

8:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M.

Confessions 30 minutes be-  
fore all Masses

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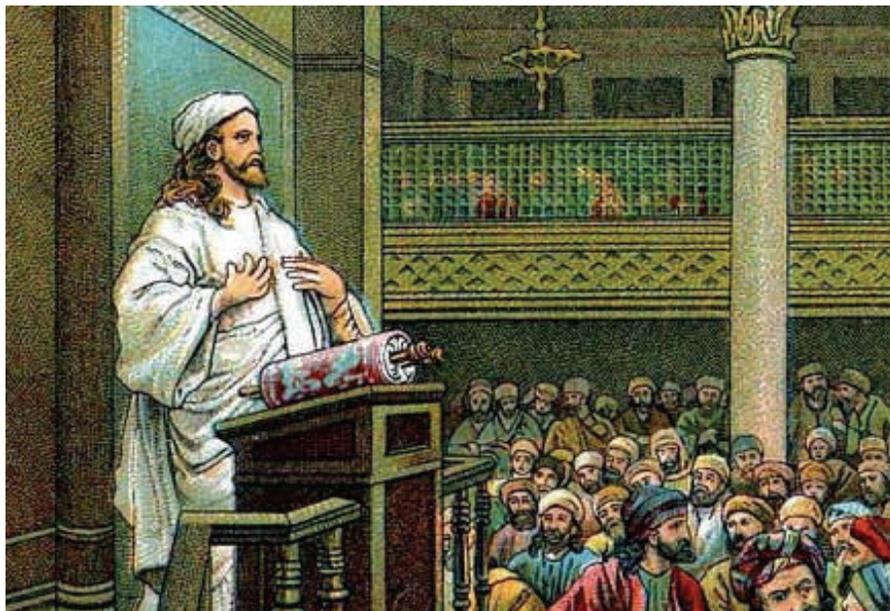
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Second Collection 1st

Sunday of every Month.

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Parish Support Staff:

Director of Religious Education Clara Frelich

Secretary Jane Frierson



Readings Week of January 31, 2010

Sunday

Jeremiah 1.4-5, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 12.31-13.13; Luke 4.11-30

Monday

2 Samuel 15.13-14, 30; 16.5-13; Mark 5.1-20; Luke 5.1-11

Tuesday

Malachi 3.1-4; Luke 2.22-40

Wednesday

2 Samuel 24.2, 9-17; Mark 6.1-6

Thursday

1 Kings 2.1-4, 10-12; Mark 6.7-13

Friday

Sirach 47.2-11; Mark 6.14-29

Saturday

1 Kings 3.4-13; Mark 6.30-34

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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.

January 31, 2010

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



We can't have full knowledge all at once. We must start by believing; then afterwards we may be led on to master the evidence for ourselves.
—St Thomas Aquinas



Mass Intentions

Jan 30	4:30pm	For the People
Jan 31	8:00am	Tammy Matte Adam
	10:00am	Myron Newman
Feb 6	4:30pm	Nellie Schoenberger H.A Schoenberger
Feb 7	8:00am	For the People
	10:00am	Lloyd Buras Marion Tabony Gravolet



Announcements & Upcoming Events

Feb 1	6:30pm	Rosary at Ms Earline's house Diamond
Feb 3	9:00am	Rosary at Just Next Door
Feb 8	6:30pm	Rosary at Ms Earline's house Diamond
Feb 9	7:00pm	BINGO
Feb 10	9:00am	Rosary at Just Next Door
Feb 15	6:30pm	Rosary at Ms Earline's house Diamond
Feb 16		Mardi Gras
Feb 17		Ash Wednesday

If you are interested in assisting with the St Joseph Altar this year, please contact:

*Ann Griffice 657-5780 ; Evelyn Rose 564-0209; or
 Elouise Bartholomew 281-5151*



The Sanctuary Light will burn in loving memory of Ms. Elizabeth Sylve during the month of January.



The Sacrament of the Mass is a beautiful prayer that can be offered up for a deceased loved one or friend. Please call the Rectory for more information.

If you would like to donate altar flowers in memory of a deceased loved one, please call the Rectory.



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.



Saints Play-off Prayer
 by Rev. R. Tony Ricard

Good and gracious God, just as the nation of Israel stood on the banks of the river Jordan, we the Who Dat Nation now stand on the banks of the Mississippi, filled with joyful anticipation. We stand on these banks looking back from whence we came. Although we do not share a history of slavery in Egypt, we do share a common history of pain and heartache.

We remember the National Football League Season of 1980 and our downtrodden days of 1-and-15. We repent for our shameful past of wearing bags on our heads, forgetting that you were on our side. We recall the days when instead of looking forward to the playoffs, we could only look at each other and tearfully say, "Wait 'til next year." Indeed, we have been through a long journey through the desert of athletic despair. But as we stand on these banks today, we know that our days in the desert are over. Just like the Hebrew children, our 40 years of wandering in the desert have come to an end. With eyes of faith, we can see the promised land! We can taste the Super Bowl! And, yes Lord, we believe.

Lord, it is our time to claim the blessings that you promised our ancestors. In the name of Hap Glaudi, Jim Finks and Buddy Diliberto we now claim our rightful place among the elite teams in the NFL. Through the prayers and guidance of our elders Tom and Gayle Benson, and the leadership of Rita Benson LeBlanc, we have become the strong nation that you, our God, have always intended us to be.

We, the Who Dat Nation, are ready to do what was often considered impossible. We are ready to march around the city of New Orleans, as Joshua marched around Jericho. We are ready to band together in a spirited dance, as David did in Jerusalem. We are ready to walk together united, as the Israelites walked across the dry bed of the river Jordan. But, we need you to hold back the waters of doubt, just as you held back the waters of the Jordan. Endowed with Your amazing grace, we formally begin our march to the Super Bowl!

With the faith of our ancestors, we call down the power of God to strengthen our players and coaches. With the courage of our elders, we call down the protection of the angels to guard them from major injuries. With four decades of hope, we call down the presence of the heavenly saints to lead the New Orleans Saints onto the battlefield of the gridiron.

We thank you for giving us a taste of what is to come. But, now we are ready for the banquet. We have proven ourselves worthy of your grace. Now, through your providence, may we, the Who Dat Nation, finally reach the Promised Land. Amen!

Our Sacrificial Offerings

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

Last Week's Collection2363.55
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