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The Church of the Holy Communion in Plaquemine Louisiana is a small church with many of the large church advantages. We are currently searching for our next leader.

We are a closely-knit, family-oriented congregation with friendly members of various ages. There is a willingness to take initiative and work cooperatively.

The church is financially stable and owns the church building, the parish house, and the office building in the center of town. It also owns a five-bedroom rectory in a residential area of town. At the present time an equity package is being discussed for living in the rectory.

We are within a twenty-minute proximity to the capital city with its educational and cultural advantages. Many of our children attend the outstanding Episcopal school system in Baton Rouge. There is no tuition for priest's children to participate in this system.

We have sketched a picture of who we are. We have provided a profile of the person we seek, a person who can lead us and the next generation of parishioners as we grow together in Christ. Perhaps you are that person. We hope you will give the possibility your prayerful consideration.

Peace,
The Search Committee



ABOUT OUR CHURCH

HISTORY OF OUR CHURCH

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion is a spiritual community, which celebrates sacramental worship in the Anglican tradition. The first recorded services were in 1844 and the church was incorporated in 1870. The original church built in 1885 burned in February of 1913, and the church standing today was built in November of that year. In the years of 1970 to 1992, with a registered architect as rector, remodeling of the parish house, church, and sacristy were affected. In 1969, the congregation built a more modern rectory with the help of many donations.

ABOUT OUR CONGREGATION

The congregation at Holy Communion is a small close-knit group, with a median age of approximately 50 years old. We are active participants in the Diocese of Louisiana, Baton Rouge Deanery; donate to and participate in many diocesan activities. For a small church, we offer a wide range of activities and make an effort to out-reach within our community. Various activities include: Gumbo to Go during Lent; Lite Lenten Lunches; United Thank Offering ingathering; ECW Annual Gathering; Jim Shortess Memorial First Responders Luncheon; Advent wreaths; Donation of Christmas Boxes in Community; Living Nativity; Bible Study; Yoga and exercise offerings; Easter Egg Hunt and various activities for children.

OUR MISSION

The Episcopal Church of The Holy Communion is a spiritual community, which celebrates sacramental worship in the Anglican Tradition. Our church family is called and empowered by the grace of God to grow in his likeness and to be witnesses to the life and the love of Jesus Christ.

PLAQUEMINE/IBERVILLE PARISH & THE SURROUNDING AREA

Plaquemine is the largest city and capital of the Parish of Iberville, located on the banks of the Mississippi river, fourteen miles from Baton Rouge. It is experiencing an economic burst, with several chemical and industrial plants announcing new plant start-ups and expansions totaling well over \$1 billion. The city's median age is 35, and the population as of 2013 is 7,046. This figure is somewhat misleading because many of our residents live outside of the city limits and if included the population would rise to somewhere around 10,000. Eighty-four percent of the people over 25 have a high school education or higher. Baton Rouge is just north of Plaquemine on the east side of the Mississippi, and New Orleans is about 80 miles south. The main heritage is French, but many other nationalities are found as well. The median household income as of 2013 was \$41,137. There are four banks and the largest business entity is Dow Chemical. Points of interest include the old historic locks, the Iberville Parish Museum, the antebellum home and resort of Nottoway, St. Louis Plantation, and the Civic Center.



ABOUT YOU

SEARCH FOR OUR NEW RECTOR

The congregation is currently in search of a new spiritual leader who will guide us in the following:

- Develop a clear plan for Holy Communion's growth and progress.
- Enhance Sundays with strong preaching skills.
- Be actively involved in pastoral care.
- Collaborate to foster an even greater sense of community within the congregation.
- To be a visible community leader in Plaquemine and Iberville Parish.
- To welcome the diversity and inclusion of all people.
- To be a spiritual guide, leading others in the formation and development of a spiritual life.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Children of Episcopal priests in the area have the opportunity to attend Episcopal High School in Baton Rouge with full tuition remission. Episcopal is recognized by the federal government as a blue ribbon school and is Pre-K through 12th grade with a student body of 900 to 1,000 students. Generally 100% of its graduates attend college at various schools in the area such as L.S.U., Tulane, or the University of Louisiana. Many are accepted and attend on scholarship to schools in other areas such as: University of Virginia, Harvard, Brown, Vanderbilt, S.M.U., University of the South, Princeton, and Rhodes. Additionally, Plaquemine offers public schools with the most prominent one being the award-winning Math and Science Academy, a school in the national magnet program.

HOUSING

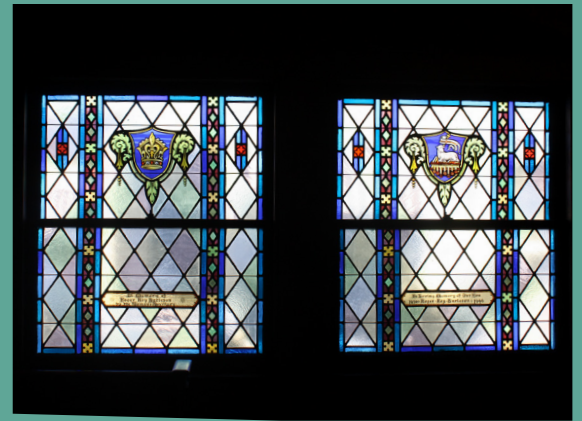
The Church of the Holy Communion owns a rectory for the use of the priest in charge but this is not a requirement for employment. The house is a five-bedroom home with three bathrooms, a living room, kitchen and breakfast area, dining room, and small den. Additionally there is a covered garage area with an enclosed storage or work space area, front and large back yard. It is located in a well-established subdivision within 10 minutes of the church.

HEALTH CARE

Oschner Health care operates an Emergency hospital fully staffed for the area in Plaquemine and there are hospitals and doctors in the Baton Rouge area.

COMPENSATION

Compensation is based on experience and years of service and is negotiable. The Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana provides a minimum compensation and benefits package as a guide to local churches. Factors that may figure into the compensation package include insurance, housing allowance, cash stipend, social security, travel or car reimbursement, and utilities.





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