

THE RIVER CATHOLIC ST. GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD (05/20/12)

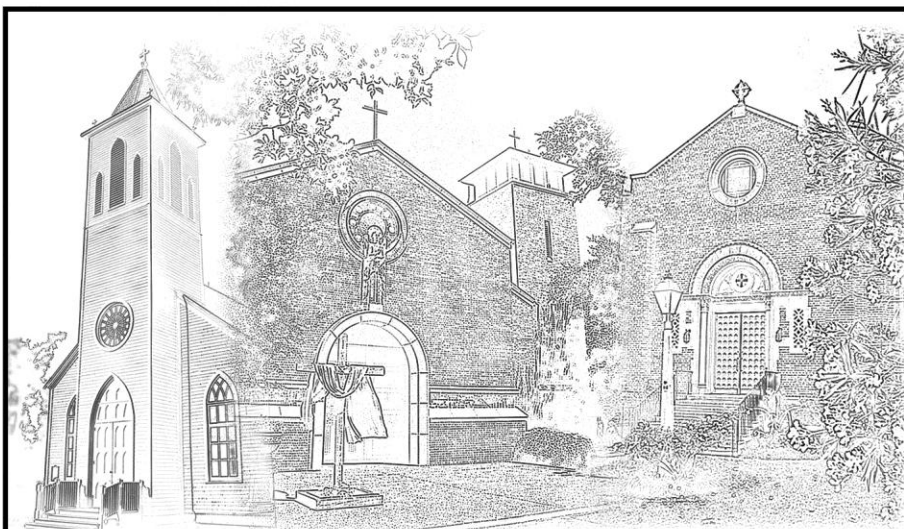
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CONFESSION
First Saturday @ 3:15 pm &
By Appointment
VIGIL MASS
Saturday @ 4 pm
SUNDAY MASS
Sunday @ 7 am & 10:15 am
MASS @ CARVILLE
Sunday @ 8:30 am
DAILY MASS
Tues., Wed., Thurs., & Fri., 8 am
HOLY DAY MASSES
8 am & 7 pm



OLD
ST. GABRIEL
CHURCH
(1769)



NEW
ST. GABRIEL
CHURCH
(1953)



SACRED
HEART
CHAPEL
(1935)

We, the St. Gabriel family in Christ, through the teachings of the Catholic Church, commit ourselves to the fulfillment of the kingdom of God. In our church community we make present the spirit of Jesus Christ, proclaim his gospel, and make visible his church. We believe that each of us is called to ministry to be of service to others to encourage participation to bring a spirit of family unity and responsibility to our fellow parishioners, and to show our love through our words and deeds.

BAPTISM: Parents wishing to have their child baptized must be registered parishioners and complete baptismal preparation prior to the date of baptism. Please contact the church office during the early days of pregnancy for details on baptismal preparation.

MARRIAGE: Contact the Pastor at least six months prior to the date desired to begin the mandatory Preparation program.

CARE OF THE SICK: Emergency calls are made as soon as the priest is available. If desired, communion may be brought to the homebound each weekend by a Eucharistic Minister. Families are asked to contact the Church Office to make arrangements. Communion Calls to the homebound are the first Friday of the month. Please contact the Church Office in regard to those who are seriously ill or hospitalized, leaving the hospital and room number.

FUNERALS & BURIAL: The family must make arrangements with the Pastor before finalizing arrangements with a funeral home.

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STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

418; Carville-150

WEEKLY BUDGET

\$6,689.46

Collection

\$5,740.25

Identified Contributors

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There will be 2 envelopes, 05/19-20, Reg., & Cath. Communication Campaign.

There will be 1 envelope, 05/26-27.



Your weekly donations help meet our immediate needs, repairs and improvements. We thank all who give of their time, talent and treasure to our parish community. We always appreciate your generosity.

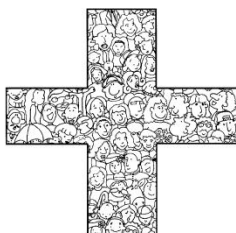
"Ascension Day" is the fortieth day after Easter Day and always falls on a Thursday. However, the observance is often on the Sunday following. During the period of Christ's appearance to the apostles and prior to his disappearance from their sight, Jesus ordered the apostles to remain in Jerusalem and to await the gift of the Holy Spirit, which would empower them to carry out their divine commission. The collect for the Sunday after Ascension Day is filled with expectation because in it we ask God not to leave us comfortless but to send us the Holy Spirit as a strengthener.

The reality of the Ascension is so important that the creeds (the basic statements of belief) of Christianity all affirm, in the words of the **Apostles' Creed**, that "He ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead." The denial of the Ascension is as grave a departure from Christian teaching as is denial of Christ's Resurrection.

Christ's bodily Ascension foreshadows our own entrance into Heaven not simply as souls, after our death, but as glorified bodies, after the resurrection of the dead at the Final Judgment. In redeeming mankind, Christ not only offered salvation to our souls but began the restoration of the material world itself to the glory that God intended before Adam's fall.

The Feast of the Ascension marks the beginning of the first **novena**, or nine days of prayer. Before His Ascension, Christ promised to send the Holy Spirit to His apostles. Their prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit, which began on Ascension Thursday, ended with the descent of the Holy Spirit on **Pentecost Sunday**, ten days later.

Today, Catholics recall that first novena by praying the Novena to the Holy Spirit between Ascension and Pentecost, asking for the **gifts of the Holy Spirit** and the **fruits of the Holy Spirit**.



Go into all the world and proclaim
the good news!

Mk 16:15



The Ladies Altar Society is still collecting used eyeglasses for the Lions Club. The basket is on one of the tables in the back of church. To date, we have collected 335 pairs of glasses. That is, we have helped 335 people to see better.

The Ladies Altar Society is now collecting yearly dues of \$5.00. Please place dues in a plain white envelope, remember to identify yourself, especially paying cash, and designate as Altar Society and place in collection. Info: Linda Landry @ 319-0178.

For Mausoleum crypts, please call the office.

We are in need of a volunteer to answer phones on the following days, from 8:30 -11:30 a.m.

Mon., 6/11, Tues., 6/12, Wed., 6/13, Thurs., 6/14 and
Mon., 7/09, Tues., 7/10, Wed., 7/11, Thurs., 7/12.

Myra and Barbara will participate in classes at the Diocese and it will certainly help Father to have someone answer phones. Call if you can help.



The Family Choices series presented by our Diocese is offering "Finding the Balance in Dementia Care" on Sat., Aug. 4, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. @ the CLC. Spirit-filled day of support, education and encouragement. Cost \$10/\$15 for walk-ins. Lunch provided. Register: brfamilychoices.org or Ofc. Of Family Life 242-0323.

St. Gabriel Catholic Church is hosting a Seniors Luncheon for those 70 and older. The luncheon will be Wed., June 20, 11:30 a.m. If you need special assistance or transportation, please let us know. We will try to oblige. We would love for you all to come.



We are still in need of some ministers in all areas, Altar Servers (4th grade and up, with adults as well), Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers. If you are feeling a call from above, please help out in these ministries. The frequency of serving will be less with the more ministers we have. Father also is excited if an entire family would volunteer as Altar Servers. What an impression that would make that you are all willing to serve our Lord. Please call if you'd like to participate so your family may be added to the schedule.

Speaking of contributions, it is very helpful to the money counters if you complete the offertory envelope. Make sure to put the check number and amount and if it is cash, please make sure the amount is on the outside of the envelope. You can't believe how much easier that makes it for our volunteers.

The Holy Name Societies of OLOM, STM & St. Agnes invite you to a Corpus Christi Procession and Benediction at St. Joseph Cathedral on Sat., June 9, after 4 p.m. For more info: Ronnie Rome, 766-0649; Ovide LaHaye, 273-2152; Henry Soniat, 276-4503.

Fellow Parishioners

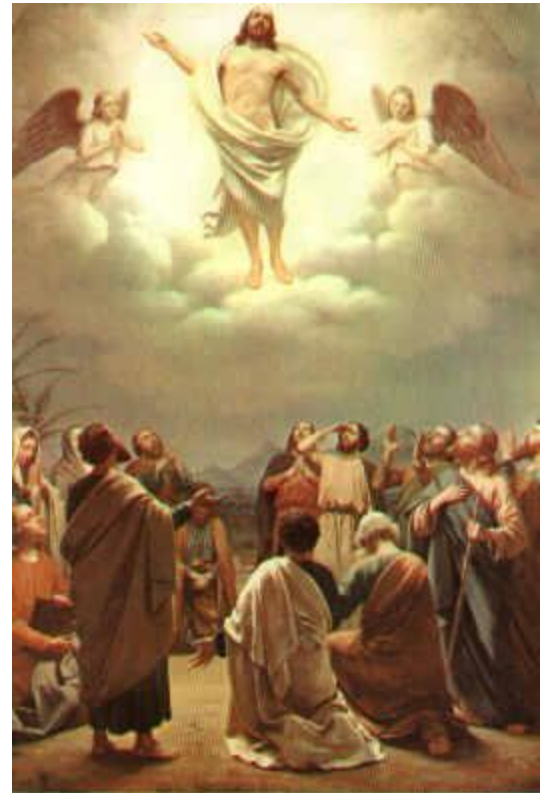
Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. A meaning of the Ascension is that Jesus completed the will of the Father while on earth and now he assumes his role as Lord in heaven. However, before leaving he commissioned each of us, “Go and preach the gospel to all nations.”

We know that preaching the gospel means more than being in a pulpit. We preach through our words and actions in the way we speak to and treat one another. We preach through our love and devotion to our spouses, our children, our sons and daughters –in-law, our grandchildren, our fellow parishioners and all peoples. We can actually say that Jesus now has no body on earth but ours.

The act of Jesus’ ascension tells us how much confidence that he has in each one of us. Jesus is confident in us to be his hands to raise up the fallen, his feet to seek out the lost, his eyes to see the silent tears of the suffering, his ears to listen to the lonely, his tongue to speak a word of comfort to the sad and his heart to love the unloved.

We have the power and the ability to be Jesus’ presence to others through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Through the gift of the Spirit, we share as stewards in the ministry of Jesus. Next week we will celebrate Pentecost, the Spirit’s presence that gives us the ability to be the hands, the feet, the eyes, the mouth, the heart of Jesus to each other.

May the Lord continue to bless us and lead us to continue his ministry of preaching his Gospel here at St. Gabriel and Sacred Heart.



**Together
We Can!**

**2012 PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Robert Addison, Vivian Aucoin
Aimee Burruss, Gabriel Crochet,
Jamie Flores & David Olivier**

Calendar

Sun.	20	7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mass–Ascension of our Lord Mass @ Carville Mass St. Joseph’s Graduation
Mon.	21	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tues.	22	8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wed.	23	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mass Pastoral Council Meeting
Thurs.	24	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mass Baptismal Seminar Eucharistic Minister Training
Fri.	25	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Mass Hunt
Sat.	26	10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Ordination @ Cathedral Vigil Mass – Pentecost
Sun.	27	7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Mass–Pentecost Mass @ Carville Mass Adult Confirmation



MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Mon.	28	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tues.	29	8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wed.	30	8:00 a.m.	Mass
Thurs.	31	8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mass Wedding Rehearsal

**JUNE – Oh my, the year is almost half gone.
When did that happen?!?!?**

Fri.	01	8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mass Adoration in church Communion Calls Gordon-Morton Wedding
Sat.	02	4:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass – Trinity Sun.
Sun.	03	7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Mass–Trinity Sun. Mass @ Carville Mass
Mon.	04	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tues.	05	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Mass Deanery Meeting
Wed.	06	8:00 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	Mass Ladies Altar Society Mtg.

Nifty, Nifty, Look who’s FIFTY!!!! (sh-h-h, it’s Myra!)

Thu.	07	8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mass Wedding Rehearsal
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WATCH OUT – SCHOOL IS OUT!!!

DAILY READINGS

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Mark 16:15-20

Tuesday, May 22 Daily Readings

Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a

Wednesday, May 23 Daily Readings

Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 24 Daily Readings

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26

Friday, May 25 Daily Readings

Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19

PENTECOST SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

Tuesday, May 29 Daily Readings

1 Peter 1:10-16; Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday, May 30 Daily Readings

1 Peter 1:18-25; Mark 10:32-45

Thursday, May 31 Daily Readings

Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-56

Friday, June 01 Daily Readings

1 Peter 4:7-13; Mark 11:11-26



Pray for our Sick and Homebounds:

Ann Barrett, Annabelle Bourque, Daisy Cannon, Vera Cambre, Dick Chapman, Raymond DeBlanc, Ruby Edmonston, Lily & Buck Fairchild, Eunice Fairchild, Cecilia Graf, John Johnson, Kenneth and Mary Belle Landaiche, Eugene LeBlanc, Jr., Rachael LeBlanc, Kim Morgan, Frances Anne & Larry Peltier, Anthony Pizzolato, Kitty Prevost, Gert Robinson, Herman Warthen & Beverly Wright. Including in your prayers all of the sick and suffering in our families especially those living in nursing homes. Also, pray for peace in the world, & for all men and women in our armed forces, especially those in war-torn environments.



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

5/21	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
5/22	8:00 a.m.	Carl & Jared LaPlace; Vincent Comeaux M/M Julius Gautreaux
5/23	8:00 a.m.	John Wintz, Jr.; Clyde Guidry Bobby & Berdie Lou Wintz
5/24	8:00 a.m.	Sam Gerace; H.R. & Howie Williams Dewey Hymel Family and Betty
5/25	8:00 a.m.	M/M Ellis P. Gaudet; Douglas Fritts Crochet-Himel-Amedee Families
5/26	4:00 p.m.	For the Parish
5/27	7:00 a.m.	Preston Roy, Avia Duhon; Broussard Family
	10:15 a.m.	Aubrey & Jackie LaPlace
5/28	8:00 a.m.	No Mass



