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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

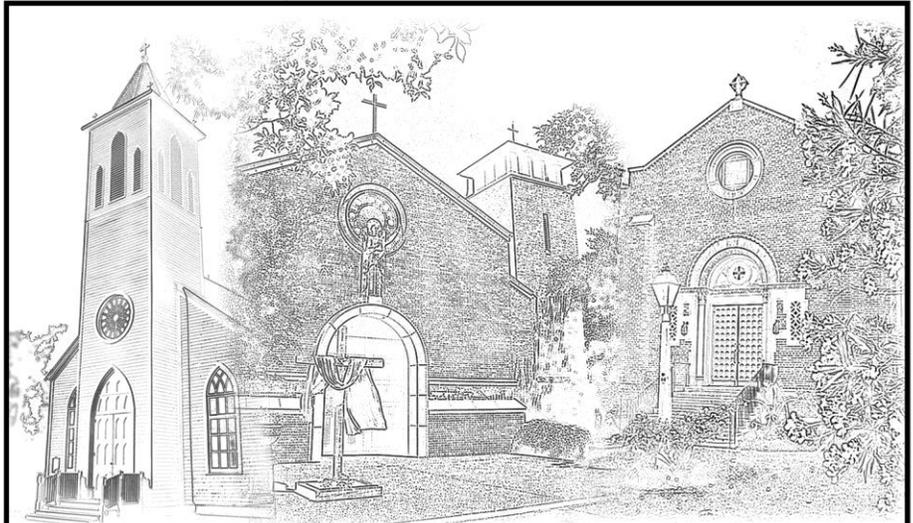
Sunday @ 8:30 am

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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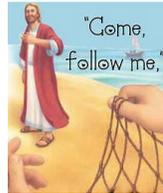
STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	; Carville – 50
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$7,975.66
AMOUNT COLLECTED	\$6,509.92
NUMBER OF DONATIONS	106

There will be 2 envelopes on 01/25-26, reg. & Church in Lat./Am.
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.



When Jesus calls Peter, Andrew, James, and John in today's gospel, the text says "They left their nets at once and followed him." That is a dramatic response. Without hesitation or reflection, they leave everything behind and immediately join his company. Now often when people reflect on this passage, they try to imagine what was there about Jesus that was so charismatic and attractive that it would make people drop everything and go after him. And don't get me wrong. I think Jesus was charismatic and attractive. But I do not believe these qualities completely explain the disciples' immediate response. I think we should consider not only the strength of Jesus' person but also what was going on in the lives of Peter and his companions before they met Jesus. I think we need to reflect not only on the power of Jesus' call, but how God was working in the hearts of the disciples to prepare them to accept that call.



Perhaps when he got up on the morning on the day Jesus called him, Peter thought to himself, "Another day of fishing. I know its honest work, and it provides for my family. But why do I still have this emptiness within me? Why do I keep thinking there should be more? Why do I keep seeking something deeper? But what could that possibly be?" Perhaps James as he began to mend his nets thought to himself, "I truly love God, and I know that I serve God by being a good husband and father. But what a joy it would be if somehow I were able to speak directly to people about God's goodness. But how could that happen? I'm only a fisherman. Who would listen to me?" Then Jesus comes walking along the beach and says, "Follow me." They say, "Of course. This is it." And immediately they leave everything that they have and become his disciples.

God is always preparing us for the next call. That is why attentiveness is an essential virtue of discipleship. We must be people who honestly claim what is in our hearts, what we seek, what we need, what we yearn for. These feelings are not random movements. They are the work of the Spirit prompting us and preparing us. And when we are willing to be attentive to the Spirit's action, we will be ready, so that when Jesus walks by and says, "Come!" we will immediately leave what we have and follow him.



Are you feeling the need to make a commitment to a liturgical ministry? Listen for God's gentle push to a particular ministry. We know you can do it. Call the office if you need some gentle persuasion.



2019 tax statements are in the office for pick-up. There are too many statements to mail; it would be too expensive. Also emails are not possible. Thanks.



The Diocesan celebration of Wedding Anniversaries for 25th, 50th, 65th and over will be held Sun., Feb. 02, 2 p.m. at St. Thomas More. There is a flyer in this week's bulletin.



We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Carol "Cookie" Babin Landaiche, who died in Christ. We also offer our prayers and sympathy to Mary Addison and family on the death of Mary's uncle.



If you are interested in Adult Confirmation contact Myra at the office. Classes will meet at St. George this spring on Wednesday evenings, 6:30 p.m.



Ash Wednesday, February 26, is quickly approaching. Way of the Cross will begin that Friday, February 28, 6:00 p.m. We need lectors and servers to assist with these services. Sign-up sheets will be in the back of church shortly. Please only sign up for one Friday and allow as many as can be to participate. Thanks.



We welcome another new Catholic to our midst: Curtis Lyneil Oby, III, son of Curtis Lyneil Oby, Jr. and Candace Reynolds Oby. We are blessed to have another little one joining us in our faith community.



TOGETHER WE CAN!

Fellow Parishioners:

As I mentioned in my homily last weekend, Pope Francis has designated the Eucharist liturgies of this weekend as, “Sunday of the Word of God: Making the Scriptures Part of Our Everyday Lives.” He is inviting all Catholics throughout the world to deepen their appreciation, love and faithful witness to God and to God’s Word.



He is asking us to make this Sunday a special day devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. He reminds us that the Word of God offers us the inexhaustible richness that comes from God’s constant dialogue with God’s people as well as stimulating us to be living instruments of transmitting God’s Word to our fellow sisters and brothers. Remember the words attributed to St. Francis, “Always, always preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and if necessary use words.” Making the Word of God a part of our daily life, we preach its rich message by our love and service to one another.

Another reason that Pope Francis has designated, Sunday of the Word of God is that he wants all Christians not to just place the Bible on the shelf as one of their many books, but he wants us pray, read, mediate and be awakened in our faith to living out the God’s Word in our daily lives.



I also mentioned in my homily that Pope Francis invites us to bring our Bibles to church and they would be blessed as a sign of our universal commitment to read, meditate, study and implement God’s Word in our daily life, in our parish life and in our life as members of the universal Catholic Church.

The Church offers us a wonderful method of praying the Word of God. It is called Lectio Divina (Divine Reading). This method consists in reading a Scripture passage then listening with the “ear of the heart (listen to God speaking to you) and living out what God has spoken. Pope Francis highly recommends this method and personally it is a wonderful way to listen to God speaking to you. Remember the prayer: Speak Lord, your servant is listening.



In our weekly bulletin you will find the Scripture readings that are proclaimed throughout the week at our daily masses. These are wonderful to use as a daily meditation prayer. What I personally like about our reading and meditating on these scripture passages is that they offer us a way to pray with the world wide church. One of the beauties of our being Catholic is that no matter where we attend mass in the world all the readings and rubrics are the same. They are universal (Catholic) and that means that when we pray here in St. Gabriel we are in union and communion with our Catholic brothers and sisters world-wide. We are not just our little church we are connected to the world-wide church. How can we not be welcoming to all? We all belong. Isn’t that awesome!

If you are interested in a good publication that offers great insight to the daily and Sunday readings, I recommend Give Us This Day. What I most like about it is that it offers a daily meditation on the readings. It is published monthly by Liturgical Press. You can find it on line.

May God bless us and may we continue growing in God’s mind and heart.

UPCOMING EVENTS

3rd Sunday Ordinary Time

Anointing of the Sick at all masses

Sun.	26	7:00 a.m.	MASS
		7:30 a.m.	Blood Drive - Mobile
		8:30 a.m.	MASS @ Carville Confirmation Class
		10:15 a.m.	MASS BBQ Loaf Sale
		5:00 p.m.	Youth Group in PAC

CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK UNTIL FEBRUARY 01

Mon.	27	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
		6:30 p.m.	Rel Ed Grades 1-12
Tues.	28	7:00 a.m.	Men's Reflection Group
		8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration
		6:00 p.m.	RCIA
Wed.	29	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		10:00 a.m.	Catholic School Week Mass
Thurs.	30	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri.	31	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass



Sat.	02	3:15 p.m.	Reconciliation
		4:00 p.m.	VIGIL
Sun.	03	7:00 a.m.	MASS
		8:30 a.m.	MASS @ Carville
		10:15 a.m.	MASS

Presentation of Our Lord

Our 250th Anniversary Mass

2:00 p.m.	Dioc. Wedding Anniv. Mass
5:00 p.m.	SuperBowl Game



Groundhog Day			
Mon.	03	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
		6:30 p.m.	Rel Ed Grades 1-12
Tues.	04	7:00 a.m.	Men's Reflection Group
		8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration
		9:30 a.m.	Deanery Meeting
		6:00 p.m.	RCIA
Wed.	05	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass



DAILY READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORD. TIME

Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

Monday, January 27 Daily Readings

2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10; Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 28 Daily Readings

2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 29 Daily Readings

2 Samuel 7:4-17; Mark 4:1-20

Thursday, January 30 Daily Readings

2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29; Mark 4:21-25

Friday, January 31 Daily Readings

2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mark 4:26-34

Saturday, February 01 Daily Readings

2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mark 4:35-41

PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD/ 4th Sun. Ord. Time

Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40



Pray for our Sick and Homebounds: Frank Banta, Sr., Betty Jean Barbay, Phyllis Babin, Joan Chapman, Melissa Conrad, Joyce Crochet, Ruby Edmonston, Lily Fairchild, Eunice Fairchild, Carolyn Harelson, John Johnson, Mary Belle Landaiche, Michael & Carolyn (Punkin) Landaiche, Genie LaPlace, Eugene LeBlanc, Sr., Anthony & Bessie Pizzolato, Sheryl Rodeillat, Charles Spedale, and Louise Thibodeaux. Include in your prayers all of the sick & 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.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR NAME REMOVED FROM THIS LIST, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

01/27	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
01/28	8:00 a.m.	Carl & Jared LaPlace; M/M L.G. Hoffmann, Sr. & Jr. Cambre-Babin-Merino Families & Emily Ramos
01/29	8:00 a.m.	Marion & Albert Bourgeois, Jr. & Ill
01/30	8:00 a.m.	Eugene LeBlanc, Jr.; Comeaux-Barbay Families
01/31	8:00 a.m.	M/M Sam Spedale; Sheldon-Spedale Families; Crochet-Amedee Families
02/01	4:00 p.m.	Soileau-LaFleur Families; David Templet; Templet-Blanchard Families; Aaron McNabb
02/02	7:00 a.m.	Carville-Olivier Families; Bonnie Reames
	10:15 a.m.	St. Gabriel Catholic Church Families; In Thanksgiving
02/03	8:00 a.m.	No Mass

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of Feb. 23-29 in memory of Alvin Fairchild, Sr.

