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Monday – Thursday, 8 am – 3 pm
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SECRETARIES:

Myra G. Tircuit

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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

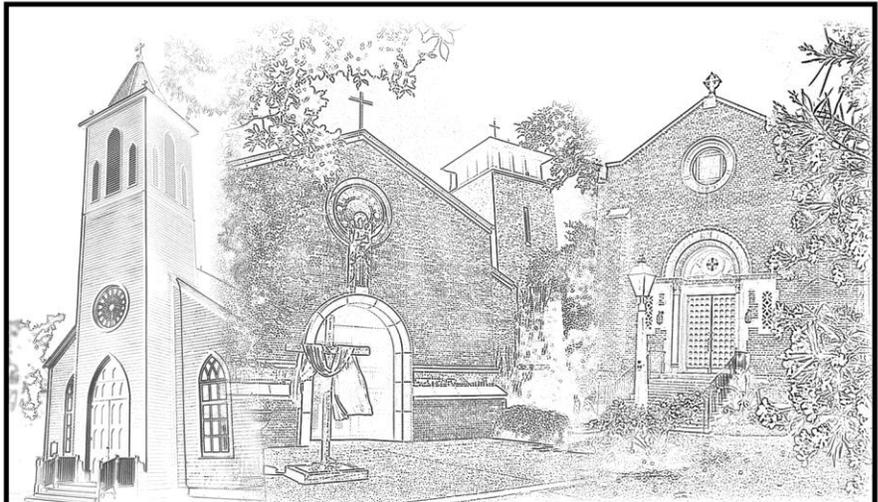
Sunday @ 8:30 am

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.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	434 ;Carville – 55
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$7,975.66
AMOUNT COLLECTED	\$4,968.00
NUMBER OF DONATIONS	86

There will be 2 envelopes on 03/21-22, reg. & Cath. Relief Svcs.

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.



Why did the Samaritan woman come to draw water at noon, the hottest time of the day?

Did she want to avoid the times the other women in town

came to the well?

What are the places in my life where I am embarrassed, where I avoid interaction with others?

What are the noon day wells of my life? Can I imagine Jesus approaching me there?

Jesus tries to reveal his thirst to her - perhaps his thirst for intimacy with her - but she puts him off. She's not worthy. It won't work. When he offers to satisfy her thirst, she puts him off. He can't satisfy what she needs, at least with this well, and without a bucket.

How do I put Jesus off, with excuses, with problems, with barriers? I don't have time; I haven't done this before; my stuff's too complicated; I don't know how to find you in this mess.

When he shows her that he knows her, she knows she's in the presence of someone special - perhaps the one she has thirsted for all her life.

Do I let Jesus show me that he knows and understands me?

Can I find the words to say he is the one I have thirsted for all my life?

The grace will come when I see that I have been at the well a long time and have long been thirsty. When I can name the new thirst, the Water that now satisfies that thirst, I can overcome my remaining resistance to trust. When I see that

Jesus reveals himself to me by revealing me to me, thereby showing me my need for him as Savior, I will rejoice and tell the whole world, too.



TOGETHER WE CAN!



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.

Our Youth Ministry group will host a "Mission Café" on Friday, March 20, 6-8 p.m. \$8.00/plate will include crawfish etouffee', salad, bread and dessert. The youth will use the money to fund a mission trip to St. Anne Mission in Arizona with the Navajo Native Americans. Please support our Youth.



We will offer a Lenten Mission and Penance Service. Rev. Simeon Gallagher will be here March 30-April 02, 6:30 p.m. Check the flyer. Father Gallagher will say daily mass on Monday, March 30, 8 a.m. Our Lenten Penance Service is Tuesday, March 31 and will be incorporated into the Mission that evening. Fr. Simeon will also say morning mass on Monday, March 30, 8 a.m.

There are extra Pictorial Directories. If you would like a copy please pick up a copy from the table in the vestibule of church.

"Don't miss the bus!" Travel with us via a luxury Hotard bus [on Thursday 4/23](#) and will begin with a tour of the Michaelangelo Vatican Art Exhibit at the River Center, have a nice lunch downtown, and end the day with an Old State Capitol tour. Secure your spot with full payment by March 31. **See the flyer for details and new policy restrictions.**

The LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY is collecting dues for 2020. Please put \$5.00 in an envelope with your name, address and telephone number on it, and put it in the collection basket. The LAS does many parish and community projects to make our church complete. Join us.

Remember to keep Lent holy.

Fellow Parishioners:

I thank you for your cooperation and understanding with the recent Liturgical guidelines that Bishop Duca asked of us concerning the coronavirus. Let us keep praying that a cure may soon be discovered and therefore be controlled.



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This past Wednesday's gospel passage was Matthew 20:17-28. In this gospel passage the mother of the apostles of James and John asked Jesus to give them the two top spots in the ranking of the apostles and the other ten were not too happy with her and them. Jesus reminded all of them as well as us, that He came not to be served, but to serve. (20:28) I shared with the congregation that by Jesus saying this He gave giving service to each other and to His church the top spiritual priority. I also shared with them that this passage, verse 28 is one of my favorites and is a guideline by which I try to live my life. The way I see it, if it was good enough for Jesus to serve us, it had better be good enough for us to serve Jesus and His church.

One of the churches recommended Lenten practices is to give alms. Giving alms is not only giving of something to help others, but it is also giving of our self in love and service to one another and to Jesus' church. A way that the church recommends that we implement this practice is through the gift of stewardship. Stewardship consists of giving of our time, talent and treasure and prayer in support of Jesus' church. The season of Lent is a time for us to reflect upon how we are being stewards of Jesus' church. Are we being servants of Jesus and His church by giving of our time, prayer, talent and treasure to our church or are we letting others be the servants? Remember what Jesus says, "It is better to serve than to be served." (Matthew 20:28) If it is good enough for Jesus to be a servant, it surely should good enough for you and me.



Do not forget to mark your calendars so as to attend our Lenten mission which will be conducted by Father Simeon Gallagher, O.F.M. Our mission begins on Monday, March 30th and concludes on Thursday, April 2nd.



Let us continue to pray for each other that we grow in our commitment to be stewards and disciples of Jesus.

God bless



Read: Pope Francis's prayer to Mary during coronavirus pandemic



Pope Francis celebrates morning Mass in the chapel of his residence, the Domus Sanctae Marthae, at the Vatican March 11, 2020. (CNS photo/Vatican Media)



O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

YOUTH GROUP MARCH MADNESS -



MISSION CAFÉ

The Jr. High and High School Youth will be Hosting Mission Café on

Friday, March 20th from 6pm-8pm - \$8/plate

We will be selling Plate Dinners to raise money for the Jr. High mission, "Called to Love" and the High School Mission, St Anne Mission in Arizona, part of the Gallup Diocese. Come and join us in a café style meal, served by the youth or take a plate to go. Plates will include crawfish etouffee', salad, bread & dessert.



ABBEY YOUTH FEST

March 21, 2020 will be the 19th annual Abbey Youth Festival! Our mission has remained to same for nearly 20 years: Call or text 225-302-0860 to register

1. Evangelize the Youth of the Gulf South
2. Promote Vocational Discernment
3. Foster the formation of Youth and Seminarians

How?



Dynamic Speakers; Beautiful Liturgy; Good Music; A Festival Atmosphere; Good Food; Confession; Adoration; Benediction; and more!

This year's lineup includes:

- Jackie Francois Angel
- Fr. Josh Johnson
- Kathleen Lee
- The Vigil Project
- And More!

Worship With Us

Senior Night at Christ The King

Date: March 31st, 2020; **Time:** 4:30pm - 7:30pm

Place: Christ The King Church **Who:** 12th Grade Students

About the Event: All High School Seniors who are planning on attending LSU this upcoming Fall Semester are welcome to come visit Christ The King Church and Community Center, coming up on Tuesday, March 31st. All attendees will get a chance to tour all of the awesome student facilities CTK has to offer as well as meet and greet Father Andrew Merrick, Campus Ministers, Focus Missionaries and other awesome CTK Peeps! If LSU will be your home for your path to knowledge for the next 4 years, let CTK and their awesome community be your spiritual home! Come see the amazing things that God has in store for you at CTK! Please contact Mrs. Roz @ rduplantis@diobr.org and she will email you the link to register.

Timeline:

4:30 pm - Intros, info and a tour of the facilities

6:00 pm - Mass



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat.	14	4:00 p.m.	VIGIL 3rd Sunday of Lent
Sun.	15	7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	MASS Confirmation Class MASS @ Carville MASS Divine Mercy Novena
Mon.	16	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	No Mass Rel Ed Gr. 1-12
Happy St. Patrick's Day			
Tues.	17	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Men's Reflection Group Daily Mass in Church Adoration RCIA
Wed.	18	8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Daily Mass in Church Divine Mercy Novena Staff Meeting Pastoral Council Meeting
Thurs.	19	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass in Church
Fri.	20	8:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Daily Mass in Church Way of the Cross Youth – "Mission Café"
Sat.	21	9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	1 st Eucharist Class VIGIL
Sun.	22	7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	MASS MASS @ Carville MASS Divine Mercy Novena Youth Group in PAC
Mon.	23	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	No Mass Rel Ed Gr. 1-12
Tues.	24	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Men's Reflection Group Daily Mass in Church Adoration RCIA
Wed.	25	8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Daily Mass in Church Divine Mercy Novena Baptismal Seminar
Thurs.	26	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass in Church
Fri.	27	8:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Daily Mass in Church Way of the Cross
Sat.	28	4:00 p.m.	VIGIL 5th Sunday of Lent



DAILY READINGS

3rd Sunday of Lent

**Exodus 17:3-7, Romans 5:1-2, 5-8;
John 4:5-42**

Monday, March 16 Daily Readings

2 Kings 5:1-15b; Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 17 Daily Readings

Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 18 Daily Readings

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday, March 19 Daily Readings

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22

Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Friday, March 20 Daily Readings

Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34

Saturday, March 21 Daily Readings

Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14

4th Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41



Pray for our Sick and Homebonds: 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, Flory Reynolds, Allen Reynolds, 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

03/16	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
03/17	8:00 a.m.	Mary Falcon Breaux; Evelyn Marie Horton
03/18	8:00 a.m.	M/M Ellis P. Gaudet; Milton, Mary & Bubba Broussard
03/19	8:00 a.m.	Carl J. LaPlace; Jared LaPlace; Rodney Gomez; Phyllis Reynolds; Dr. Sidney Thibodeaux
03/20	8:00 a.m.	P.C. Ourso & Family; Trudy Panepinto; Panepinto & Wintz Families; Peltier-Landry-LeBlanc-Marchand Families
03/21	4:00 p.m.	Allison Barras; Alvin White; Mary Blanche Marchand; Rodney Gomez; Phyllis Reynolds
03/22	7:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving
	8:30 a.m.	Howatt & Melancon Families
	10:15 a.m.	Marjorie Acosta; Ourso Family; Pauline Jeansonne; Herman Warthen, Jr.
03/23	8:00 a.m.	No Mass

