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Monday – Thursday, 8 am – 3 pm
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PASTOR:

Rev. Charles R. Landry

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Kirk Duplantis

SECRETARIES:

Myra G. Tircuit

Barbara V. Hornstein

CONFESSION

First Saturday @ 3:15 pm &

By Appointment

VIGIL MASS

Saturday @ 4 pm

SUNDAY MASS

Sunday @ 7 am & 10:15 am

MASS @ CARVILLE

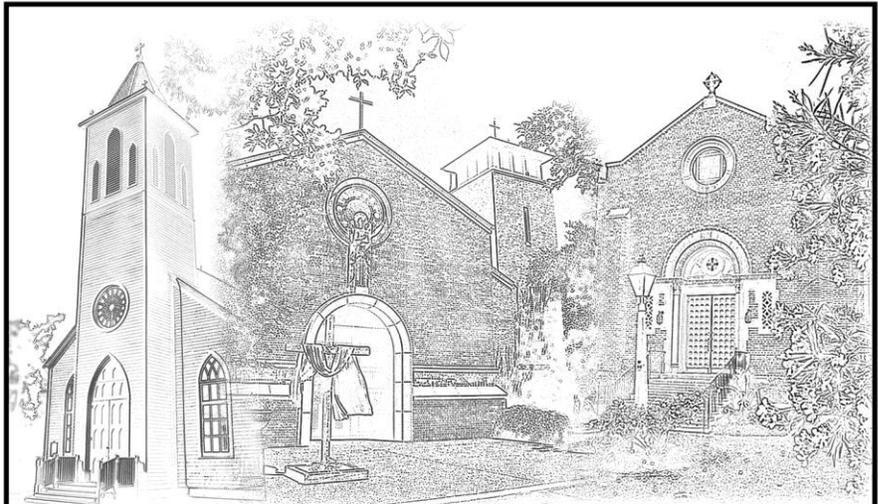
Sunday @ 8:30 am

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	134
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$7,975.66
AMOUNT COLLECTED	\$5,910.00
NUMBER OF DONATIONS	53

There will be 2 envelopes on 06/27-28, reg. & Peter's Pence.
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.

Today's reading from Matthew's Gospel comes after a discourse in which Jesus reproaches people who have witnessed his mighty deeds yet still lack belief. In this context, today's Gospel explains the reason for this unbelief and reveals what is necessary for faith. Today's Gospel also continues to enhance our understanding of discipleship as last week's Gospel did.

Jesus first prays in thanksgiving to God who has made himself known to Jesus' disciples. He praises God who has made himself known to the "little ones" and not to the wise and learned. As in other recent readings from Matthew's Gospel, a contrast is made here between the unbelieving Pharisees, who are wise and learned, and the faithful disciples, tax collectors, and sinners with whom Jesus keeps company.

The second part of this reading calls to our attention the unity between the Father and the Son. God has made himself known through Jesus, and in knowing Jesus, we come to know the Father. In Jesus' life and in his person, God reveals himself to us.

In the concluding sentences of today's Gospel, Jesus' teaching is again contrasted to the teaching of the Pharisees. This common theme of Matthew's Gospel probably reflects tension that existed between Jesus and the Pharisees and between the Pharisees and the community of Christians for whom Matthew wrote. Pharisaic Judaism became the predominant form of Judaism after the

destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem about 70 A.D. Here that tension is expressed as alternative paths of holiness. The careful observance of the Mosaic law taught by the Pharisees could be experienced by some as difficult and burdensome. In contrast, Jesus' way of holiness is presented as uncomplicated and even restful.

Mass Schedules are online. Mass Intentions are online as well. Check www.stgabrielcatholicchurch.com or our Facebook page.

TOGETHER WE CAN!

Every day at 8 a.m. Bishop Duca says mass live from the Catholic Life Center and it is televised on Cox Channel 15, Catholic Live TV. It will be re-broadcasted at noon and 6 p.m.

Vacation Bible School is cancelled for this summer. See the insert in this week's bulletin. Forms and information are online at our website. If you will be a junior in high school in the fall and wish to be confirmed next May, 2021, please call Myra. Also any second graders planning on First Reconciliation/First Eucharist, call Myra as well.

Marriage Encounter New Virtual weekend for Jul 17-19th. See Diobr.org for information.

We offer our prayers and sympathy to the Gibbens family on the death of Gloria Gibbens. We also offer our prayers and sympathy to the Herpin family on the death of James' father; and to George & Inez Tircuit on the death of their brother-in-law, Steve Landry.

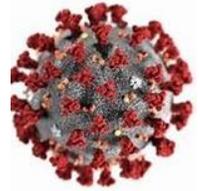
We welcome two new Catholics to our fold: *Myla Jean Gutierrez*, daughter of Gabriel Jose Gutierrez, II and Marisol Moreno Gutierrez; and *Henry Louis Bourgeois*, son of Louis Vernon Bourgeois and Kathryn Liddell Bourgeois. Both were baptized in Christ this past weekend.

Congratulations to *Katelyn A. Lee*, who made her First Eucharist this past weekend. Great job Katelyn.

Fellow Parishioners:



It has been a long time since I have sat down and written a letter to you. As we have all experienced, these past months have been a life changer and we are not out of the woods yet. Let's keep praying and respect the precautions that are asked of us.



As life changing as it has been, we have done a great job of adjusting. We have used so many means of staying connected. I am touched as to how we have used our gifts and talents to reach out to others to let them know how much they are missed and loved. We are learning that when a door is closed, God invites us to look for an open window. If this sounds familiar to you, it is a line that comes from the movie, *The Sound of Music*. Trust me, I am not that creative, but I am good at stealing.



There are many unsung heroes that have been behind the scenes to keep our parish moving forward during these trying times. First, I would like to thank all of you for the support that you have been offering to our parish family life through your continued prayers, financial contributions and as well offering your services as lectors, greeters, disinfectors and many unnoticed but valuable services. I thank our Parish Council and our Finance Council. I thank Deacon Kirk and Roz for their continued service and support. We take our hats off in gratitude to Barbara, Myra and Drago for their commitment to the day to day operations of the parish. On behalf of the entire community, I offer a special thanks to Chad Babin, our webmaster. Even though there were times when the church doors were not open, through Chad's gifts and talent we were able to worship at our home, St. Gabriel Catholic Church via our website and for those who are still not able to be with us, you can still worship with us via our website. Many of our homebound are receiving Eucharist at the hands of their family members, thank you for bringing the Lord to them. This pandemic has confirmed what has been present in our community life: we love God and one another and it is shows itself in our care, our concern and our service.



As you well know, the danger in offering public thanks is that at times someone(s) may not be acknowledged, please forgive me if it is so. Please know, that unlike Fr. Charlie, God always remembers.

I leave you with this thought: One of life's greatest rules...."You cannot hold a torch to light another's path without brightening your own." Yes, I stole it.

God bless.

Fr. Charlie



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2020

The theme for this year's Vacation Bible School is **ROCKY RAILWAY – JESUS' POWER PULLS US THROUGH**. Right now, things are a little bit rocky... and we are going to depend on Jesus' Power to help pull us through these uncertain times!

Our VBS will be different this year. After prayer and discussions, while we will not be able to offer our traditional VBS program, we will offer a different VBS format this year. We are putting together information for families to work with their children at their own pace and at a time convenient for them. Each packet will contain the Bible story for the day. We also will have pre-packaged boxes which contains what you need each day – (Bible Buddies, Carabiners, Imagination Station Gismo, Watch for God wristbands, and Activity Book.) We will offer suggestions for snacks and games. A Sing & Play Express Music CD's have been ordered. The program is designed for those ages 4 thru sixth grade.

We are offering this for those who have participated in our VBS programs in past and/or registered parishioners. If you would like to participate please contact Myra Tircuit, Director of Religious Education at myratircuit@bellsouth.net or 225-642-8441. To help defray the cost of materials we are asking a \$25.00 fee per student. Please register no later than July 8th. Materials will be available for pickup July 10th.

As we go thru the next few weeks and months, we remember that

Jesus' power helps us do hard things
Jesus' power gives us hope.
Jesus' power helps us be bold.
Jesus' power lets us live forever
Jesus' power helps us be good friends



Sat.	04	3:15 P.M. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Reconciliation VIGIL VIGIL
14th Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Sun.	05	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	MASS MASS
Mon.	06	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tues.	07	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Men's Reflection Group Daily Mass in Church Adoration until 8 p.m. Deanery Meeting
Wed.	08	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
Thurs.	09	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Daily Mass Mass
Fri.	10	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat.	11	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	VIGIL VIGIL
15th Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Sun.	12	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	MASS MASS Youth Group in PAC
Mon.	13	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tues.	14	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 until 8 p.m. KCs Mtg. in PAC
Wed.	15	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Daily Mass Staff Meeting
Thurs.	16	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Daily Mass Mass
Fri.	17	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat.	18	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	VIGIL VIGIL
16th Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Sun.	19	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	MASS MASS Youth Group in PAC
Mon.	20	8:00 a.m.	No Mass



14th Sunday of Ordinary Time
2 Kings 4:8-11, 15-16a; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11
Matthew 10:37-42

Monday, July 06 Daily Readings
Hosea 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Matthew 9:18-26

Tuesday, July 07 Daily Readings
Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:32-38

Wednesday, July 08 Daily Readings
Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Matthew 10:1-7

Thursday, July 09 Daily Readings
Hosea 11:1-4, 8e-9; Matthew 10:8-15

Friday, July 10 Daily Readings
Hosea 14:2-10; Matthew 10:16-23

Saturday, July 11 Daily Readings
Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 10:24-33

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23;
Matthew 13:1-23



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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, Mary Belle Landaiche, Michael & Carolyn (Punkin) Landaiche, Genie LaPlace, Eugene LeBlanc, Sr., Anthony & Bessie Pizzolato, Flory Reynolds, Allen Reynolds, 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.

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- WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**
- 07/06 8:00 a.m. No Mass
 - 07/07 8:00 a.m. Gueho Family & Linda; Eugene LeBlanc, Jr. Comeaux-Barbay Families
 - 07/08 8:00 a.m. M/M Joseph LaPlace, Sr.; Soileau-LaFleur Families; Aubrey & Jackie LaPlace Cambre; Babin; Emily Ramos; Merino Flys.
 - 07/09 8:00 a.m. Sheldon-Spedale Families; Larry & Frances Ann Peltier; Peltier-Panepinto Families
 - 6:30 p.m. Special Intentions
 - 07/10 8:00 a.m. M/M L. G. Hoffmann, Sr. & Jr.; Harelson-Noel-Holliday Families; Templet-Blanchard Families; David Templet
 - 07/11 4:00 p.m. Peter Panepinto Family; Alvin White, Ourso & LeBlanc Families
 - 6:00 p.m. In Thanksgiving
 - 07/12 8:00 a.m. Babin-Ruiz-Smith Families; Nezida Ruiz Peltier-Landry-LeBlanc-Marchand Families; W. Allen White; White-Crochet Families
 - 10:00 a.m. For the Parish
 - 07/13 8:00 a.m. No Mass

