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Monday – Thursday, 8 am – 3 pm
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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

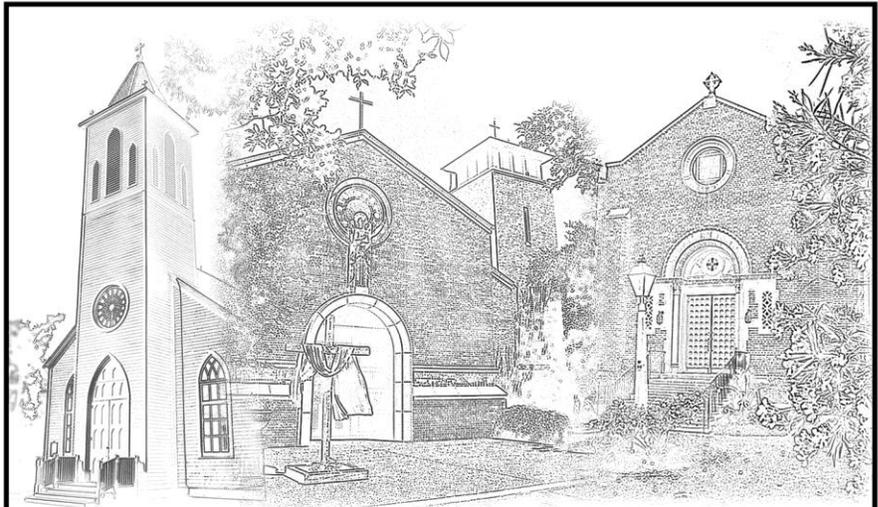
Sunday @ 8:30 am

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	133
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$7,975.66
AMOUNT COLLECTED	\$6,423.00
NUMBER OF DONATIONS	62

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 Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Over the next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse.

Throughout this discourse, Jesus will

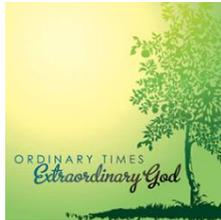


offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward—of

course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.



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



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 different for this summer. 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 congratulations to Adele Braud on receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist last week. Peace be with you Adele.



There will be a Baptismal Seminar on July 23. If you are interested, please call the office to register.



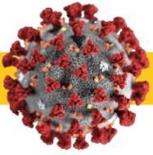
RCIA - Who is it for?

The Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults is the process through which adults (and children/teens) become full members of the Catholic Faith. If you have never been baptized or, if you have been baptized in another Christian church and would like to consider your faith journey in the Catholic Church, you are invited to attend. There is absolutely no pressure to become a catholic. This is your time and your decision. If you were baptized as a Catholic but never received any formation or never received the remainder of the sacraments of initiation (i.e., Confirmation/and or Eucharist) this process is for you as well. Please call the office.

Together We Can!

Fellow Parishioners:

Deacon Kirk and I have made the following decision in regards to our weekly masses: we will no longer offer mass at 6 PM on Saturday and 6:30 PM on Thursday evening. These two masses have a considerable low attendance and our other masses can handle the peoples from these masses. Thank you for your understanding. Remember that we have mass from Tuesday thru Friday at 8 AM in St. Gabriel Church.



I do not know how many of you subscribe to the magazine, The Liguorian. It is published by the Redemptorist out of the St. Louis, Mo. area. This month's issue has an article about Father Francis Seelos who ministered in New Orleans in 1855 during the Yellow Fever epidemic. He contracted the disease and died from it. Father Seelos was known and loved throughout New Orleans for his tireless ministry of Mercy. He served in St. Mary's Church in an area of the city known as the Irish Channel. Why am I bringing all this to your attention, you may be asking? My heart has been touched and continues being touched by the countless acts of mercy that we have been offering to our brothers and sisters during this time of the Coronavirus pandemic. **KEEP ON BEING A TIRELESS MINISTER OF MERCY.** Keep on reaching out to one another. You would be amazed what a simple phone call does for another or a simple text message. Words cannot express how one feels when they know that they are missed and are within another's heart.

I am going to close my letter with a prayer to Father Seelos written by a Redemptorist priest, Fr. Gerard LaPorte.

Blessed Francis Seelos, God sent you to minister to His people in the United States. Your last congregation was afflicted by the disastrous epidemic of yellow fever, and you were a fellow victim with them. In taking of the sick, you saw firsthand the terror, the hopelessness, and the uncertainty of your beloved people. In this current battle of against the coronavirus, obtain from God the courageous spirit and the hopefulness you always exhibited and shared with others. Amen.



God bless.

Prayers for Hurricane Season

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O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude; you are still the Master of land and sea.

We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control. The Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season, we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a storm-less eternity awaits us. Amen.

Prayer for Protection against Storms and Hurricanes

Our Father in Heaven through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us during this Hurricane season from all harm. Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer to Avert Storms and Hurricanes



Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. Calm the storms and hurricanes that threaten us and turn our fear of your power into praise of your goodness. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat.	11	4:00 p.m.	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.	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
Tues.	21	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	Men's Reflection Group Daily Mass in Church Adoration until 8 p.m.
Wed.	22	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
Thurs.	23	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass Baptismal Seminar Mass Wedding Rehearsal in Church
Fri.	24	8:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Daily Mass Wedding in church
Sat.	25	4:00 p.m.	VIGIL 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sun.	26	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	MASS MASS
Mon.	27	8:00 a.m.	No Mass



DAILY READINGS

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23

Monday, July 13 Daily Readings

Isaiah 1:10-17; Matthew 10:23-11:1

Tuesday, July 14 Daily Readings

Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday, July 15 Daily Readings

Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16

Thursday, July 16 Daily Readings

Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Matthew 11:28-30

Friday, July 17 Daily Readings

Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday, July 18 Daily Readings

Micah 2:1-5; Matthew 12:14-21

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:26-27;

Matthew 13:24-43



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.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

- 07/13 8:00 a.m. No Mass
- 07/14 8:00 a.m. Mary Blanche Marchand; Rodney Gomez; Phyllis Reynolds
- 07/15 8:00 a.m. Joseph & Earleen LaPlace; Aaron McNabb; M/M John Mire Landry
- 07/16 8:00 a.m. Herman Warthen, Jr.; Warthen Family; Joseph Acaldo Family; Milton, Mary & Bubba Broussard
- 07/17 8:00 a.m. Harelson-Noel-Holliday Families Rachael LeBlanc; Harold Waggenpack
- 07/18 4:00 p.m. For the Parish
- 07/19 8:00 a.m. Harelson-Noel-Holliday Families Marion & Albert Bourgeois, Jr. & III Crochet-Amedee Families
10:00 a.m. Sandoval-Wilton Families; James A. Tubre, Jr.; Betty Bonin Dugas
- 07/20 8:00 a.m. No Mass

