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Reverend Charles R. Landry

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Kirk Duplantis

SECRETARIES:

Myra G. Tircuit
Barbara V. Hornstein

CONFESSION

First Saturday, 3:15pm.&
by appointment

VIGIL MASS

Saturday, 4pm.

SUNDAY MASS

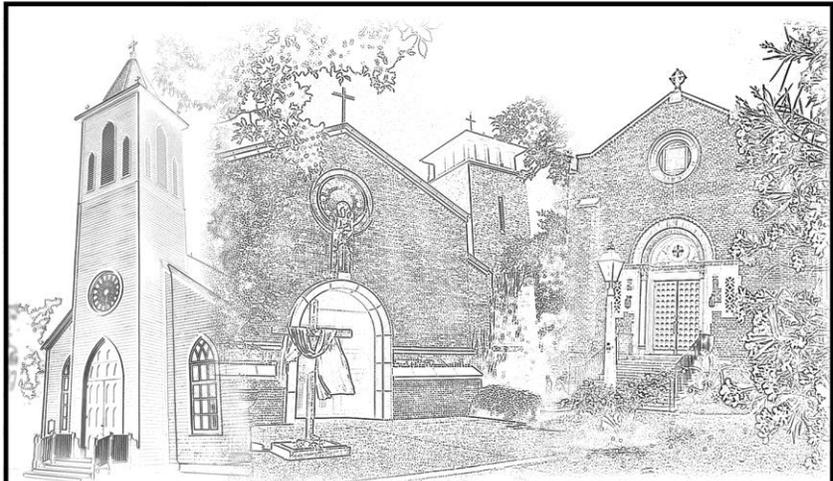
Sunday, 8am & 10am
Presently no mass @ Carville

DAILY MASS

Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday, Friday, 8am

HOLY DAY MASSES

8am & 7pm



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

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| WEEKLY ATTENDANCE | 181 |
| WEEKLY BUDGET | \$7,975.66 |
| AMOUNT COLLECTED | \$3,200.00 |
| NUMBER OF DONATIONS | 66 |

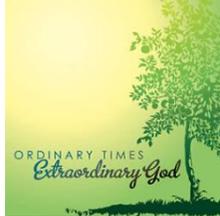
There will be 2 envelopes on 09/05-06, reg. & Catholic Univ.
Your weekly donations help meet our immediate needs, repairs and improvements. We thank all who give of their time, talent and treasure to our parish community. We always appreciate your generosity.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from a chapter of Matthew's Gospel, which is sometimes called the "discourse on the Church" or the "church order" discourse. In this part of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. In today's reading we find one of only three instances in which Jesus uses the word church in Matthew's Gospel. In Matthew's record of Jesus' teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community.

In the first part of the "discourse on the Church" (Matthew 18:1-14), Matthew addresses the Christian community's concerns about rank. Jesus responds to the disciples' question about who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus indicates that those who wish to enter the kingdom of heaven must be like children, and he cautions those leaders who might lead these "little ones" astray. He also responds with the parable of the lost sheep, indicating how God will seek out and bring back those "little ones" who have strayed.

In today's Gospel reading, Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church.

Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance.



FORMATION PROGRAMS

If you are interested in participating in our Parish School of Religion, Sacramental Preparation programs for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist or Confirmation, please check the website for Information and Registration packets. Our registration deadlines are quickly approaching. If you need more information please contact Myra at the parish office.

Please join us for Eucharistic adoration every Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. ending with a benediction. Every Tuesday from 7 to 8 p.m. we have an Hour of Prayer for our country, please join us in prayers for the Social and racial Harmony for our country. Also we are in need of adorers during the day from 3 to 4 p.m. please contact Deacon Kirk if you are interested thanks and God bless!

RCIA - Who is it for?

The Rite 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.

We will host a Blood Drive with Our Lady of the Lake Blood Donor Center on Sunday, September 6, 7:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. If you have fully recovered from COVID, they are also interested in Convalescent Plasma Donors. Thanks for sharing your blood.



Please remember to give generously to the diocesan-wide collection for those affected by the hurricane.

There will be a Parents Meeting for the 1st Reconciliation/Eucharist class on Wed., Sept. 09, 6:30 p.m. in the PAC.

TOGETHER WE CAN!

Fellow Parishioners:



This past Monday, August 31, 2020, we began our Parish School of Religion program for this year. We had our opening mass at 6:30 and the theme of the mass as well as for the year is, “I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you.” (1Cor. 11: 23-30)

Is not this the truth? What we know about our faith comes first and foremost from the Lord through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, from our parents and grandparents, our priest & deacons, our religious sisters and brothers, our Parish School of

Religion teachers, our Catholic schools, our youth group leaders. Yes, from what we have received, we now hand on others. Remember, “Love is not love, until you give it away.”

A most powerful way that we hand our faith on to others is through our daily living and practicing of it. There is no more powerful way of teaching than through good example. Remember the words attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, “Always, always preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and if necessary use words.”



Due to the corona virus, we have had to do some rearranging of our class schedule. There will be virtual classes and monthly meetings.

I want to personally offer a word of thanks for all the love and support that is offered to our parish and to one another through this time. There are countless ways that we are reaching out to one another and that is a living example of our living out God’s commandment to love God, others as well as ourselves.

God bless and have a good week.





BLOOD DRIVE

SEPTEMBER

6TH

7:30AM - 1PM

St. Gabriel Catholic

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We are asking **HEALTHY INDIVIDUALS** to consider donating blood.

Due to the impact of COVID-19, an unprecedented number of blood drive cancellations during this pandemic has caused inventories to decline. We continue to fight COVID-19 through our support of social distancing measures during whole blood collection and now convalescent plasma donations! All of the blood collected by Our Lady of the Lake Blood Donor Center stays within your community. We rely on local support to help replenish units used, so it's available for your neighbors, friends, and family.

ALL DONORS
WILL RECEIVE A
FREE GIFT.



OUR LADY
OF THE LAKE

Blood Donor Center



DONORS SHOULD:

Be 17 or above. (16 with parent consent)

Eat before donating.

Wear face covering.

Bring picture ID.

Bring reading glasses.



We are looking for **CONVALESCENT PLASMA** donors.

People who have fully recovered from COVID-19 have antibodies in their plasma that can attack the virus. This convalescent plasma is being used as treatment for patients seriously ill with COVID-19.

If you or someone you know is interested in donating, please contact:
Tasha Jones: (225) 765-8586 or tasha.braudjones@fmolhs.org

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

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| Sat. | 05 | 3:15 p.m. 4:00 p.m. | Reconciliation VIGIL |
| 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time | | | |
| BLOOD MOBILE ON CAMPUS BLOOD DRIVE | | | |
| Sun. | 06 | 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. | MASS MASS |
| LABOR DAY | | | |
| Office closed | | | |
| Mon. | 07 | 8:00 a.m. | No Mass |
| Tues. | 08 | 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 meeting |
| Wed. | 09 | 8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. | Daily Mass 1 st Reconciliation Parent Mtg. |
| Thurs. | 10 | 8:00 a.m. | Daily Mass |
| Fri. | 11 | 8:00 a.m. | Daily Mass |
| Sat. | 12 | 4:00 p.m. | VIGIL |
| 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time | | | |
| Sun. | 13 | 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. | MASS MASS Youth Group Mtg. |
| Mon. | 14 | 8:00 a.m. | No Mass |
| Tues. | 15 | 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. | 16 | 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. | Daily Mass Staff Mtg. Pastoral Council Mtg. |
| Thurs. | 17 | 8:00 a.m. | Daily Mass |
| Fri. | 18 | 8:00 a.m. | Daily Mass |
| Sat. | 19 | 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. | 1 st Reconciliation Class VIGIL |
| 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time | | | |
| Sun. | 20 | 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. | MASS MASS Confirmation Retreat |



DAILY READINGS

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

Monday, September 07 Daily Readings

1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 08 Daily Readings

Micah 5:1-4a; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

Wednesday, September 09 Daily Readings

1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26

Thursday, September 10 Daily Readings

1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13; Luke 6:27-38

Friday, September 11 Daily Readings

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27; Luke 6:39-42

Saturday, September 12 Daily Readings

1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Luke 6:43-49

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:30-28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

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, 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

- 09/07 8:00 a.m. No Mass
- 09/08 8:00 a.m. Babin-Ruiz-Smith Families; Nezida Ruiz Templet-Blanchard Families; David Templet
- 09/09 8:00 a.m. Marion & Albert Bourgeois, Jr. & III Rachael LeBlanc; Harold Waggenspack
- 09/10 8:00 a.m. Charles Spedale
- 09/11 8:00 a.m. Gueho Family & Linda; Peltier-Landry-LeBlanc-Marchand Families
- 09/12 4:00 p.m. Soileau-LaFleur Families; Haydel Family; Trudy Panepinto; Panepinto & Wintz Families
- 09/13 8:00 a.m. For the Parish
10:00 a.m. John & Jeanne Johnson; Brennan Rube; Eugene LeBlanc, Jr.; Comeaux-Barbay Flies.
- 09/14 8:00 a.m. No Mass

*God is fighting
your battles,
arranging things in
your favor, and
making a way even
when you don't see
a way.*

