



# THE RIVER CATHOLIC

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 09/20/2020

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**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday-Thursday, 8am-3pm  
(closed 12- 1pm for lunch)  
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**PASTOR:**

Reverend Charles R. Landry

**DEACON:**

Kirk Duplantis

**SECRETARIES:**

Myra G. Tircuit  
Barbara V. Hornstein

**CONFESSION**

First Saturday, 3:15pm.&  
by appointment

**VIGIL MASS**

Saturday, 4pm.

**SUNDAY MASS**

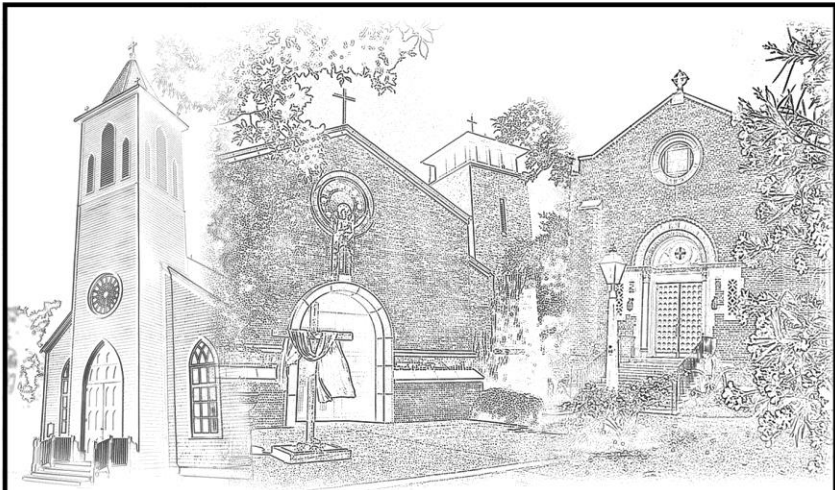
Sunday, 8am & 10am  
Presently no mass @ Carville

**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

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	235
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$7,975.66
AMOUNT COLLECTED	\$3,687.00
NUMBER OF DONATIONS	60

There will be 2 envelopes on 09/19-20, reg. & Rel Ed. The weekend of 10/17-18, the 2 envelopes are reg. & Prop. of Faith.

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.

In today's Gospel, Jesus moves from Galilee to teach in Judea where he is sought out by great crowds and tested by the Pharisees on issues such as marriage and divorce. Jesus also encounters a rich young man who is unable to accept Jesus' demand that he leave his possessions to follow him. Jesus' response to the rich young man sounds very much like the conclusion we will find in today's Gospel: the first will be last and the last will be first.

On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.



A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated. The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come

to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He is radically just. He has given those who labored in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they lament the fact that landowner has made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else?

The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.

# TOGETHER WE CAN!

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.

The Rel Ed Group Gathering for September will be Sept. 28, Monday at 6:30 p.m. in either the church or the PAC.

For over 35 years the Ladies Altar Society has had a cake sale and donated the money made to Muscular Dystrophy Association at this time of year. The last few years the proceeds have been earmarked for Camp Blessing, a camp for special needs children. This year because of the virus, the Society will make a donation to MDS to be used again at Camp Blessing.

Please note our mass will not be videoed for a few weeks. Many thanks to Chad for his many consecutive weeks of filming. Let's give him a break!

The Papa George Fairchild Jambalaya Dinner is Sunday, Sept. 27, at the St. Gabriel Grocery & Deli. Kindly check out the FB page or the website for further details. The funds collected are for St. Jude Hospital.

*We offer our prayers and sympathy to Margie Warthen and family on the death of Margie's brother, Henry.*

**Fellow Parishioner:**

**Someone was so kind as to send me the following two prayers that I would like to share with you. I think that they are very appropriate for this time in our lives.**



### **PRAYER FOR HEALING**

**“Lord, we ask you to lift up those who are facing illness today. We ask you to bring HEALING, COMFORT & PEACE to their body, mind & soul. We ask you to calm their fears and let them feel the HEALING power of your love.”**

### **PRAYER FOR HOPE**

**“I pray today for HOPE that I will never give up. I pray today for the STRENGTH even though I may be in despair. I pray today for PEACE to accept the things I cannot change.”**

**Personally I think these are two wonderful prayers for us during these trying times in our lives. I offer them to you and I hope that you daily pray them with me. Physically we may not be able to be together, but spiritually we can be together in prayer.**

**God bless.**

**The monies collected to help with hurricane victims will be used to purchase items needed and then delivered to St. John in Prairieville to be brought to Lake Charles. Thanks to all those who donated!**

*Fr. Charlie*



This Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, the Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday. The 2020 theme is ***I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you.*** Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism in handing on the faith and being a witness.



The new *Directory for Catechesis* describes the following goal of formation:

*“Making catechists aware that as baptized persons they are truly missionary disciples, meaning active participants in evangelization, and on this basis are enabled by the Church to communicate the Gospel and to accompany and educate believers in the faith” (DC 132)*

All members of our church parish participate in the Church’s catechetical mission.” This divine movement of faith, gratuitously given to us by Christ, flows generously from a personal and growing relationship with Him. Rooted in and nourished by our encounter with Christ in the Eucharist, this beautiful ministry of the Church’s catechetical and evangelizing mission helps to further actualize the Body of Christ in our world.

As we continue to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our parish we remember the journey our Parish School of Religion and other formation opportunities have made. From the days of walking from St. Gabriel School to the Church property for classes, the summer classes with the nuns, to our “new” way of offering our Parish school of Religion this year, we have been blessed with those who have taken the time to hand on their faith. We praise and thank God for those who pass on our faith, and challenge us to never stop growing in knowledge of Christ and His Church.

As we begin a new catechetical year, we ask for your prayers for the catechists and volunteers who generously share their times and talents in our Parish School of Religion:

*Trang White, Melissa Laurent, Sonya Granier, Veronica Crow,  
Sandra Alfred, Ramona Gomez, Jamie Flores, Roz Duplantis,  
Dawn Pontillas and Monica Fircuit.*

We also ask you to remember the children enrolled in the program and their parents as their role as primary educators of their children takes on a whole new meaning.



# FUNDRAISER

## PaPa George Fairchild Jambalaya Benefit

WHEN  
September 27, 2020



Drive In and Pickup only.

Chicken & Sausage Jambalaya, White beans, served with bread \$7.00 or a Donations of any kind. Money bucket on hand for any donations given. No money changing hands. Drinks will be available. No Alcohol sold. Cakes and Sweets will be available online or morning of. Mask and Glove must be worn.

### ACTIVITIES

Raffle tickets sold: Online and Mobile thru Venmo @PapaGeorgeCookoff, in cars, Knights of Columbus members, individuals, & St Gabriel Grocery. Will have Live Facebook Online drawings for all raffle items donated. Grand Prizes Beautiful Quilts. If you wanna donate additional raffle items please contact us.

\*If buying thru Venmo type "Raffle, your name and a phone number" so we can contact if you your raffle ticket is drawn. If you do not wish to enter the raffle and would like to send a donation just type "donation" when sending. 100% of all raffle sales and donations go to St. Jude Children's Hospital.



### WHERE

St Gabriel Grocery & Deli  
3495 Hwy 75 St Gabriel, La. 70776  
-ponsored by Knights of Columbus 3796




For more Information

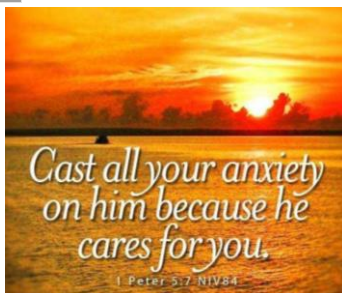
Contact: Theresa Roy 225-939-9369 or John David Cambre 225-247-5269

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St Jude Children's Research Hospital

# UPCOMING EVENTS

		Sat.	4:00 p.m.	<b>VIGIL</b>
			<b>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	
Sun.	20		8:00 a.m.	<b>MASS</b>
			10:00 a.m.	<b>MASS</b>
			2:00 p.m.	Confirmation Retreat
Mon.	21		8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tues.	22		7:00 a.m.	Men's Reflection Group
			8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass in Church
			8:30 a.m.	Adoration until 8 p.m.
Wed.	23		8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
			6:30 p.m.	Baptismal Seminar
Thurs.	24		8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri.	25		8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat.	26		4:00 p.m.	<b>VIGIL</b>
			<b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	
Sun.	27		8:00 a.m.	<b>MASS</b>
			10:00 a.m.	<b>MASS</b>
			5:00 p.m.	Youth Group Mtg.
Papa George Jambalaya Sale @ the St. Gabriel Store to benefit St. Jude Hospital. Please be generous.				
Mon.	28		8:00 a.m.	No Mass
			6:30 p.m.	Rel Ed Online
Tues.	29		7:00 a.m.	Men's Reflection Group
			8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass in Church
			8:30 a.m.	Adoration until 8 p.m.
Wed.	30		8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
				
Thurs.	01		8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri.	02		8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
			8:30 a.m.	Adoration & Benediction
Sat.	03		4:00 p.m.	<b>VIGIL</b>
			<b>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	
Sun.	04		8:00 a.m.	<b>MASS</b>
			10:00 a.m.	<b>MASS</b>
Mon.	05		8:00 a.m.	No Mass
			6:30 p.m.	Rel Ed Online



## DAILY READINGS

### 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

**Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-16a**

### Monday, September 21 Daily Readings

**Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13**

### Tuesday, September 22 Daily Readings

**Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Luke 8:19-21**

### Wednesday, September 23 Daily Readings

**Proverbs 30:5-9; Luke 9:1-6**

### Thursday, September 24 Daily Readings

**Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9**

### Friday, September 25 Daily Readings

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22**

### Saturday, September 26 Daily Readings

**Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8; Luke 9:43b-45**

### 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

**Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32**



**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, 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

- 09/21 8:00 a.m. No Mass
- 09/22 8:00 a.m. Rachael LeBlanc; Harold Waggenspack; Aaron McNabb; Lillie Mae McLean; Crochet-Amedee Families
- 09/23 8:00 a.m. Aaron McNabb; Sheldon-Spedale Families; Howatt & Melancon Families
- 09/24 8:00 a.m. Vincent & Audrey Comeaux; Julius & Lillie Gautreau
- 09/25 8:00 a.m. Cambre-Babin-Merino Fls & Emily Ramos
- 09/26 4:00 p.m. For the Parish
- 09/27 8:00 a.m. Sheldon-Spedale Families; Peter Panepinto Family
- 10:00 a.m. Joseph & Earleen LaPlace; Herman Warthen; Howatt & Melancon Families
- 09/28 8:00 a.m. No Mass

