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OFFICE HOURS:
Monday-Thursday, 8am–3pm
(closed 12– 1pm for lunch)
Friday, 8am–12pm

PASTOR:
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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS
Myra G. Tircuit
Barbara V. Hornstein

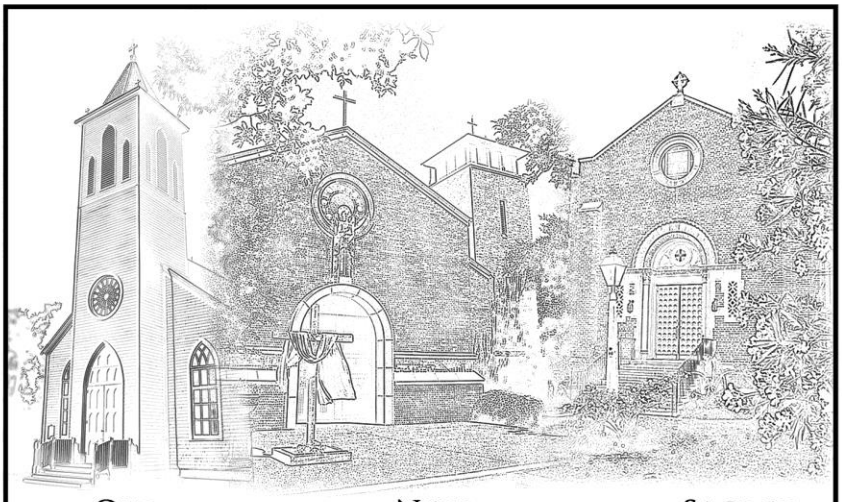
CONFESSION
First Saturday, 3:15pm.&
by appointment

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 fullfillment 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	321
WEEKLY BUDGET	$7,975.66
AMOUNT COLLECTED	$5,884.00
NUMBER OF DONATIONS	87

There will be 2 envelopes 9/10-11, reg. & Cath. Univ. of America. 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 many important ways, John's Gospel uses the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes to teach about the Eucharist. Like the Last Supper, this miracle is said to have occurred near the time of the Jewish feast of Passover. (In John's Gospel three Passovers are identified.) Jesus' language is similar to the language he used at the Last Supper as reported in the Synoptic Gospels. John's description of this event also anticipates the Messianic banquet of heaven, as the crowd reclines and all hungers are satisfied with abundance. This connection is further amplified by the response of the crowd, who wants to make Jesus a king. John is teaching us that each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are anticipating the eternal banquet of heaven.

Recall that John's Gospel tells the story of the Last Supper differently than the Synoptic Gospels. Instead of describing the meal and Jesus' actions with the bread and cup, John describes how Jesus washed his disciples' feet. We hear this Gospel when we remember the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. This recollection of Jesus' action at the Last Supper complements the institution narrative of the Synoptic Gospels and Paul's Letters that we hear repeated at each Mass.

In both stories about the Eucharist—the washing of the disciples' feet and the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes—the Gospel of John teaches us that the Eucharist is an action. Our word Eucharist is taken from the Greek language and describes an action: "to give thanks." In the Eucharist we are fed by Jesus himself, and we are sent to serve others.

John's Gospel notes the detail that the bread blessed and shared with the crowd are barley loaves. This is the food of the poor. It reminds us that God feeds and nourishes us, fulfilling our physical needs as well as our spiritual ones. In the Eucharist, we are sent to serve the poorest among us.

The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes recalls a particular aspect of the Mass. In this miracle, Jesus transforms a young boy's offering of five barley loaves and two fish. In the offertory at Mass, we present the fruits of our labors, represented by bread and wine. These gifts, given to us first by God as grain and fruit, are returned to God in our offering of thanksgiving. God in turn transforms our gifts, making this bread and wine the very Body and Blood of Jesus. We also offer ourselves in this exchange, and we, too, are transformed by the Eucharist.

Together We Can!

If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please contact Fr. Charlie for an appointment.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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. You can begin the process now by attending our Inquiry Nite on Wednesday, August 25, 6:30 p.m. in the PAC.

Let's try this again…Save the date!

Wednesday, September 15

Bus trip to the Michaelangelo Exhibit, Old State Capital, and nice lunch. Cost should be around $65. For more information, contact:

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Brenda Blanchard, 677-9464, brendatblanchard@gmail.com

Ya'll really "ART" to come with us!

We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Ruby Edmonston who died in Christ. Mrs. Ruby was our oldest parishioner.

St. Gabriel offers a Parish School of Religion for students in grades 1-12. There is a RCIA and RCIC program for those adults and children interested in joining the Catholic Church as well as a Sacramental Preparation Program for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Informational Packets as well as registration forms for these programs are available in the vestibule of church.

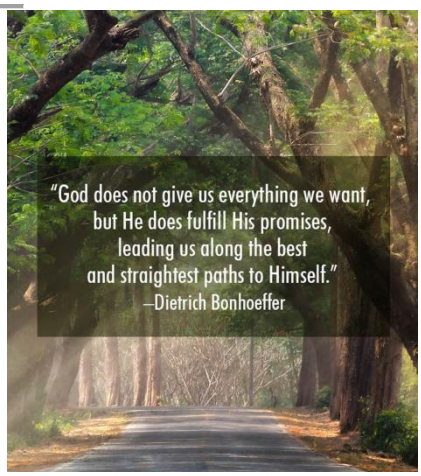
We know of a few businesses looking for part-time and full-time. The Post Office is looking for full time personnel. Popingo's needs workers. The city of St. Gabriel is seeking part-time workers for the Community Center. Please check with those places of business if you are interested.

DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN WITH COVID-19.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat.	24	4:00 p.m.	**Vigil Mass**
		17th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
Sun.	25	8:00 a.m.	**MASS**
		10:00 a.m.	**MASS**
Mon.	26	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tues.	27	7:00 a.m.	Men's Reflection
		8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration in Chapel
Wed.	28	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
Thurs.	29	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri.	30	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat.	31	4:00 p.m.	**Vigil Mass**

		18th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
Sun.	01	8:00 a.m.	**MASS**
		10:00 a.m.	**MASS**
Mon.	02	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tues.	03	7:00 a.m.	Men's Reflection
		8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration in Chapel
Wed.	04	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		8:45 a.m.	Ladies Altar Society Mtg.
		6:00 p.m.	Baptismal Seminar
Thurs.	05	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
			Adoration Comm. Mtg.
Fri.	06	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		8:45 a.m.	Adoration & Benediction
Sat.	07	3:15 p.m.	Reconciliation
		4:00 p.m.	**Vigil Mass**
		19th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
Sun.	08	8:00 a.m.	**MASS**
		10:00 a.m.	**MASS**
Mon.	09	8:00 a.m.	No Mass



DAILY READINGS

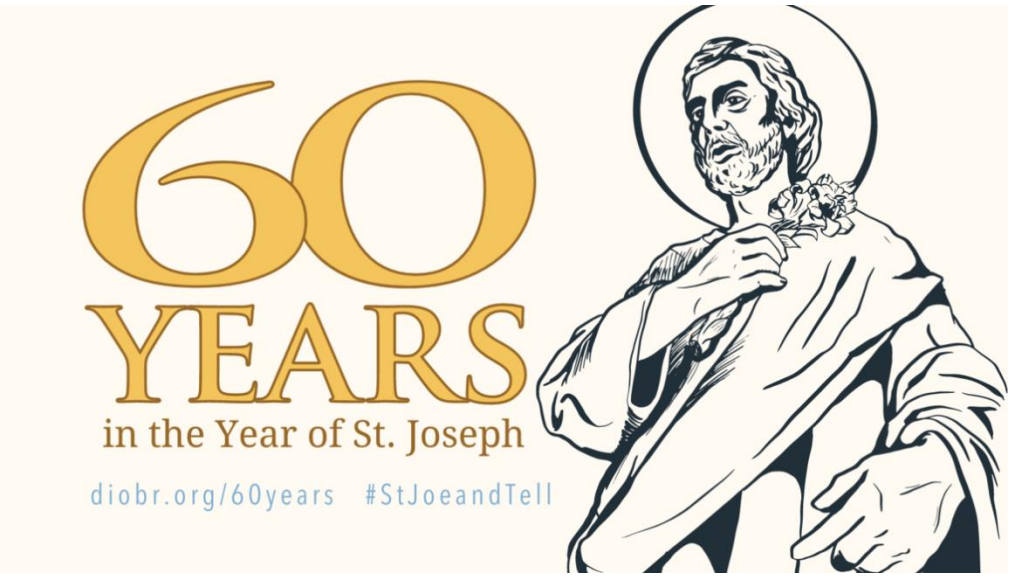
17th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15
Monday, July 26 Daily Readings
Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34; Matthew 13:31-35
Tuesday, July 27 Daily Readings
Exodus 33:7-11,34:5b-9, 28; Matthew 13:36-43
Wednesday, July 28 Daily Readings
Exodus 34:29-35; Matthew 13:44-46
Thursday, July 29 Daily Readings
Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38
Friday, July 30 Daily Reading
Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27- 34b-37; Matthew 13:54-58
Saturday, July 31 Daily Readings
Leviticus 25: 1, 8-17; Matthew 14:1-12
18th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35

Pray for our Sick and Homebounds: **Frank Banta, Sr., Betty Jean Barbay, Phyllis Babin, Joan Chapman, Melissa Conrad, Joyce Crochet, Lily Fairchild, Carolyn Harelson, Michael Landaiche, Genie LaPlace, Anthony & Bessie Pizzolato, and Flory Reynolds. 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

07/26	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
07/27	8:00 a.m.	Gerald Crochet; Samantha Mascaro; Joyce Gaudet Booth
07/28	8:00 a.m.	Allen Reynods
07/29	8:00a.m.	Special Intentions
07/30	8:00 a.m.	Marie Rivett; Roy Gomez
07/31	4:00 p.m.	For the Parish
08/01	8:00 a.m.	Allen White; White & Crochet Families; Carville-Olivier Families; Bonnie Reames Harelson-Noel-Holliday Families
	10:00 a.m.	Warthen Family; Marie Rivett; Roy Gomez; M/M Ralph Layman
08/02	8:00 a.m.	No Mass



Noble St. Joseph, who by sacred trust guarded and protected Jesus and His Blessed Mother, we humbly ask that guided by your paternal devotion, we too may courageously safeguard the defenseless.

Devoted St. Joseph, who by the work of your hands cared for all the needs of the Holy Family, we humbly ask that guided by your compassion, we too may provide for the needs of those in our homes, communities, and the world.

Obedient St. Joseph, who by humble heart responded to the voice of an angel, we humbly ask that guided by your confidence, we too may act upon God's prompting in our lives.

Righteous St. Joseph, who by great virtue committed your entire life to Mary and Jesus, we humbly dedicate our lives under your fatherly care to the Blessed Mother and our Lord Jesus, now and forever.
Amen.

St. Joseph,
holy patron of the Diocese of Baton Rouge, pray for us!