



# THE RIVER CATHOLIC

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**OFFICE HOURS:**

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

**PASTOR:**

Reverend Charles R. Landry

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

**ASSISTANTS**

Myra G. Tircuit  
Barbara V. Hornstein

**CONFESSION**

First Saturday, 3:15pm.&  
by appointment

**VIGIL MASS**

Saturday, 4pm.

**SUNDAY MASS**

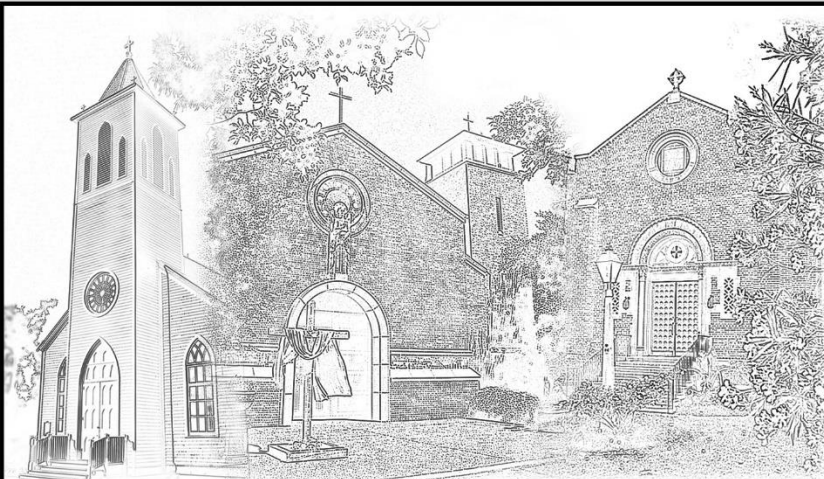
Sunday, 8am & 10am  
Presently no mass @ Carville

**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 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

WEEKLY BUDGET \$7,975.66

AMOUNT COLLECTED \$6,511.00

NUMBER OF DONATIONS 84

There will be two envelopes 4/02-03, regular and Catholic Relief Services. 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.



*"The one who carries them"*

*by Fr Hugh O'Donnell*

Call it Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday! Either way, the ass that appears to our imagination in the Bethlehem stable is given some respectability walking in Jerusalem amid cheering fans.

Which reminds me of the ass, placed centre stage, in the painting by Orazio Gentileschi, peering over the wall at the exhausted family on their flight into Egypt with Joseph stretched out on the ground and the baby suckling. It's as if the artist is saying 'don't forget about the one who carries them'.

In Jerusalem, this 'beast of burden' reminds us that Jesus is also a kind of 'beast of burden' on whose back will be laden the life-denying heaviness of sin – betrayal by Judas (preface to many a betrayal), rejection by Peter, abandonment by those he counted on, the hand-washing of Pilate – 'it's not my problem; those refugees don't belong here anyway!' He goes to his death as one whom nobody is prepared to stand up for. 'They came for the Jews but I was not a Jew so I did nothing'.

By contrast, in Jesus' suffering we see our own greatness; in his trust in the Father's love for him, in his acceptance and dignity, in his loyalty to friends and his spontaneous forgiveness of their weakness.

To a Father who notices the fall of a sparrow, the ass is more than 'a dumb beast'. For the Father, too, suffers, in some way, with all of creation, including the animals we lord it over, oblivious of how they are often mistreated in food production from birth-pen to abattoir.

The donkey is part of the Palm Sunday story and chosen to accompany Jesus who 'emptied himself' to assume his place among us; who by dying and rising raises all creation in thanksgiving to the Creator, refreshed and whole again, its goodness intact, our standing as a son or daughter assured.



**Together We Can!**

## Important upcoming dates Every Thursday Divine Mercy Novena after Mass

April 14, Holy Thursday

April 15, Good Friday

April 16, Easter Vigil

April 17, Easter

April 23, Confirmation

April 24, Divine Mercy

May 01, First Eucharist

Way of the Cross each Friday @ 6p.m. during Lent.



If you are in need of sacramental services, reconciliation or anointing of the sick, please call Fr. Charlie to set up an appointment.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL July 18-22, 2022

We will attempt to have VBS on campus this summer.



Remember Easter is on its way. We need people to volunteer to help decorate the church. Please contact Kiki Fontenot, 225-235-9968.



End of the year statements are available in office.



Remember our Candidates who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sat., April 23, 4 p.m. Mass.

Ryland Diez,  
Graham Pontillas,  
Ellen Adcox.



Our 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Celebration will be Sunday, May 01, 10 a.m. Mass. Candidates are:

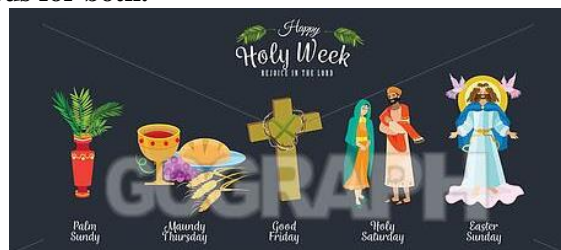
Claire Butaud, Lexie Staples,  
Addie Schneider, Raleigh Sanders,  
Jack Meyers, Ashton Gueho.



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Don't forget Fill-A-Prescription and Rice Bowl. Please be generous for both.



Sat.	09	4:00 p.m.	<b>MASS</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT / PALM SUNDAY</b>			
Sun.	10	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	<b>MASS</b> <b>MASS</b>
Mon.	11	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Father's day off Rel Ed Gr. 1-12
Tues.	12	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Men's Reflection Daily Mass Adoration Chrism Mass Lenten Penance Service
Wed.	13	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
Thurs.	14	<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>MASS OF LORD'S SUPPER</b>
Fri.	15	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Noon 3:00 p.m.	Way of the Cross <b>THE PASSION OF OUR LORD</b>
Sat.	16	8:00 p.m.	<b>EASTER VIGIL MASS</b>
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Sun.	17	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	<b>MASS</b> <b>MASS</b>
<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>			
Mon.	18	8:00 a.m.	No Daily Mass
Tues.	19	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	Men's Reflection Daily Mass Adoration
Wed.	20	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Daily Mass Pastoral Council Mtg.
Thurs.	21	8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	Daily Mass Divine Mercy Novena
Fri.	22	8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	Daily Mass Adoration
Sat.	23	4:00 p.m.	<b>MASS</b>
<b>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>			
Sun.	24	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	<b>MASS</b> <b>MASS</b>
Mon.	25	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Father's day off Rel ED Grades 1-12

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT/PASSION SUNDAY**

*Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23:56*

*Monday, April 11 Daily Readings*

*Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11*

*Tuesday, April 12 Daily Readings*

*Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38*

*Wednesday, April 13 Daily Readings*

*Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25*

**HOLY THURSDAY, April 14 Daily Readings**

*Exodus 12:1-8,11-14; 1 Cor. 11:23-26; John 13:1-15*

**GOOD FRIDAY, April 15 Daily Readings**

*Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Heb. 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42*

**EASTER VIGIL Saturday, April 16 Daily Readings**

*Gen. 1:1-2:2; Gen. 22:1-18; Exo. 14:15-15:1; Is. 54:5-14*

*Is.55:1-11; Bar. 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Eze. 36:16-17a, 18-28;*

*Romans 6:3-11; Luke 24:1-12*

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE**

**RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD;**

**HE IS RISEN!!!**

*Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9*



Pray for our Sick and Homebounds: Frank

Banta, Sr., Betty Jean Barbay, Billy and Phyllis Babin,

Melissa Conrad, Lily Fairchild, C.J.

Gueho, Carolyn Harelson, Michael

Landaiche, Anthony & Bessie Pizzolato,

Flory Reynolds, Enith Roy and Margie

Warthen. 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**

04/11 8:00 a.m. No Mass

04/12 8:00 a.m. Babin-Ruiz-Smith Families; Nezida Ruiz

04/13 8:00 a.m. Joseph Acaldo Family; Alvin Fairchild, Sr.

04/14 8:00 a.m. For the Parish

04/15 8:00 a.m. No Intention

4/16 4:00 p.m. Gueho Family & Linda;

W. Allen White; White-Crochet Families

04/17 8:00 a.m. LeBlanc-Peltier Families;

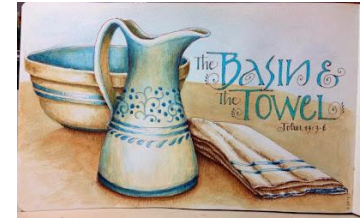
Lois & Glynn Hernandez, Sr. & Jr.

10:00 a.m. For the Parish

04/18 8:00 a.m. No Mass



A good friend of mine, Bonnie LeMelle Abadie, has written this article. It was such a good read, I asked her if I could copy it. So here it is. Published in Ligourian Magazine, April, 2022.



## REFLECTION

### SYMBOLS WE USE ON HOLY THURSDAY

Pitcher, basin and towel,  
Tonight's symbols of service.  
How can they speak to us today?  
The Pitcher – a sign of refreshment,  
a simple, earthen vessel  
containing life-giving water,  
the living water Christ came to bring.  
Filled to the brim and even overflowing with the abundance  
of the life of Christ.

The pitcher is not meant to hoard the water,  
for it will grow stale  
and become a home for algae and mosquitos,  
water no longer suitable for its original purpose.  
The pitcher pours forth in loving, self-emptying action,  
bringing refreshment.

How do I pour forth the abundant life of Christ?

The basin – a sign of reception,  
another simple vessel  
waiting to receive  
this life-giving water being poured out.  
Empty, eager, ready to catch every drop.  
The basin welcomes the goodness of God  
Poured out lovingly by those cooperating with God's grace.

Water, temperature is of no consequence –  
hot, cold, lukewarm,  
The basin is hospitable, open, grateful, thankful for gifts  
of living water received.

How does my openness serve God and others?

The towel – a sign of revitalization,  
a soft, warm, comforting  
blanket of safety, security,  
and the invigorating caress of love.  
Cottony goodness seeking to absorb.  
The towel follows the master's bidding.  
It goes where it is commanded, fulfills its purpose,  
never tires of doing its job well.  
The towel, apron of Jesus handed to us here:  
“As I have done, so also you must do.”

How do I absorb the pain and suffering of others?

These symbols call us to be the disciples of Jesus who are  
sources of refreshment in the outpouring of our  
lives in service to others;  
models of receptivity and gratitude for all God gives;  
& instruments of revitalization in our attentiveness  
toward hurting brothers and sisters.

Let us live up to our Christian vocation.