



THE RIVER CATHOLIC

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Monday-Thursday, 8am-3pm
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PASTOR:

Reverend Charles R. Landry

ADMINISTRATIVE

ASSISTANTS

Myra G. Tircuit
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CONFESSION

First Saturday, 3:15pm.&
by appointment

VIGIL MASS

Saturday, 4pm.

SUNDAY MASS

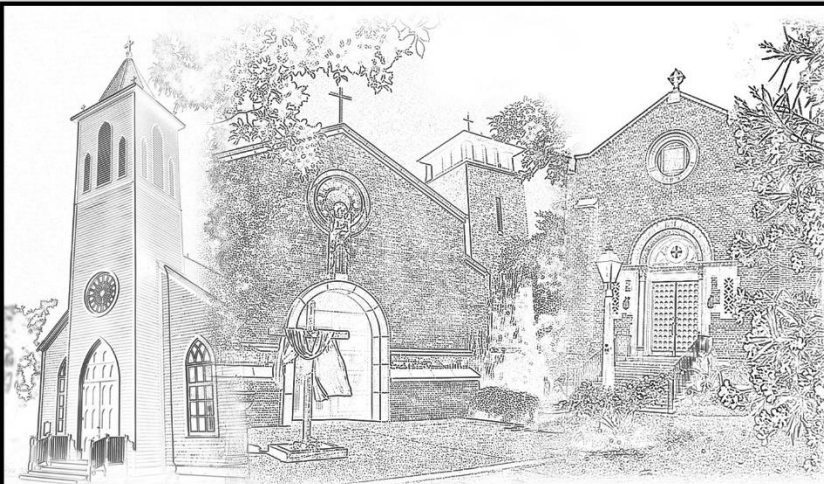
Sunday, 8am & 10am
Presently no mass @ Carville

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	364
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$7,975.66
AMOUNT COLLECTED	\$5,815.00
NUMBER OF DONATIONS	65

There will be two envelopes 5/07-08, regular and Parish Special Collection and Catholic Comm. Camp, 5/21-22. 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 purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life.

2022 marks the **59th Anniversary** of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations



We welcome our newest Catholic, who was baptized on April 24, 2022, Ella Eugene Granier, daughter of Luke and Amanda Granier.



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



We invite you to help us celebrate God's Greatness the week of July 18 – 22. We hope to gather each evening from 6:30 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. to share and learn more about our faith.

In order to for us to offer this *Monumental* experience we need your assistance. We need at least 10 adult volunteers age 21 or older as well as 10 junior helpers/assistants ages 14 and older. All volunteers ages 18 and older are required to complete the necessary Diocesan and parish guidelines in regards to Child Protection Training. Volunteers are expected to commit to the full week of VBS.

We also need children to participate in the program. Children ages 4 years old thru those entering the sixth grade in the fall of 2022 are invited.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING TO HELP OR WISH TO ENROLL YOUR CHILD(REN) PLEASE DO SO BY MAY 25, 2022. If we do not have sufficient numbers, we will not host this event this summer.



If you will be in the 11th grade in the fall of 2022 or older and are interested in the Sacrament of Confirmation Prep Program, please call the Parish office.



Our First Eucharist Class:



Together We Can!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat. 07 4:00 p.m. **VIGIL MASS**
4th SUNDAY OF EASTER – Mother's Day
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER; MAY CROWNING
 Sun. 08 8:00 a.m. **MASS**
 10:00 a.m. **MASS**



Mon.	09	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	No Daily Mass Rel Ed Teacher Evaluation
Tues.	10	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Men's Reflection Daily Mass Adoration KC Meeting
Wed.	11	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
Thurs.	12	8:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Daily Mass St. John Plaquemine Graduation
Fri.	13	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat.	14	4:00 p.m.	MASS
			5th SUNDAY OF EASTER
Sun.	15	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	MASS MASS
Mon.	16	8:00 a.m.	Father's day off
Tues.	17	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	Men's Reflection Daily Mass Adoration
Wed.	18	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Daily Mass Pastoral Council Meeting
Thurs.	19	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri.	20	8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass St. Michael's Graduation
Sat.	21	4:00 p.m.	MASS
			6th SUNDAY OF EASTER
Sun.	22	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	MASS MASS
Mon.	23	8:00 a.m.	Father's day off



DAILY READINGS

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Revelation 7:9,14b-17;
John 10:27-27

Monday, May 09 Daily Readings

Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10

Tuesday, May 10 Daily Readings

Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30

Wednesday, May 11 Daily Readings

Acts 12:24-13:5a; John 12:44-50

Thursday, May 12 Daily Readings

Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20

Friday, May 13 Daily Readings

Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6

Saturday, May 14 Daily Readings

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 14:21-27; Revelation 21:1-5a;
John 13:31-33a, 34-35



Pray for our Sick and Homebounds: Frank Banta, Sr., Betty Jean Barbay, Billy and Phyllis Babin, Melissa Conrad, Lily Fairchild, 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 ADDED OR REMOVED FROM THIS LIST, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

05/09	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
05/10	8:00 a.m.	Horace Esnault; Audrey & Vincent Comeaux; Lillie & Julius Gautreau
05/11	8:00 a.m.	Michael & Marie Prejeant; Mae Calongne; Alvin Fairchild, Sr.; Dr. Sidney Thibodeaux; Thibodeaux-Henry Families
05/12	8:00 a.m.	Michael & Bonnie Reames; E.J. & Joyce Crochet; Mary, Milton & Bubba Broussard
05/13	8:00 a.m.	Alvin Fairchild, Sr.; Joseph Acaldo Family; Raymond Landry; LeBlanc-Peltier Families; James A. & Betty Tubre, Jr.; Betty Bonin Dugas
05/14	4:00 p.m.	For the Parish
05/15	8:00 a.m.	Carville-Olivier Families; Bonnie & Michael Reames; Harelson-Noel-Holliday Families; Alvin Fairchild, Sr.
	10:00 a.m.	Blanchard-Temple Families; Phyllis Breaux
05/16	8:00 a.m.	No Mass



Mother's Day Reflections

Mother's Day is always a time for celebration around our house, but it also brings out a very introspective side of me. I want to stay present in the moment and enjoy every minute with my family, but I also try to take time to pull back and reflect on my larger motherhood journey.

This year God drew my mind (and my heart) to a number of parallels between my motherhood experiences and my relationship with Him. Specifically, He reminded me:

- Just as I delight in spending time with my children, He delights in spending time with me.
- Just as I set boundaries for my children because I love them and want to keep them safe, He also sets boundaries for me out of love, not to withhold blessings from me.
- Just as I grieve when I see my children making unwise choices, He also grieves when I make choices that are not in my best interest.
- Just as I celebrate my children's accomplishments, He delights in my victories.
- Just as my heart breaks when my children are unkind to one another, His hearts breaks when I am unkind to my brothers and sisters in Christ.
- Just as I would be willing to take on all of my children's pain so they wouldn't have to endure hardship, He has already demonstrated His willingness to love sacrificially when He sent His own Son to die on the cross in my place.

God's Love

As I reflected on these parallels, I camped out a while on how my love for my children compares to God's love for me. I thought about how special the love I have for my children is. It's:

***unconditional, fierce, nurturing
forgiving, protective, unrelenting***

The list goes on and on, but here's the big truth I took away and that I hope to convey to you. As amazing and all-encompassing as I think my love for my children is, it's nothing compared to the love my Heavenly Father has for me. Never forget that He loves you in a way that you will never truly be able to wrap your head around. Take all of the wonderful feelings you have for your children, and let the fact that He feels the same for you on an incomprehensible level permeate your very being. Never forget that you are fiercely loved by your Heavenly Father, precious mom. No one can ever take that away from you.

My Mother's Day Prayer for You

As Mother's Day draws to a close, I want to offer this Scripture passage in the form of a prayer for you because it does an excellent job of describing the incredible love that your Heavenly Father has for you. Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason, I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Have a blessed week and remember how much you are loved!