



# THE RIVER CATHOLIC

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 07/17/2022

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**OFFICE HOURS:**

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

**PASTOR:**

Reverend Charles R. Landry

**DEACON:**

Reverend Mr. John Veron

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS**

Myra G. Tircuit  
Barbara V. Hornstein

**CONFESSION**

First Saturday, 3:15pm.&  
by appointment

**VIGIL MASS**

Saturday, 4pm.

**SUNDAY MASS**

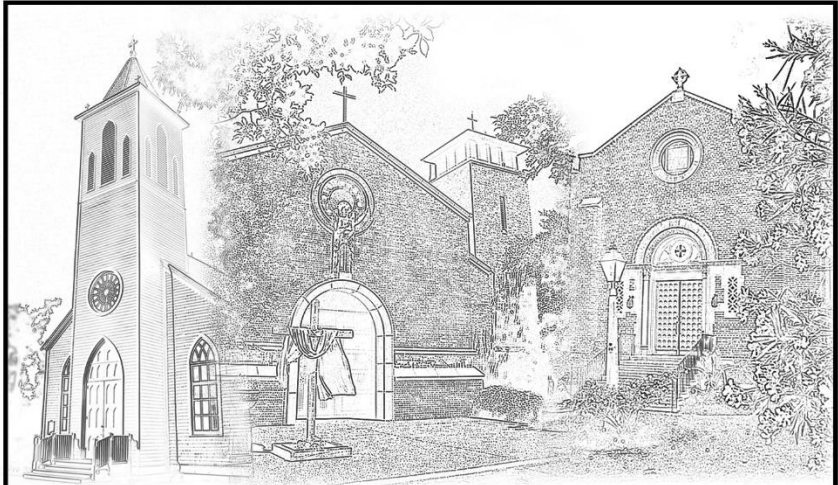
Sunday, 8am & 10am  
Presently no mass @ Carville

**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.

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**Together We Can!**

# STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	373
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$7,975.66
AMOUNT COLLECTED	\$5,212.00
NUMBER OF DONATIONS	78

There will be two envelopes the weekend of 7/16-17, regular and Special Parish Collection and 9/10/11, regular and Catholic University. 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.



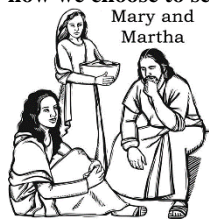
What we do not know is how Martha, Mary and Lazarus met Jesus. We do not know if he was in Bethany by chance or he was invited to visit their village. We do not know how he came to be in their home. We do know there must have been other visits because the scriptures show us how close Jesus was with this family.

So, let's assume this is their first encounter with this man from Nazareth. They would have heard the stories of him and now he is in their village. It is Martha who goes out to welcome him and we can assume he is invited to stay or at a minimum dine with Martha's family. They obviously are more than curious and we can believe they want what he is offering. It is this desire for what he offers that should drive each of us to invite him into our lives.

What is it that Jesus offered them and offers us? In his own words he offers us eternal life, peace, joy and intimacy with the father. Isn't this everything we desire and isn't the desire for those in our life the thing that drives the human heart to attain them? The promises spoken by Jesus are very specific. Yet we seek those very things from every source in the world except from the one who promised them to us. Paul noted in his letter to the Galatians remarks how excited they were by the things offered by God and yet they sought those things by their own effort – what Paul refers to as the flesh. This is the story of Martha for she begins by going out to welcome Jesus into her home and ends up ignoring him so she could serve him.

Let's take a hard look at this contrast between Martha and Mary in order to have us understand a spiritual truth. That spiritual truth is Jesus came and died in order to restore our broken relationship with the Father. His coming to the earth should convince us of the depth of God's desire for this intimate relationship with us. God sees us as we were created reflecting his glory. There is nothing we can do to earn God's mercy for the times we have sinned; it is a free gift of love

Jesus looked at Martha's effort to serve him and tells her she is anxious and afraid. He tells her Mary has chosen the better part. Does this mean we are to do nothing more than to sit and meditate or only contemplate on spiritual truths? No but it does tell us something about how we choose to serve God.



What is it you seek from the way you live your spiritual life? If you believe you can attain the promises of God by service then perhaps you are in danger of falling into Martha's trap. However, if your desire is only to do the will of God, your journey will be full of surprises and uncertainty for it is dictated by him instead of us.

Yet you will find God present in ways that will have you standing in awe at the things you discover. If your desire is only to do the will of God you will find the Holy Spirit a constant companion guiding you to new understanding of the words of scripture and you will hear his voice guiding you. The Spirit will challenge you to never becoming complacent with your spiritual life. You will discover a new sense of purpose and direction moving you into the very heart of God. You will discover the reality of forgiveness in the loving arms of the Father and you will discover the freedom of mercy. By constant listening to God, you will find your faith deepening and you will be motivated by a knowledge of your destiny; God's plan for your life. You will find new ways to use your gifts to bring others to a knowledge of Christ's sacrifice.

What part of God do you desire – serving in order to please him or pleased to sit at his feet and listening to his voice leading you to live the life he has planned for you?

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



**VACATION TIME:** Don't forget about God. Make sure that you take God with you when you go. What do I mean by this? When you go on vacation, do you make plans for worship on the Lord's Day? Hebrews 10:25 says, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together ..." Vacation time is not exempt from this command. Be faithful in your church attendance while you are away. Take your Bible with you on vacation and assemble for worship. The locals will greatly appreciate your support, and it will help you to be strong as a child of God. Don't let your offerings go on vacation. And by the way, don't forget to pray while you are away too!



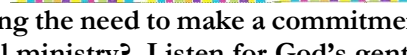
If you will be in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2022 or older and are interested in the Sacrament of Confirmation Prep Program, please call the office.



We will resume the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday visits to the sick and home-bounds. If you know for sure someone would like to receive Eucharist and cannot make it to church, please call to add that name to our list. You must be a relative and have the home-bound's permission. Thanks.



St. Gabriel offers a Parish School of Religion for students in grades 1-12. There are RCIA and RCIC programs for those adults and children interested in joining the Catholic Church as well as a Sacramental Preparation Program for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. If you need any of these programs, please call Myra in the office. Registration packets are in the vestibule in Church.



Are you feeling the need to make a commitment to a liturgical ministry? Listen for God's gentle push to a particular ministry. We know you can do it. Call the office if you need some gentle persuasion.



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. Inquiry Nite on September 01, 2022, 6:30 p.m.



Save the date: July 24, 2022 immediately following mass, we will host a Welcome Reception for our new deacon, Deacon John Veron and family. Come one, come all to show this family our St. Gabriel hospitality.

Sat. 16 4:00 p.m. **VIGIL MASS**  
**16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
 Sun. 17 8:00 a.m. **MASS**  
 10:00 a.m. **MASS**  
 Children's Church

Come find out who these friends are:



Mon. 18 8:00 a.m. Father's day off  
 9:00 a.m. Mass @ Diocese  
 6:30 p.m. V-A-C-A-T-I-O-N B-I-B-L-E-S-C-H-O-O-L 2022

Tues. 19 7:00 a.m. Men's Reflection  
 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass  
 8:30 a.m. Adoration  
 6:30 p.m. V-A-C-A-T-I-O-N B-I-B-L-E-S-C-H-O-O-L 2022

Wed. 20 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass  
 3:00 p.m. Mass at Carville  
 6:30 p.m. V-A-C-A-T-I-O-N B-I-B-L-E-S-C-H-O-O-L 2022

Thurs. 21 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass  
 6:30 p.m. V-A-C-A-T-I-O-N B-I-B-L-E-S-C-H-O-O-L 2022

Fri. 22 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass  
 6:30 p.m. V-A-C-A-T-I-O-N B-I-B-L-E-S-C-H-O-O-L 2022

Sat. 23 4:00 p.m. **VIGIL MASS**  
**17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

Sun. 24 8:00 a.m. **MASS**  
 10:00 a.m. **MASS**  
 11:00 a.m. Welcome Reception

Mon. 25 8:00 a.m. Father's day off

Tues. 26 7:00 a.m. Men's Reflection  
 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass  
 8:30 a.m. Adoration

Wed. 27 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass  
 3:00 p.m. Mass at Carville

Thurs. 28 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass

Fri. 29 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass



**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

*Genesis 18:1-10a; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42*

*Monday, July 18 Daily Readings*  
*Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Matthew 12:38-42*

*Tuesday, July 19 Daily Readings*  
*Micah 12:46-50; Matthew 12:46-50*

*Wednesday, July 20 Daily Readings*  
*Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10; Matthew 13:1-9*

*Thursday, July 21 Daily Readings*  
*Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Matthew 13:10-17*

*Friday, July 22 Daily Readings*  
*Song of Songs 3:1-4b; John 20: 1-2, 11-18*

*Saturday, July 23 Daily Readings*  
*Jeremiah 7:1-11; Matthew 13:24-30*

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

*Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:12-14*  
*Luke 11:1-13*



**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, Mary Joyce Sheldon 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**

- 07/18 8:00 a.m. No Mass
- 07/19 8:00 a.m. Dave & Michelle Harelson; Marion & Albert Bourgeois, Jr. & Ill
- 07/20 8:00 a.m. Genie, Jared & Carl LaPlace; M/M John Mire Landry
- 07/21 8:00 a.m. Raymond Landry; Emile Peltier; Mary, Milton & Bubba Broussard
- 07/22 8:00 a.m. Dewey Hymel Family & Betty Mary, Milton & Bubba Broussard
- 07/23 4:00 p.m. Allen White, M/M Vincent Amato; M/M George H. Chanove, Sr.
- 07/24 8:00 a.m. For the Parish  
 10:00 a.m. Michael & Bonnie Reames; Dianne & Alton Comeaux
- 07/25 8:00 a.m. No Mass



Many have asked about the status of the new mausoleum here on campus.  
Here is the latest information.

## AMERICAN CEMETERY CONSULTANTS, LLC

MAUSOLEUM  
DESIGN - SALES - CONSTRUCTION

July 6, 2022

Rev. Charles R. Landry  
St. Gabriel Catholic Church  
3625 Louisiana Highway 75  
St. Gabriel, LA 70776-4300

Re: Garden Mausoleum St. Gabriel Cemetery ACC File No. 1089

Dear Father Landry:

I would like to update you on the proposed start of construction for your mausoleum.

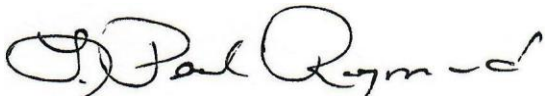
Originally, the start of construction was to be between six and eight months after the active sales program completed. Due to the Covid Pandemic, Hurricane Ida, laborer and construction material shortages, along with shipping delays, unfortunately construction will be delayed additional months.

After meeting with the contractor to discuss the timeline for each project, we are now scheduled to start construction on your project in August 2022 .

I would ask that you make an announcement in the bulletin or from the pulpit to advise families of the new schedule. Please call if you have any questions regarding this change.

Sincerely,

American Cemetery Consultants LLC



L. Paul Raymond

·President

cc: Joseph Blanchard, ACC  
File

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