



THE RIVER CATHOLIC

33rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 11/19/23

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OFFICE HOURS:

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

PASTOR:

Reverend Charles R. Landry

DEACON:

John Veron

**ADMINISTRATIVE
ASSISTANTS**

Myra G. Tircuit
Barbara V. Hornstein

CONFESSION

First Saturday, 3:15pm.&
by appointment

VIGIL MASS

Saturday, 4pm.

SUNDAY MASS

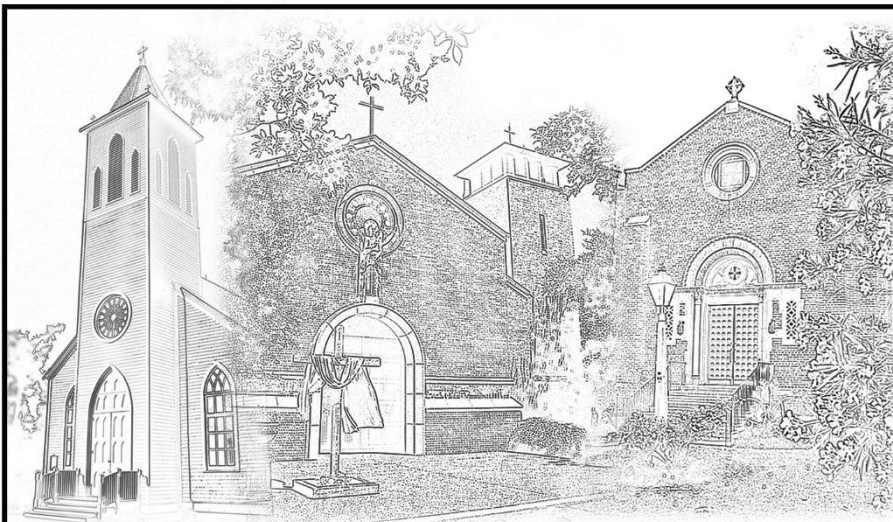
Sunday, 8am & 10am
Presently no mass @ Carville

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.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

WEEKLY BUDGET

Collection

\$7,788.47

Identified Contributors

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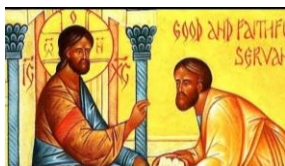
Online contributions 11/1/23 to present \$4,310.00

There will be 2 envelopes 11/19, reg. & Campaign for Human Development. 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.



This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A *talent* is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.



Read in light of [last week's parable](#) of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbor.

God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.



Our Online Giving option can be found on our website: www.stgabrielcatholicchurch.com or scan the QR code. We always appreciate and accept envelopes, checks or cash.



Upcoming Schedules:

- Nov. 23 8:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Mass
Dec. 08 Feast of Immaculate Conception
8 a.m. (Church), noon (Carville)
& 7 p.m. (Church)
Dec 12 Advent Reconciliation Svc & 1st Rec. 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Masses
8:00 a.m. 4th Sun. Advent
4:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil in Church
4:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil @ Carville
8:00 p.m. Christmas (Mass during
the Night @ Church
Dec. 25 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass



COFFEE & DONUTS

Thanks to everyone who attend Coffee & Donuts on Sunday, November 5th. We especially thank the Ladies Altar Society, the Knights of Columbus and the families of our Religious Ed Program for hosting this event. We invite you to join us next month on Sunday, December 3.



Just a reminder that Children's church is for children ages 3 thru 7 (if they have made their First Communion they should remain in the church with parents).



Catholic Charities is again accepting Christmas cards for prisoners to send to their loved ones. Please place your donated cards in the labeled box in the back of church. We will collect cards until Sunday, Dec. 3. Thanks.



We offer our prayers and sympathy to Jimmy & Frances Minchew on the death of Jimmy's sister; Deannie & Curt Soileau on the death of Curt's aunt; and to Cat Williams on the death of her cousin.



ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

St. Gabriel belongs to the East Central Deanery.

The dates for the Advent Reconciliation Services

Dec. 5 – St. Anne's – Sorrento; Dec. 6 - St. Theresa Gonzales
Dec. 12 – St. Gabriel; Dec. 13 - Holy Rosary St. Amant
Dec. 20- St. John Prairieville



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat.	18	4:00 p.m.	VIGIL MASS
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME			
Sun.	19	8:00 a.m.	MASS
		10:00 a.m.	MASS & Children's Church

Mon.	20	8:00 a.m.	Father's day off
		6:30 p.m.	No Rel Ed

Tues.	21	7:00 a.m.	Men's Refl. Group
		8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		9:00 a.m.	Adoration

Wed.	22	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
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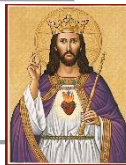


Thurs.	23	8:00 a.m.	THANKSGIVING DAY Mass Office Closed
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Fri.	24	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass Office Closed
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Sat.	25	4:00 p.m.	VIGIL MASS
FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING			
Sun.	26	8:00 a.m.	MASS
		10:00 a.m.	MASS & ChildCh



Mon.	27	8:00 a.m.	Father's day off
		6:30 p.m.	Rel Ed Grades 1-12

Tues.	28	7:00 a.m.	Men's Refl. Group
		8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		9:00 a.m.	Adoration

Wed.	29	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
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Thurs.	30	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		9:00 a.m.	Staff Mtg.
		6:30 p.m.	RCIA



DAILY READINGS

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6;
Matthew 25:14-30

Monday, November 20 Daily Reading

1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday, November 21 Daily Reading

2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday, November 22 Daily Readings

2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28

Thanksgiving Thursday, November 23 Daily Readings

Sirach 50:22-24; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Luke 17:11-19

Friday, November 24 Daily Readings

1 Macc. 4:36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45-48

Saturday, November 25 Daily Readings

1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28;

Matthew 25:31-46



Pray for our Sick and Homebounds: Wayne & Carolyn Achee, Frank, Sr. & Dorella Banta, Betty Jean Barbay, Billy and Phyllis Babin, Karen Buhler, Melissa Conrad, Lily Fairchild, Ronald Dauterive, John Guerin, Mary Beth Hanks, Carolyn Harelson, John & Lillian Holliday, Michael Landaiche, Gary Mooney, Anthony & Bessie Pizzolato, Flory Reynolds, Enith Roy, Mary Joyce Sheldon, Gary Switzer, Margie Warthen and Ellen White. 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.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

11/20 8:00 a.m. No Mass

11/21 8:00 a.m. M/M John Mire Landry

Richard, Brett Cambre Filly; Denys & Helen Babin;

Tony & Rubyola Merino; Emily Ramos

11/22 8:00 a.m. James A. Tubre, Jr.; Betty Arnaud Tubre;

Betty Bonin Dugas

11/23 8:00 a.m. Lorraine Maha

11/24 8:00 a.m. Soileau-LaFleur Families

11/25 4:00 p.m. Dr. Sidney Thibodeaux; Thibodeaux-Henry Families

LeBlanc-Hymel-Callegan-Ramagos Families

11/26 8:00 a.m. For the Parish

10:00 a.m. Alton & Dianne Comeaux

11/27 8:00 a.m. No Mass



H A P P Y *Thanksgiving*

Simply thanks...

We thank the good God for each of you.

We celebrate our land of plenty, our grandparents,
parents, family and friends.

We are grateful for our freedoms and those who continue
to serve our country in efforts to preserve those values.

We appreciate a day to recall the many people, places, and
values we treasure.

Celebrate life and give thanks.

The Notre Dame College Mission Office



Prayers for Hurricane Season

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O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude; you are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control. The Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.



During this hurricane season, we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a storm-less eternity awaits us. Amen.

Prayer for Protection against Storms and Hurricanes

Our Father in Heaven through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us during this Hurricane season from all harm. Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer to Avert Storms and Hurricanes



Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. Calm the storms and hurricanes that threaten us and turn our fear of your power into praise of your goodness. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.