



THE RIVER CATHOLIC

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING, CYCLE A 11/26/23

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Monday-Thursday, 8am-3pm
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PASTOR:

Reverend Charles R. Landry

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John Veron

**ADMINISTRATIVE
ASSISTANTS**

Myra G. Tircuit
Barbara V. Hornstein

CONFESSION

First Saturday, 3:15pm.&
by appointment

VIGIL MASS

Saturday, 4pm.

SUNDAY MASS

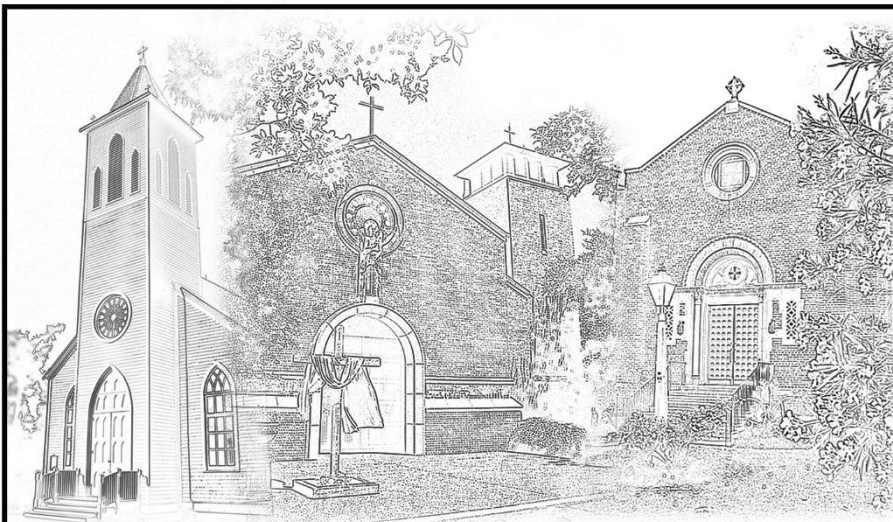
Sunday, 8am & 10am
Presently no mass @ Carville

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

Identified Contributors

Online contributions 11/1/23 to present

\$7,788.47

\$4,532.00

67

\$4,310.00

There will be 2 envelopes 12/10, reg. & Ret. Fund for Religious. 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.



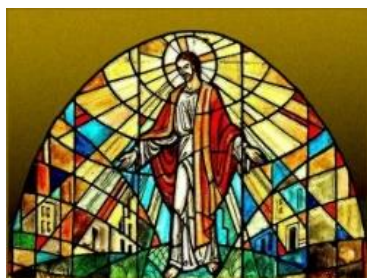
We observe and celebrate "Christ the King Sunday." It is the last Sunday of the church year, and the day the church honors Christ who reigns as King from the cross.

What Kind of King?

And so today is Christ the King Sunday. It marks the end of the church year. We journey together in worship this year hearing the repeated theme that the "last will be first and the first will be last." We have also been in the midst of the challenges, emotions, hard work, but also hopeful future of the transition process as a congregation. All of this is important. And I think today, perhaps better than any other day of the church year allows us to remember, to name, to grieve and to trust and hope.

Today's gospel message is in many ways all about death and new life. This raises a great question. Do you fear death? I know most of us fear death, to some extent, but do you? Ernest Becker, back in the 1970's wrote a book called *The Denial of Death*, and we Americans perhaps more than most cultures have built up all of this fantasy around or even ignoring death in order for us to not have to face it. The problem with not facing it is that by refusing to see it for what it is, we give it power. Our fear overtakes us, and we lose sight of the hope and healing that can come in spite of death.

Today's gospel passage, which is part of the passion narrative that takes place on Good Friday, is really the gospel in a nutshell. Jesus Christ, proclaimed by the people as, "King of the Jews," lived and died for us. In his last moments on the cross, Jesus provides his last words of peace, hope, and trust.



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:

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



COFFEE & DONUTS

We invite you to join us next month on Sunday, December 3.



Our parish is once again collecting for Catholic Charities, boxes of 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.



Remember our St. Vincent de Paul Shelter and Pharmacy items. Items needed: Blankets, Twin & Full Sheets sets, Tee Shirts, Underwear, Feminine pads or wipes, Laundry Detergent, large bars of soap, razors, adult diapers, Vaseline, Tylenol arthritis, Neosporin, Bacitracin, Polysporin, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Boost/Ensure, Blood Glucose monitors.



ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

St. Gabriel belongs to the East Central Deanery.

The dates for the Advent Reconciliation Services

December 5 – St. Anne's in Sorrento

December 6 - St. Theresa in Gonzales

December 12 – St. Gabriel – St. Gabriel

December 13 Holy Rosary in St. Amant

December 20 St. John in Prairieville



We offer our prayers and sympathy to Jimmy & Frances Minchew on the death of Jimmy's brother.



The Rite of Acceptance will take place at the 10 a.m. Mass, Sunday, December 3, for this year's RCIA candidates who are inquiring in to the Catholic faith. The Rite of Acceptance is the first of several thresholds that our inquirers cross as they discern entrance into the Catholic Church. Our candidates are Jill Lemoine, Yanira Morales, and Kaylynn Coursey-Badeaux.



We welcome our newest Catholic to our parish. Congratulations to Elinor Jeanne LeBlanc, daughter of Zachary Roy LeBlanc and Carolyn Wintz LeBlanc. Our parish is surely growing!



UPCOMING EVENTS

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
6:30 p.m. Ladies Altar Society Dinner

Thurs. 30 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass
6:30 p.m. RCIA



Fri. 01 8:30 a.m. Daily Mass
8:45 a.m. Adoration & Benediction
9:00 a.m. Visit Home-bounds

Sat. 02 4:00 p.m. VIGIL MASS

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sun. 03 8:00 a.m. MASS
10:00 a.m. Coffee & Doughnuts
MASS, RCIA Rite & Child Chrch
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6:30 p.m. RCIA



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Fri. 08 8:00 a.m. Feast Day Mass
Office Closed
Noon Feast Day Mass @ Carville
7:00 p.m. Feast Day Mass in Church

Sat. 09 9:00 a.m. 1st Reconciliation Class
4:00 p.m. VIGIL MASS

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sun. 10 8:00 a.m. MASS
10:00 a.m. MASS, Child Church



DAILY READINGS

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28;
Matthew 25:31-46

Monday, November 27 Daily Reading

Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday, November 28 Daily Reading

Daniel 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday, November 29 Daily Readings

Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Luke 21:12-19

Thursday, November 30 Daily Readings

Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22

Friday, December 01 Daily Readings

Daniel 7:2-14; Luke 21:29-33

Saturday, December 02 Daily Readings

Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 63:16b-17; 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9;

Mark 13:33-37



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

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

11/28 8:00 a.m. Alcin Fairchild, Sr.; Carl LaPlace; Clarence A. Key, Sr.

11/29 8:00 a.m. AJesse Lunsford; Marshall Gautreaux; Dale Decoteau

11/30 8:00 a.m. Dewey Hymel Family & Betty; M/M Sidney Crochet
M/M Lee Amedee; & Monica; Buddy Amedee;

12/01 8:00 a.m. Richard, Brett Cambre Family; Deny & Helen Babin;
Tony & Rubyola Merino; Emily Ramos

12/02 4:00 p.m. Joseph Acaldo Family; Clarence Anthony Key, Sr.

12/03 8:00 a.m. Michael Ragusa; Carville - Olivier Families;
Bonnie & Michael Reames; Joan Chapman;
Mary Helen Landaiche

10:00 a.m. For the Parish

12/04 8:00 a.m. No Mass



The Feast of Christ the King is a solemnity in the liturgical year that emphasizes the true kingship of Christ. It is celebrated on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, which is the Sunday before the First Sunday of Advent ¹. The feast was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 with his encyclical Quas Primas, to respond to a world that was rejecting Christ and was being dominated by secularism. ¹² The earliest date on which the Feast of Christ the King can occur is November 20 and the latest is November 26.

Shepherd King,

TRANSFORM OUR DESIRE

FOR POWER, WEALTH AND APPROVAL

INTO A LONGING TO SERVE YOU

AND OTHERS.

MAKE US EVER AWARE OF

HOW OUR LIVES IMPACT THOSE

MOST IN NEED OF OUR GENEROUS

SERVICE, AND GIVE US THE COURAGE TO

CHANGE THE WAY WE LIVE. *Amen.*

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