



THE RIVER CATHOLIC

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT CYCLE B 12/03/23

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday, 8am-3pm
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Friday, 8am-12pm

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Reverend Charles R. Landry

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John Veron

**ADMINISTRATIVE
ASSISTANTS**

Myra G. Tircuit
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CONFESSION

First Saturday, 3:15pm.&
by appointment

VIGIL MASS

Saturday, 4pm.

SUNDAY MASS

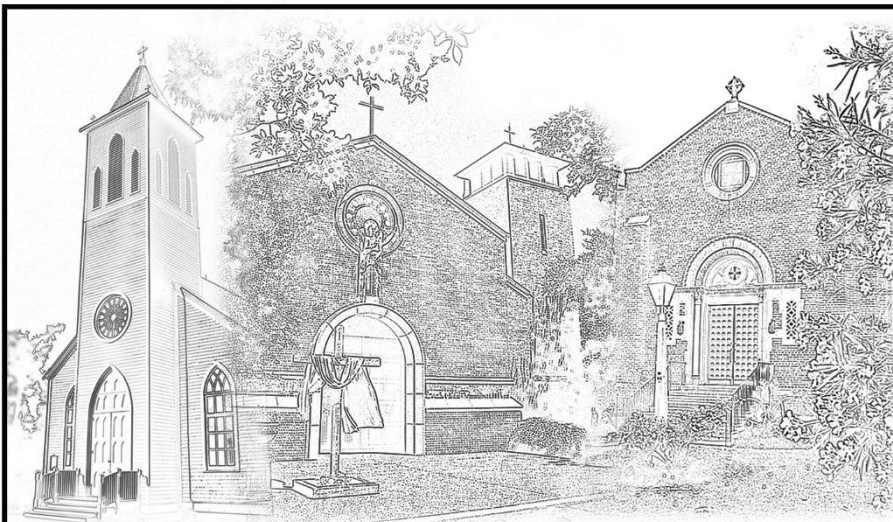
Sunday, 8am & 10am
Presently no mass @ Carville

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	379
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$7,788.47
Collection	\$4,015.75
Identified Contributors	61
Online contributions 11/1/23 to present	\$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.



Today we begin the season of **Advent**, which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. The readings for Sunday Mass are arranged on a three-year cycle. Each year features a different Gospel—Matthew, Mark, or Luke. Readings from the Gospel of John are interspersed throughout all three years. With this year's first Sunday of Advent, we begin Cycle B of the Lectionary, which focuses our attention on the Gospel of Mark. This week and next week, our readings from Mark's Gospel present two important Advent themes: the Lord's return at the end of time and John the Baptist's preparation for Jesus.

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of Mark's Gospel, the chapter that immediately precedes Mark's account of Jesus' Passion. Having been questioned repeatedly by the scribes and the Pharisees, Jesus is now questioned by his disciples—Peter, James, John, and Andrew—who want details about his prediction of the destruction of the Temple. Jesus answers with many warnings about the difficulties that the disciples will face.

Today's passage comes at the conclusion of Jesus' warnings to his disciples. Jesus emphasizes the need for watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes.

Scholars believe that Mark's Gospel was written around the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70. Mark's audience consisted of Christians who were living in difficult social and political times, times of conflict. They were likely beginning to face persecution as followers of Jesus. In this difficult time, it helped to recall that Jesus had foretold of such difficulties. Early Christian communities took courage from Jesus' warning to remain alert and watchful, and they found in his words a way to persevere through suffering.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

*Hope
anchors
the soul*

HEBREWS 6:19



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 & 1 st Rec.
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Masses 8:00 a.m. 4 th 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 this month - Sunday, Dec. 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.



We offer our prayers and sympathy to the friends and family of Dale Martin and to Mary Margaret and family on the death of Mary Margaret's sister.



You can help. "Religious are blessed to serve," says Dominican Father Bertrand Ebbin, age 90. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Sat.	02	4:00 p.m.	VIGIL MASS
Sun.	03	8:00 a.m.	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT MASS Coffee & Doughnuts
		10:00 a.m.	MASS , RCIA Rite & Child Chrch Coffee & Doughnuts
		3:00 pm.	Rosary in Church
Mon.	04	8:00 a.m.	Father's day off
		6:30 p.m.	Rel Ed Grades 1-12
Tues.	05	7:00 a.m.	Men's Refl. Group
		8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		9:00 a.m.	Adoration
Wed.	06	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
		6:30 p.m.	Ladies Altar Society Dinner
Thurs.	07	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		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	4:00 p.m.	VIGIL MASS
Sun.	10	8:00 a.m.	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT MASS
		10:00 a.m.	MASS , Child Church



Mon.	11	8:00 a.m.	Father's day off
		6:30 p.m.	Rel Ed Grades 1-12
Tues.	12	7:00 a.m.	Men's Refl. Group
		8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		9:00 a.m.	Adoration
		6:30 p.m.	Parish Advent Penance Service

Wed.	13	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice

Thurs.	14	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		6:30 p.m.	RCIA

Fri.	15	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
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Sat.	09	4:00 p.m.	VIGIL MASS
Sun.	10	8:00 a.m.	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT MASS
		10:00 a.m.	MASS , Child Church



DAILY READINGS

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 63:16b-17; 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9;
Mark 13:33-37

Monday, December 04 Daily Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 05 Daily Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 06 Daily Readings

Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday, December 07 Daily Readings

Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 08 Daily Readings

Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 16-38

Saturday, December 09 Daily Readings

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8



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



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

12/05 8:00 a.m. Lynda LaPlace; Kenneth, Sr. & Mary Belle Brackin Landaiche

12/06 8:00 a.m. Deceased of Altar Society; Van Marchand

12/07 8:00 a.m. Emile Peltier Family; Oneil Landry Family; Raymond Landry

12/08 8:00 a.m. M/M Vincent Amato; M/M George Chenove, Sr. Blanchard-Templett Families; David Templett Phyllis Breau; Leon Ambeau

12/09 4:00 p.m. For the Parish

12/10 8:00 a.m. Warthen Family; Kenneth, Sr. & Mary Belle Brackin Landaiche

10:00 a.m. C.J. & Linda Gueho & Family;

Audrey & Vincent Comeaux

Lillie & Julius Gautreaux; Kevin Minor

12/11 8:00 a.m. No Mass



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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



Friday, December 08 Feast of the Immaculate Conception

8 a.m. (St. Gabriel Church), noon (Carville)

7 p.m. (St. Gabriel Church)

**Tuesday, December 12 6:30 P.M. Advent Reconciliation Service &
Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation**

Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve Masses: Nativity of Our Lord

8:00 a.m. 4th Sun. Advent

4:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil in St. Gabriel Church

4:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil @ Carville

8:00 p.m. Christmas (Mass at Night @ Church

**Monday, December 25 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass
Nativity of Our Lord**

**Saturday, December 30 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
4:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, December 31 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.**

**Monday, January 01 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
8:00 a.m. this is not a Holy day of Obligation**