



THE RIVER CATHOLIC

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 12/10/23

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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

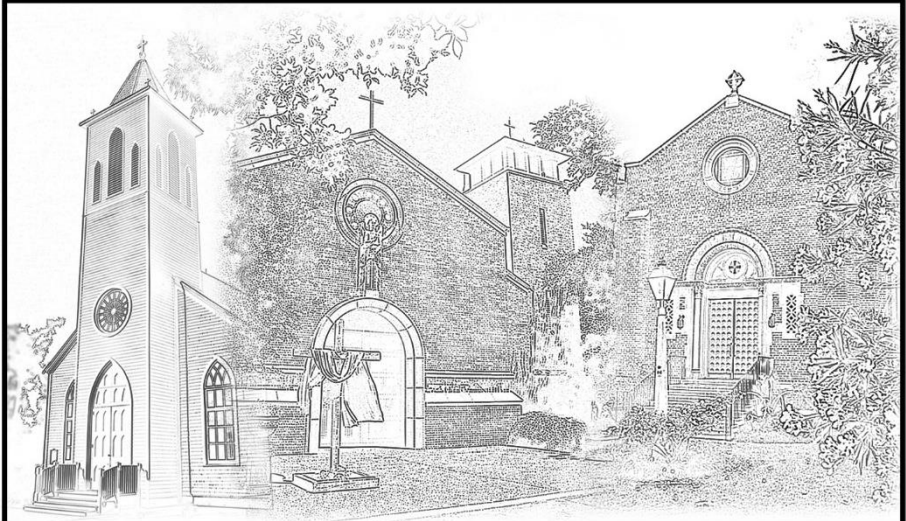
Sunday, 8am & 10am
Presently no mass @ Carville

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

Identified Contributors

Online 12/1 thru- present

\$7,788.47

\$6,018.38

105

\$1,465.00

There will be 2 envelopes 12/10, reg. & Ret. Fund for Religious.
We will have 2 envelopes on 12/17, reg. & Special for Parish.
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.



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. 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
Christmas Vigil @ Carville
8:00 p.m. Christmas (Mass during Night@ Church
Dec. 25 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass



The second Sunday of the Advent season is on December 10, 2023. The second candle is lit on this day along with the first candle. It is the Bethlehem candle, reminding that Jesus was born in Bethlehem.

The theme of readings and teachings during Advent is often to prepare for the Second Coming while commemorating the First Coming of Christ at Christmas. With the view of directing the thoughts of Christians to the first coming of Jesus Christ as savior and to his second coming as judge, special readings are prescribed for each of the four Sundays in Advent.

In recent times the most common observance of Advent outside church circles has been the keeping of an advent calendar or advent candle, with one door being opened in the calendar, or one section of the candle being burned, on each day in December leading up to Christmas Eve. The keeping of an advent wreath is also a common practice, with four or five candles extending from the wreath. The colors associated with the candles are variously interpreted.



After a chaotic year, there is comfort to be found when we pause to read, pray, and reflect over the course of the Advent season...a time when believers eagerly anticipate the celebration of Christ's birth.

The second Sunday of Advent gives us the opportunity to prepare our hearts in faithful waiting, celebrate the birth of Jesus, and ready ourselves for his second coming.

It's a beautiful chance to reflect on the ways prophecy has been fulfilled and to ponder what the future (promised to us through prophecies) will bring.

[Psalm 46:10-11](#) says:

"...Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress."

This week, we pause to remember who God is and what He has done for us. When our lives are hurried, we only have the chance to focus on our to-do lists. Making space in our schedules for [prayer](#) and meditation helps us to better see God at work in our lives and in our world.

As we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Jesus' arrival as a gift to all humanity, let's stir up in our hearts and homes a sense of anticipation. May God's spirit transform the days leading up to Christmas into a time of holy anticipation; preparing our hearts, as we faithfully await the chance to celebrate the arrival of our king.

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).



We offer our prayers and sympathy to Catherine Broussard on the death of her brother.



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.



Our Advent Penance Service is Tuesday, Dec. 12, 6:30 p.m. This is also the Sacrament of Reconciliation for some. Kindly come and cleanse your conscious/soul.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

St. Gabriel belongs to the East Central Deanery.

The dates for the Advent Reconciliation Services

December 12 – St. Gabriel – St. Gabriel

December 13 Holy Rosary in St. Amant

December 20 St. John in Prairieville



Support a lifetime of service. Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need – usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Sat.	09	4:00 p.m.	VIGIL MASS
			SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Sun.	10	8:00 a.m.	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.	Advent Penance Service

Wed.	13	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		3:00 p.m.	Mass @ Carville

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.	16	4:00 p.m.	VIGIL MASS
			THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Sun.	17	8:00 a.m.	MASS
		10:00 a.m.	MASS & Child Church
		2:00 p.m.	Decorate Church



Mon.	18	8:00 a.m.	Father's day off
		6:30 p.m.	Rel Ed Grades 1-12

Tues.	19	7:00 a.m.	Men's Refl. Group
		8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		9:00 a.m.	Adoration

Wed.	20	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		3:00 p.m.	Mass @ Carville

Thurs.	21	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		6:30 p.m.	RCIA

Fri.	22	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
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"IN *Happy* MOMENTS,
PRAISE GOD.
IN DIFFICULT MOMENTS,
SEEK *God.*
IN QUIET MOMENTS,
trust GOD.
IN EVERY MOMENT,
THANK *God.*"

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DAILY READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Monday, December 11 Daily Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 12 Daily Reading

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Luke 1:39-47

Wednesday, December 13 Daily Readings

Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday, December 14 Daily Readings

Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15

Friday, December 15 Daily Readings

Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday, December 16 Daily Readings

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24;

John 1:6-8, 19-28



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, Mary Jane Ray, 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

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

12/12 8:00 a.m. Dolores LaPlace and LaPlace Family

12/13 8:00 a.m. W. Allen White; White-Crochet Families

12/14 8:00 a.m. Lorraine Maha; Landry Bonnette; Special Intentions

12/15 8:00 a.m. Larry & Frances Anne Peltier; Peltier-Haydel Families

Genie, Jared, Carl & Dolores LaPlace

12/16 4:00 p.m. M/M L.G. Hoffmann, Sr. & Jr.

LeBlanc-Hymel-Callegan-Ramagos Families

12/17 8:00 a.m. For the Parish

10:00 a.m. James A. Tubre, Jr.; Betty Arnaud Tubre;

Betty Bonin Dugas

12/18 8:00 a.m. No Mass



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

Sunday, December 24 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:00 P.M. Vigil on Saturday

8:00 A.M. Mass

Please note we will not have the 10:00 A.M. Mass

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

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**

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

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