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ADMINISTRATIVE

ASSISTANTS

Myra G. Tircuit
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CONFESSION

First Saturday, 3:15pm.&
by appointment

VIGIL MASS

Saturday, 4pm.

SUNDAY MASS

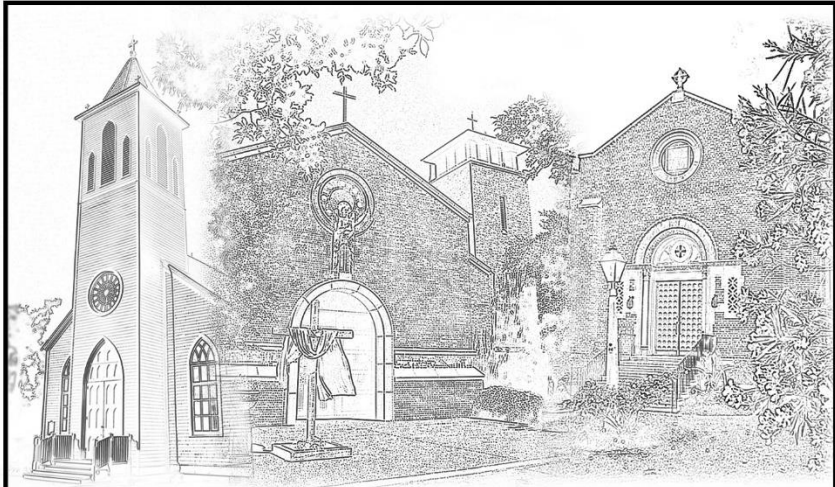
Sunday, 8am & 10am
Presently no mass @ Carville

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	432
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$7,975.66
AMOUNT COLLECTED	\$ 5,616.00
NUMBER OF DONATIONS	80
Online Collections until 12/31/23	\$6,130.00

There will be two envelopes 1/22 REG. & Church in Latin America. 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.



Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you! This great solemnity of the Epiphany is about God showing Himself to us, in so many ways. Yet, unless we have eyes that can see, we will not know Him. One of the great challenges today is to open our eyes and to invite others to open their eyes. Sometimes all we can see is what is around us but with faith we begin to see how the divine is within all creation.

The first reading today is from the Prophet Isaiah, who has guided us through Advent and Christmas to this point of the Epiphany. Isaiah is able to see a world in which everything and everyone finally starts turning to God and moving in the direction of God. We who live in the present age often find that difficult to see. Surely Isaiah did not live in a time when everyone was turning to God, but Isaiah is able to see such a world. We are challenged today to look and to see what might draw people to God. Always wars and threats of wars, natural catastrophes and awful things incline people to turn to God. But we humans are not stable. Once things get better, we forget God.

The vision of Isaiah today is more than that fleeing from awful things with the hope that God might be nice. Instead, Isaiah sees a time when the heavenly Jerusalem will draw people, attract people and help them live in the light. You and I can do that by the way that we live if we believe.

The second reading is taken from the Letter to the Ephesians. We are told that God has revealed to Paul that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. This was an incredible breakthrough! The Prophets had sometimes seen that God's love is for all and not just for the Jewish people. God wants everyone. Part of this great celebration of the Epiphany is to know that everyone, at all times, in all ages, is invited by the Lord to share in divinity. We can have no walls! There is no rejection! Everyone is called.

Matthew's Gospel today gives us the story we often call "the three kings." Sometimes we speak of Magi, but that term is more modern even if more accurate! The point of the story is that these men from other places and cultures came to worship the newborn King of the Universe. Some natural phenomenon had attracted them and they followed and in some mysterious fashion acknowledged the glory of God at work in the little baby.

What draws us? Prophet vision? Universality of salvation? Some mysterious force of the universe? God is always seeking ways to draw us into His own life and to share that love and salvation with us. May this solemnity open our eyes today so that we can see the divine present and surrounding us always. Then we, too, can prostrate ourselves and do Him homage.

Your brother in the Lord, Abbot Philip



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



If you would like to reserve masses for your deceased loved ones, you must inform the office *in writing*. This is only available for deceased persons.



We offer our prayers and sympathy to the Marchand family on the death of Merlin J. Marchand, Jr.; to Brady Bourque and family on the death of Brady's grandmother; and to Clay & Cissy Harold on the death of Clay's mother. Pray for them please.



Our Online Giving option is now available. Check out our website: www.stgabrielcatholicchurch.com. We are also still accepting envelope checks and cash. Thank you.



There will be a special Mass celebrating 25th, 50th and 65th+ Wedding Anniversaries in our Diocese. The date is Sunday, March 3, 2 p.m. @ Most Blessed Sacrament. Please call the Parish Office if this celebration pertains to you in 2024.



Super Bowl is Sunday, February 11 in Arizona and Super Bowl. We are not selling BBQ loaves this year.



Catholic School Week 2024 is the week of January 28 – February 3. We are inviting all students who attend Catholic schools to wear their uniforms to the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 28. We will invite students to participate in the various ministries – altar servers, greeters, gift bearers, etc.



REMINDER: There is a Pastoral Council meeting on Wed., Jan. 17, 6:30 p.m.



Fellow Parishioners,

I write this letter two days after Christmas and I am still on a high. The Christmas services were so touching. It was good to see so many worshipping the Lord and enjoying each other's company. We have a wonderful loving and giving community. The spirit of Christmas is alive and well within our community. It was so good to see so many of our children in church and their joy in receiving their peppermint candy sticks.

I offer a special thanks to all who offered their gifts and talents to make our Christmas liturgies so special. The churches were beautifully decorated, all the ministers and servers gave their best. Tommy, our choir & our organists led us in raising our voices to the Lord. I offer a special thanks to Barbara, Myra, Paul, Dexter, Kiki, Judy Gremillion and their crews for all the behind the scenes work they did in preparing the churches. Yes, together we can and together we did.



I am so grateful and thankful to all who reached out to me through your gifts of love. Your cards, your words, your presents touched my heart.

As many of you who have experienced the loss of a love one are aware, there is an emptiness in your heart at special feast days, etc. Thanks for your compassion in reaching out to me with your loving hearts.

**As we prepare for the new year of 2024, let us thank God for the blessing of 2023 and look forward to what God has in store for us in the new year.
God bless.**



UPCOMING EVENTS



Sat.	06	3:15 p.m.	Reconciliation
		4:00 p.m.	VIGIL MASS
			FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY
Sun.	07	8:00 a.m.	MASS
			Coffee & Doughnuts in PAC
		10:00 a.m.	MASS
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		3:00 p.m.	Rosary
Mon.	08	8:00 a.m.	Father's day off
		6:30 p.m.	NO Rel Ed
Tues.	09	7:00 a.m.	Men's Reflection Group
		8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		8:45 a.m.	Adoration
		6:00 p.m.	KC Meeting in PAC
		6:30 p.m.	Parents of 1 st Euch. Cand.-PAC
Wed.	10	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		3:00 p.m.	Mass @ Carville
Thurs.	11	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		6:30 p.m.	RCIA
Fri.	12	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
			Gulf Coast Conference in Nola
Sat.	13		Gulf Coast Conference in Nola
		4:00 p.m.	VIGIL MASS
			SECOND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
Sun.	14	8:00 a.m.	MASS
		10:00 a.m.	MASS & Children's Church & 1 ST Eucharist Rite
			Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Office Closed
Mon.	15	8:00 a.m.	Father's day off
		6:30 p.m.	NO Rel Ed
Tues.	16	7:00 a.m.	Men's Reflection Group
		8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		8:45 a.m.	Adoration
Wed.	17	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		10:00 a.m.	Deanery Mtg. @ PAC
		3:00 p.m.	Mass @ Carville
		6:30 p.m.	Pastoral Council Mtg.
Thurs.	18	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		6:30 p.m.	RCIA in Ctr.
Fri.	19	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat.	20	9:00 a.m.	1 st Eucharist Class in PAC
		4:00 p.m.	VIGIL MASS
			THIRD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
Sun.	21	8:00 a.m.	MASS
		10:00 a.m.	MASS
			Confirmation Retreat
Mon.	22	8:00 a.m.	Father's day off
		6:30 p.m.	Rel Ed – Circles of Grace

DAILY READINGS

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Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Monday, January 08 Daily Readings

Isaiah 55:1-11; Mark 1:7-11

Tuesday, January 09 Daily Readings

1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 10 Daily Readings

1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39

Thursday, January 11 Daily Readings

1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45

Friday, January 12 Daily Readings

1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2:1-12

Saturday, January 13 Daily Readings

1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Mark 2:13-17

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

John 1:35-42



Pray for our Sick and Homebonds: 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, John & Lillian Holliday, Michael Landaiche, Gary Mooney, Anthony & Bessie Pizzolato, Flory Reynolds, Enith Roy, Mary Joyce Sheldon, Gary & Lisa Switzer, Margie Warthen & 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



01/08 8:00 a.m. No Mass

01/09 8:00 a.m. James A. Tubre, Jr.; Betty Arnaud Tubre; Betty Bonin Dugas

01/10 8:00 a.m. Alton & Dianne Comeaux

01/11 8:00 a.m. Genie, Jared, Carl & Dolores LaPlace; M/M Sam Spedale

01/12 8:00 a.m. Dr. Sidney Thibodeaux; Thibodeaux-Henry Flys. Aubrey & Jackie LaPlace

01/13 4:00 p.m. For the Parish

01/14 8:00 a.m. Emile Peltier Family; Oneil Landry Family; Peltier Family and Raymond Landry

10:00 a.m. Landry Bonnette

01/15 8:00 a.m. No Mass

