



THE RIVER CATHOLIC

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 1/14/2024, Cycle B VOL. 39, NO. 22

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OFFICE HOURS:

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

PASTOR:

Reverend Charles R. Landry

DEACON:

Reverend Mr. John Veron

ADMINISTRATIVE

ASSISTANTS

Myra G. Tircuit
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CONFESSION

First Saturday, 3:15pm.&
by appointment

VIGIL MASS

Saturday, 4pm.

SUNDAY MASS

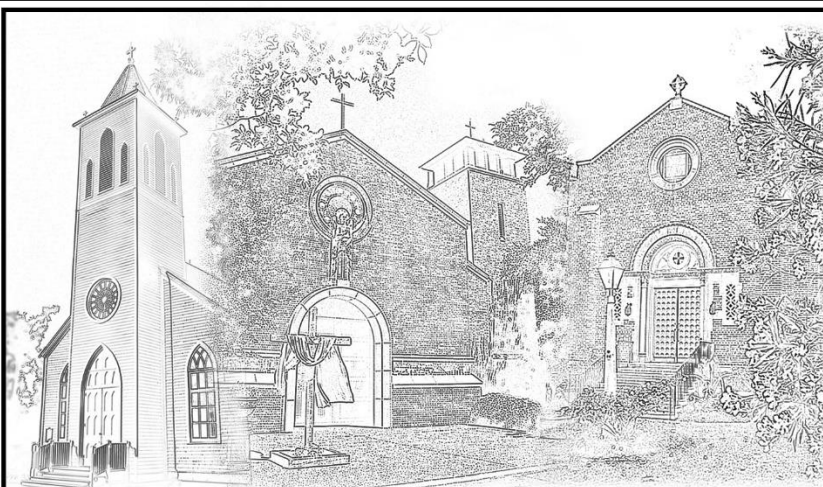
Sunday, 8am & 10am
Presently no mass @ Carville

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	463
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$7,975.66
AMOUNT COLLECTED	\$4,728.00
NUMBER OF DONATIONS	68
Online Collections until 01/01/24	\$3,328.08

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.



WHERE DO YOU STAY?

John the Baptist had gathered a group of students including Philip and Andrew. John realizes that he has taught all that he can and encourages them to continue with Jesus. Christ asks them what they are "looking for" and they answer, "Where do you stay?" This seemingly casual conversation is actually a serious meditation about the meaning of a vocation.

Jesus isn't simply asking them why they are following him. He is questioning whether they are seeking something more in life. They have jobs already. They work in a fishing industry. Jesus tests them to see if they will accept religious duties. Will they commit themselves to new life styles and careers?

The students respond by asking Jesus where he lives. They aren't looking for directions to his tent. They want to understand his life and ministry. They desire to know his own life decision. The description of the hour may be John's way of saying that the sun is setting on their old careers. Both men will start a new day by spreading the good news (or Gospel) to someone else. Andrew goes to Peter. Philip will seek out Nathaniel.

ORDINARY TIME

Last week we began what is called "Ordinary time" in the Church calendar. Ordinary does not mean plain or simple. It means "numbered" as in first, second, etc, the ordinal numbers. This was the original sense of the word. Since we are not celebrating major feasts like Christmas or Easter, this title has come to represent a less spectacular or more "average" period in Church celebrations.

Because of the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we do not hold a specific 1st Sunday in Ordinary time. It is used for the weekday Masses where no feast or memorial is observed. The numbers are meant to remind us that we are working toward a goal. Our life has a purpose. We are moving toward an ultimate Sunday. That will be observed in heaven when we are joined with the whole company of the saints and angels.



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



We offer our prayers and sympathy to Pam Panepinto and family on the death of her grandmother; and to Alex and Paul White on the death of their step-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. 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.



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.

The Church of Baton Rouge invites you to help strengthen families, fund Catholic education, and foster priestly and religious vocations by giving to the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For over 50 years, Catholics in the United States have expressed solidarity with the Church from Mexico to the Caribbean, to the southern tip of South America through this special collection!

Fellow Parishioners,

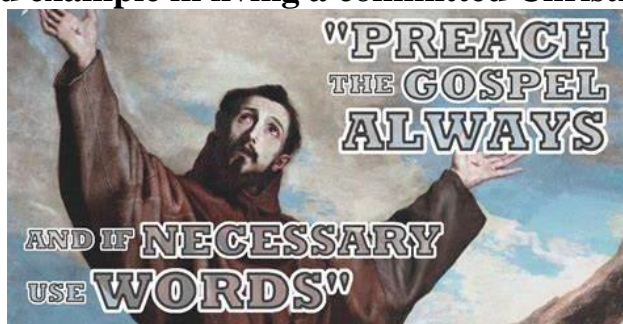
I know that we just finished the Liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmas and believe it or not, a month from this Sunday, 1/14 we will begin the season of Lent. Yes, that's correct, Valentines' Day, 2/14 is Ash Wednesday. Let's enjoy Ordinary Time as well as preparing for Lent. As we have provided in the past, we will provide spiritual booklets to aid us on our Lenten and Easter journey.



On Monday, January 29th – February 2nd in our Diocese is Catholic School's Week. As many of you already know, we are in partnership with St. Theresa in Gonzales and with St. John's in Prairieville in which some of our students attend. We also have some of our children attending other Catholic School. We will acknowledge them on the weekend of January 28-& 29. We will also acknowledge all of our children who are attending our Parish School of Religion classes on Monday evenings as well as



/Children's Church at our weekly 10 a.m. Eucharist. It does my heart so good to see the commitment we (adults) have to passing on the Faith. It takes all of us adults to be good examples by word, deed and weekly worship. Remember the words attributed to St. Francis Assisi, "Always reach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and if necessary, use words." It is wonderful that our children are getting a good Christian education, but remember it starts with us, parents and pastor, in what we say and in what we do by our good example in living a committed Christian Catholic life.



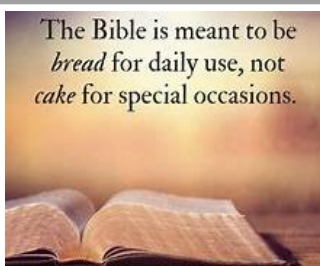
Stay warm and have a blessed week.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat.	13	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 & 1ST 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
		9:15 a.m.	Confirmation Retreat
		10:00 a.m.	MASS
Mon.	22	8:00 a.m.	Father's day off
		6:30 p.m.	Rel Ed – Circles of Grace
Tues.	23	7:00 a.m.	Men's Reflection Group
		8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		8:45 a.m.	Adoration
		6:30 p.m.	Finance Comm.
Wed.	24	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
Thurs.	25	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		6:30 p.m.	RCIA in Ctr.
Fri.	26	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat.	27	4:00 p.m.	VIGIL MASS
FOURTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME			
Sun.	28	8:00 a.m.	MAS
		10:00 a.m.	MASS
Mon.	29	8:00 a.m.	Father's day off
		6:30 p.m.	Rel Ed Grades 1-12



DAILY READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
John 1:35-42

Monday, January 15 Daily Readings

1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 16 Daily Readings

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 17 Daily Readings

1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6

Thursday, January 18 Daily Readings

1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12

Friday, January 19 Daily Readings

1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19

Saturday, January 20 Daily Readings

2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mark 3:20-21

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20



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 of 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

01/15 8:00 a.m.	No Mass
01/16 8:00 a.m.	C.J. & Linda Gueho; Gueho Family; Leon Ambeau Family
01/17 8:00 a.m.	Peltier-Panepinto Families; Larry & Frances Anne Peltier
01/18 8:00 a.m.	Monty & Michael Laurent; Cambre-Babin-Merino Families; Emily Ramos
01/19 8:00 a.m.	Rodney Gomez; M/M L.G. Hoffmann, Sr. & Jr.
01/20 4:00 p.m.	LeBlanc-Hymel-Callegan-Ramagos Families Blanchard-Templett Families; Phyllis Breaux; David Templett
01/21 8:00 a.m.	For the Parish
10:00 a.m.	Monty & Michael Laurent
01/22 8:00 a.m.	No Mass



