



THE RIVER CATHOLIC

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 1/21/2024, Cycle B

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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
Barbara V. Hornstein

CONFESSION

First Saturday, 3:15pm.&
by appointment

VIGIL MASS

Saturday, 4pm.

SUNDAY MASS

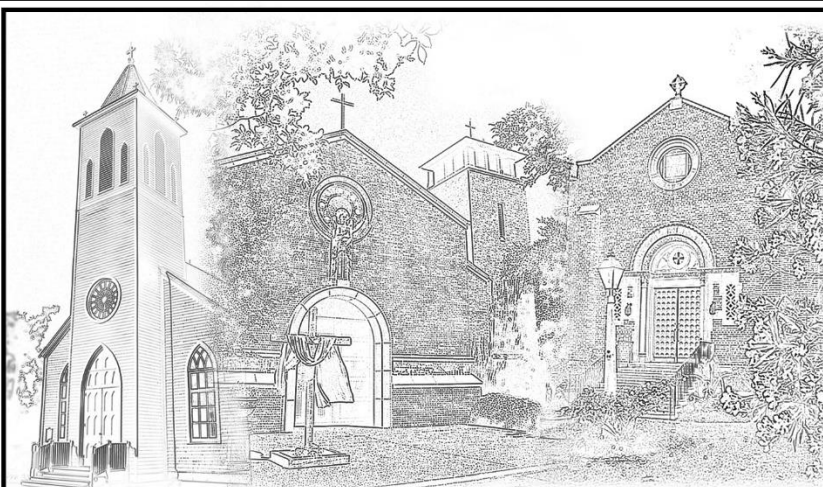
Sunday, 8am & 10am
Presently no mass @ Carville

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	460
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$7,975.66
AMOUNT COLLECTED	\$ 7,828.17
NUMBER OF DONATIONS	75
Online Collections until 1/1/24	\$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.

Inspiration of the Holy Spirit – From the Sacred Heart of Jesus

You all have experienced the difficulty of finding a locked door and not having the key to open it. It is as frustrating as trying to see when there is total darkness and there is no light.

Well let me tell you: repentance is the key to the door of the kingdom of heaven. I am the light that shines in your spiritual world of darkness.

A sinner who does not repent is a person who loses conscience of what sin is, he begins to see a lot of good reasons for his sinfulness, he justifies himself for his actions and believes his sin is very small and has no consequence. He only wants to listen to himself and to the enemy of souls who becomes his best friend. The sinner becomes blind to my light, deaf to my word and his soul infected by sin gets sicker and sicker, it begins to die.

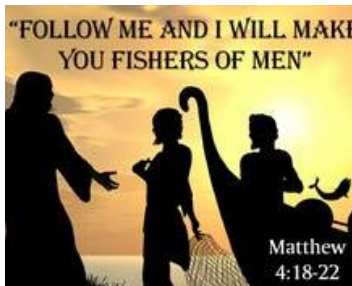
In the spirit, the soul of a sinner looks exactly as the body of a leper, this is why I cured many lepers in my ministry of healing. Those who are obstinate in their sins are blind because they do not see with the eyes of the spirit. Those who commit mortal sin and do not repent are the same as the paralytics who can not move. I came to heal the sick not only in the body, but most importantly in the soul, since the soul and the spirit are eternal.

A sinner is a fool gambling with his eternal life. He is so close minded that preferring the temporary pleasures of the world, he is already rejecting the eternal joy and glory offered to him.

I have come to propose to everyone a great opportunity for all eternity. It is indeed the good news of salvation, otherwise humanity would be doomed to the desires of the flesh.

You are flesh and spirit, I am spirit. I have sacrificed myself for you in order to make you a child of God. Without my forgiveness you cannot receive a place in heaven, therefore repent and start exploring the spiritual being within you, know yourself and know me. You are much more than what you think you are.

Wake up my little soul, I have been calling you for a long time. Come out of your dark cave of sin and indifference to God. Repent, change your life, convert, pray more and start living the new life that I invite you to live. Follow me. *Author: Joseph of Jesus and Mary*



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. Pray for them please.



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

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.

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.



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.

Thanks to all those who helped with cleaning our church on January 11.

Religious Ed Classes for the second semester will begin on January 22.

Pray for our First Eucharist Candidates:
Izabel, Alex, Weldom, Zaylen, Julianne,
John Patrick, Marguerite, Bethany

We will be offering a Baptismal Seminar on Tuesday, January 30, 6:30 p.m. in the Ctr.

Fellow Parishioners,

As I write this letter, we are still experiencing extremely cold weather. I am sure that we all took the necessary precautions to protect ourselves as well as pipes, etc. I lived up North for many years of my life. The winters were cold, but dry. Thank God we did not have the humidity that we have down here. For me, winters were much more bearable up North.



On Monday, February 5 thru the 8th, the priests of our diocese will be on our annual retreat in Manresa. During my absence, Deacon John will be conducting Word and Sacrament services Tuesday, the 6th thru Thursday, the 8th. Please keep us in your prayers as I will keep you in mine.



We have two peoples on the RCIA journey: Jill Lemoine and Yania Morales. On the first Sunday of Lent, February 18, they will be presented to Bishop Duca with others who are on the RCIA journey throughout our Diocese. Please keep Jill and Yania in your prayers as well as others in our Diocese as they make their journey of faith. Lent is a good time for us to reflect upon what it means that we are privileged to be Christian Catholics and to renew our commitment to live as such.



On the weekend of January 27th and 28th I will offer the Sacrament of Anointing of the sick at all of our masses. I will anoint after the homily.

Before I close, I want to share the following that was sent to me.

Poster found in the back of the church:

When you enter the church it may be possible that you may hear the call of God. However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving.



Have a blessed week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

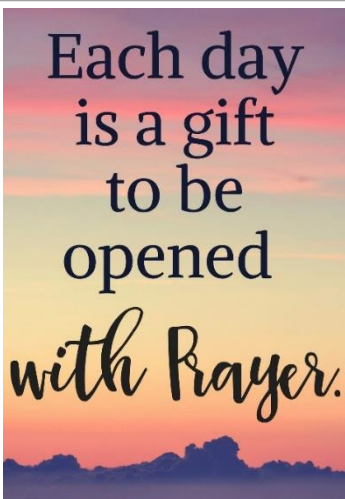
Sat.	20	9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Eucharist Class in PAC VIGIL MASS
THIRD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME			
Sun.	21	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	MASS MASS Confirmation Retreat
Mon.	22	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Father's day off Rel Ed – Circles of Grace
Tues.	23	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Men's Reflection Group Daily Mass Adoration Finance Comm.
Wed.	24	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
Thurs.	25	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Daily Mass RCIA in Ctr.
Fri.	26	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat.	27	4:00 p.m.	VIGIL MASS
FOURTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME			
Anointing of the Sick at all Masses			
Sun.	28	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	MASS MASS
Mon.	29	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Father's day off Rel Ed Grades 1-12
Tues.	30	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Men's Reflection Group Daily Mass Adoration Baptismal Seminar
Wed.	31	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass



FEBRUARY



Presidents' Day



DAILY READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

Monday, January 22 Daily Readings

2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10; Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 23 Daily Readings

2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 24 Daily Readings

2 Samuel 7:4-17; Mark 4:1-20

Thursday, January 25 Daily Readings

Acts 22:3-16; Mark 16:15-18

Friday, January 26 Daily Readings

2 Timothy 1:1-8; Mark 4:26-34

Saturday, January 27 Daily Readings

2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28

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



- 01/22 8:00 a.m. No Mass
- 01/23 8:00 a.m. M/M Lee Amedee, Monica, Buddy & Family
W. Allen White, White & Crochet Families
- 01/24 8:00 a.m. Michael & Monty Laurent; Emily Ramos
Cambre-Babin-Merino Families
- 01/25 8:00 a.m. Alvin Fairchild, Sr.
- 01/26 8:00 a.m. Jesse Lunsford
- 01/27 4:00 p.m. Soileau; LaFleur Families
- 01/28 8:00 a.m. Carville-Olivier Families and Special Friends
10:00 a.m. M/M A.G. Wright, Sr. & Family
- 01/29 8:00 a.m. No Mass



