



# THE RIVER CATHOLIC

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 1/28/2024, Cycle B

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**OFFICE HOURS:**

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

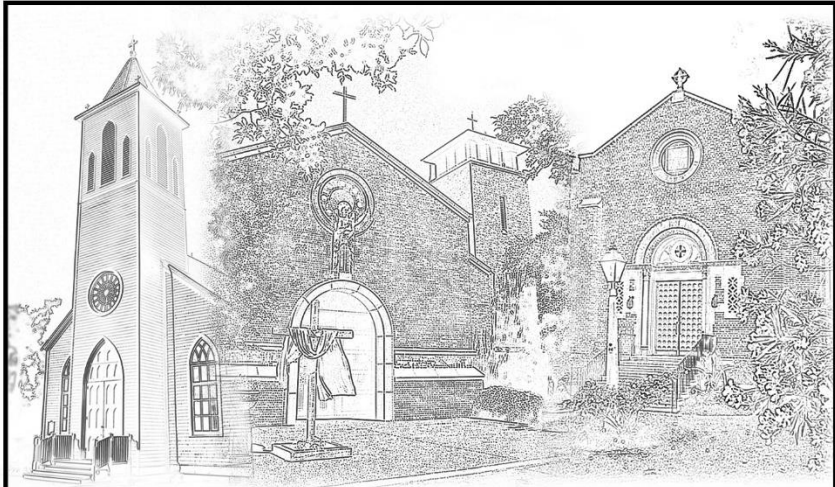
Sunday, 8am & 10am  
Presently no mass @ Carville

**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

WEEKLY BUDGET \$7,975.66

AMOUNT COLLECTED \$5,431.00

NUMBER OF DONATIONS 73

Online Collections until 1/1/24 \$5,133.08

There will be two envelopes /04 Reg. & CCCG and 2/14 Church in E. Europe. During Lent, we have Operation Rice Bowl and Fill-A-Prescription collections. 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.

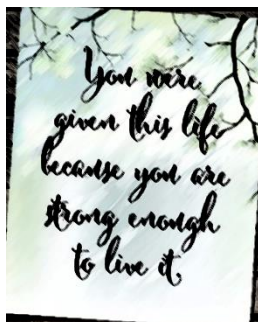
A sinner is a fool gambling with his eternal life. He is so close minded that preferring the temporary pleasures of the world, he is already rejecting the eternal joy and glory offered to him.

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 the friends and family of Susan Marchand, who died in Christ.*

*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](http://www.stgabrielcatholicchurch.com).

There will be a special Mass celebrating 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 65<sup>th</sup>+ 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.

**Father Charlie's Ordination Anniversary is Monday, February 5.** How many years Father????

**We will have the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at all masses on this weekend. Blessing of Married Couples will be at all masses on Feb. 10 & 11. Don't forget Lent begins Feb. 14 which is Valentine's Day. The day before is Mardi Gras. HELP!!!!Slow down time!!!!**



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 Baptismal Seminar scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 30, 6:30 p.m. in the Center **HAS BEEN CANCELLED**. Will be re-scheduled soon. Please call to let us know if you plan to attend so we will have materials available.

**Lent is upon us. Lent** begins Valentine's Day, Feb. 14. Our masses will be 8 a.m. in Church, 12 noon at Carville, and 7 p.m. in Church. Plan to attend. But the bigger picture is are you ready for Lent? There are two things you can do to figure out how to spend your Lent: [Pray about it](#) and discern where in your life you need to grow or change. Pray and ask God to enlighten your mind and heart to what you should do for Lent. Give yourself time to pray and listen. God may not answer you in one day or give you an obvious answer. He may quietly shine a light in an area of your life that He wants you to focus on. Trust in Him to guide you.



Fellow Parishioners,

Talk about extremes: freezing cold and then wondering how long we can tread water. Hopefully soon and very soon the weather will make up its mind and when it does, we will be complaining about the heat and humidity. Such is life in Louisiana.

Along with the weather, we have been experiencing problems with our phone and internet system in the office. If you have been sending us emails or trying to phone us and wondering why we have not been responding to you, please know we have not been ignoring you and we have been praying for a speedy solution to our problems so that we can get back to the normal day to day. Modern technology is wonderful, but when it decides to shut down it tells us who is really in charge.



A few of you have been asking for materials to aid you in your daily meditation on the scriptures. I offer the following for those who desire to spend time reflecting/mediating on the Scripture passages of day. The United States Catholic Bishops offer an app, Daily Reflection Videos. It offers some good spiritual insights which we can pray over throughout the day. I find it very helpful for my spiritual growth and I share it with you.



Have a blessed week.



I love to read   
the Scriptures



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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. **MASS**  
10:00 a.m. **MASS**

Mon. 29 8:00 a.m. Father's day off  
6:30 p.m. Rel Ed Grades 1-12

Tues. 30 7:00 a.m. Men's Reflection Group  
8:00 a.m. Daily Mass  
8:45 a.m. Adoration

Wed. 31 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass



**FEBRUARY**



Thurs. 01 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass  
6:30 p.m. RCIA in Ctr.

### Groundhog Day

Fri. 02 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass  
Adoration until noon

Sat. 03 3:15 p.m. Reconciliation  
4:00 p.m. **VIGIL MASS**

### FIFTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Sun. 04 8:00 a.m. **MASS & Coffee & Donuts**  
10:00 a.m. **MASS & Coffee & Donuts**  
3:00 p.m. Rosary in church

Mon. 05 8:00 a.m. Father's day off  
6:30 p.m. Rel Ed Grades 1-12

Tues. 06 7:00 a.m. Men's Reflection Group  
8:00 a.m. Daily Mass  
8:45 a.m. Adoration

Wed. 07 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass

Thurs. 08 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass  
6:30 p.m. RCIA in Ctr.

Fri. 09 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass

Sat. 10 4:00 p.m. **VIGIL MASS**

### SIXTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Sun. 11 8:00 a.m. **MASS**  
10:00 a.m. **MASS**

Be Yourself,  
everyone  
else is  
taken

## DAILY READINGS

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

*Monday, January 29 Daily Readings*

*2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mark 5:1-20*

*Tuesday, January 30 Daily Readings*

*2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Mark 5:1-43*

*Wednesday, January 31 Daily Readings*

*2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Mark 6:1-6*

*Thursday, February 01 Daily Readings*

*1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Mark 6:7-13*

*Friday, February 02 Daily Readings*

*Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40*

*Saturday, February 03 Daily Readings*

*1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34*

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

*Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39*

**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, Gretchen White & 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

01/29 8:00 a.m. No Mass  
01/30 8:00 a.m. M/M A.G. Wright, Sr. & Greg & Family  
01/31 8:00 a.m. M/M Sam Spedale  
02/01 8:00 a.m. Alvin White;  
White, Acosta, Ourso & LeBlanc Families  
02/02 8:00 a.m. Chuck Mouch; C.J. & Linda Gueho & Families  
02/03 4:00 p.m. Joseph Acaldo Family; LaPlace Family  
02/04 8:00 a.m. For the Parish  
10:00 a.m. Holliday-Noel-Harelson Families;  
Amato-Chenove Families  
02/05 8:00 a.m. No Mass

