



THE RIVER CATHOLIC

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 2/04/2024, 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

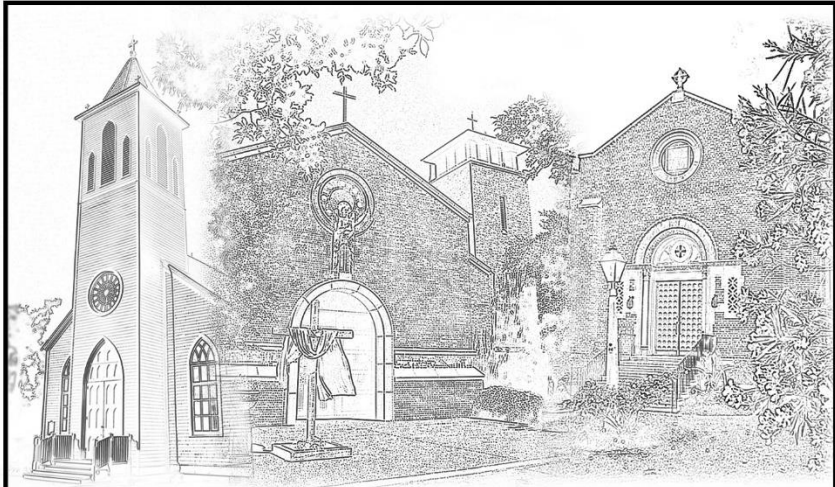
Sunday, 8am & 10am
Presently no mass @ Carville

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	379
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$7,975.66
AMOUNT COLLECTED	\$3,799.00
NUMBER OF DONATIONS	64
Online Collections until 1/1/24	\$5,133.08
There will be two envelopes 1/22 Reg. & Chur	

ch 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.



Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, learning more about the ministry of Jesus. Jesus cured Simon's mother-in-law, and she immediately began to serve Jesus and his disciples. Jesus also cured many others who were brought to him, healing their illnesses and driving out demons. As we will see throughout Mark's Gospel, Jesus did not permit the demons to speak because they knew his identity and would have revealed it to those who were present.

On the morning after this busy day, Jesus retreated in prayer, but was pursued by Simon and others who brought news that many people were looking for him. At this point in Mark's Gospel, we begin to see a distinct role for the inner circle of Jesus' disciples—they act as intermediaries between Jesus and the people. Jesus reports to his disciples that they need to leave Capernaum to preach in other places.

Today's Gospel completes a picture of Jesus' ministry: preaching, curing the sick, driving out demons, and then moving on to continue this work in another place. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus did this throughout Galilee.

Jesus' compassion and healing of the sick is a sign of the Kingdom of God. The Church continues to extend Christ's healing presence to others in its ministry to the sick. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church prays for spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness of sins, and comfort for those who are suffering from illness.

In today's Gospel we also notice the importance of [prayer](#) in Jesus' daily life. Jesus rose early in the morning, removed himself from the crowds, and went to a deserted place to pray. When the disciples found him, he told them that it was time to move on. We believe that in his prayers Jesus found guidance and direction from God. We also bring our decision-making to God in prayer, asking for his guidance and direction in our lives.



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 family and friends of Deacon Gary Mooney, who died in Christ; and to the family and friends of Vic Sanchez, 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.



The Pastoral Council has placed a book share library box at the entrance to church. Please feel free to take books from the box to read.

You can keep them if you are so moved or return to share with others. You can also bring some from home to add to the library.

Father Charlie's Ordination Anniversary is Mon., Feb. 5. How many years Father?????



There will be a Novena said immediately after Daily Mass each Wed. from Ash Wednesday to the Wednesday after Divine Mercy, Wed., Apr. 10.

We will Bless Married Couples 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!!!!** Please 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.



If you wish to have a print out of your donations during 2023, please call the office. These summaries will only be mailed out to those who call. We also cannot email these documents. We appreciate your contributions.

Liturgical Ministers

"Serving the Church since 33 A.D."

All liturgical ministers exist for the service of *the Body of Christ, the People of God, the assembly gathered in God's name*. Although serving in any of these ministries should be a source of joy and satisfaction for individual people, these ministries exist for the benefit and *service of the Church* and not for individual or personal piety, spiritual growth, or status. As such, these ministries are regulated by Church and Liturgical law and are submitted to the authority of the Bishop and the local Pastor (USCCB).

Fellow Parishioners,

As I begin this letter, I remind you that I, along with my brother priests and Bishop Duca will be on retreat this week. We will be at Manresa from the 5th through the 8th. Please keep us in your prayers and know that you will be in mine. Deacon John will be presiding at Word and Sacrament services while I am retreating.



Next weekend at all the masses we will bless all married couples. Thank you for your witness of your unconditional love and living out your Sacrament. May God deepen your love and commitment to one another and your family.



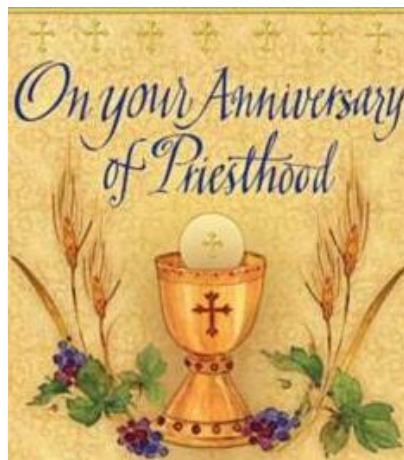
I am putting out an all points bulletin searching for new Eucharist Ministers. If you feel that God is calling to this wonderful service, please contact me. We need them especially at the 4 PM Saturday vigil and the 8 AM Sunday Eucharist.



I am so proud of the support that we give to the St. Vincent dePaul ministry of our diocese. Through our generous offerings, they provide much needed assistance to our fellow sisters and brothers. What a wonderful expression of the Corporal Works of Mercy. Let's keep on giving.

God bless.

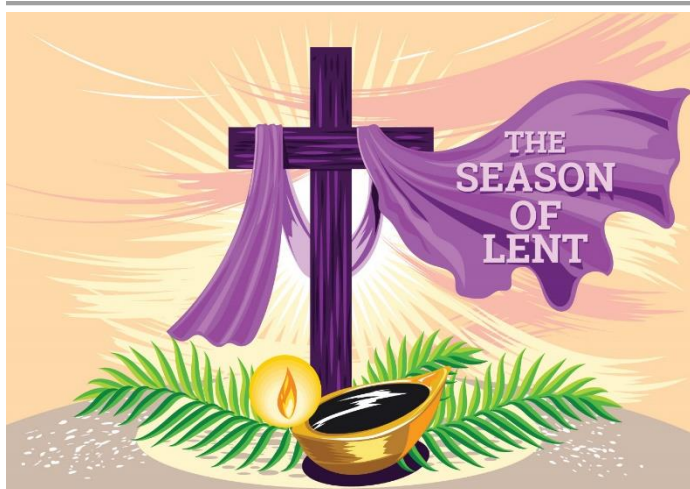
To our Father Charlie,



*God's blessings on you
and thank you
for all you do
in the service of God.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat.	03	3:15 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Reconciliation VIGIL MASS
FIFTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME			
Sun.	04	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	MASS & Coffee & Donuts MASS & Coffee & Donuts Rosary in church
Mon.	05	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Father's Ordination Anniversary Rel Ed Grades 1-12
Tues.	06	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	Men's Reflection Group Communion Service Adoration
Wed.	07	8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Communion Service Divine Mercy Novena Ladies Altar Society Mtg.
Thurs.	08	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Communion Service RCIA in Ctr.
Fri.	09	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Sat.	10	4:00 p.m.	VIGIL MASS
SIXTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME			
Bless Marrieds at all masses this weekend			
Sun.	11	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	MASS MASS
Mon.	12	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	LUNDY GRAS – Office Closed Father's day off No Rel Ed
Tues.	13	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	MARDI GRAS – Office Closed Men's Reflection Group No Mass No Adoration
ASH WEDNESDAY VALENTINES' DAY			
Wed.	14	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Mass Ash Wednesday Mass – Carville Ash Wednesday Mass -church



DAILY READINGS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

Monday, February 05 Daily Readings

1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 06 Daily Readings

1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Mark 7:1-3

Wednesday, February 07 Daily Readings

1 Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23

Thursday, February 08 Daily Readings

1 Kings 11:4-13; Mark 7:24-30

Friday, February 09 Daily Readings

1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Mark 7:31-37

Saturday, February 10 Daily Readings

1 Kings 12:6-32; 13:33-34; Mark 8:1-10

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1;

Mark 1:40-45



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, 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

02/05 8:00 a.m.	No Mass
02/06 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
02/07 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
02/08 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
02/09 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
02/10 4:00 p.m.	For the Parish
02/11 8:00 a.m.	Michael & Monty Laurent;
10:00 a.m.	For the Parish
02/12 8:00 a.m.	No Mass

