



# THE RIVER CATHOLIC

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 2/18/2024, 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**

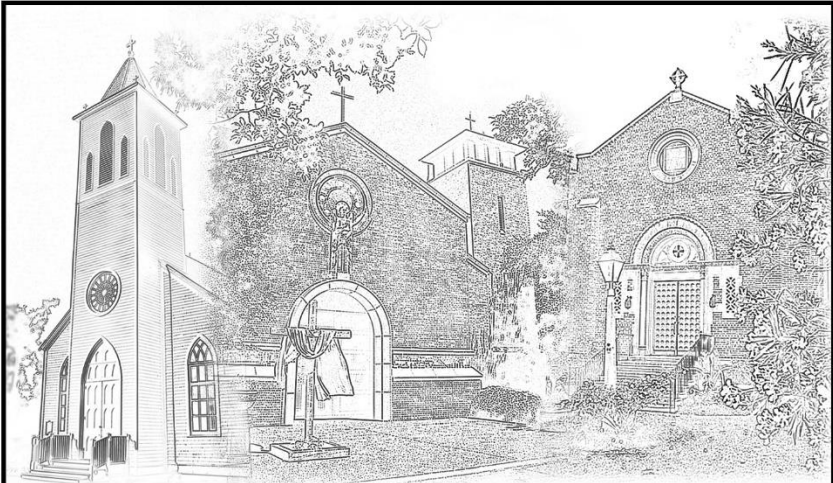
Sunday, 8am & 10am  
Presently no mass @ Carville

**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	356
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$7,975.66
AMOUNT COLLECTED	\$6,272.36
NUMBER OF DONATIONS	77
Online Collections until 2/1/24	\$3,055.00

There will be two envelopes 2/18 reg. & Black & Indian Mission. 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.



LITURGICAL SEASON RESOURCES » LENT RESOURCES YEAR B

Mark begins Jesus' public ministry with a bang. Jesus appears from out of nowhere, is baptized, is tempted in the desert, and then begins preaching—and all of this takes place in the span of only about 6 or 7 verses! For Lent, this passage seems to be a good reminder that Jesus came not only to announce the good news that the kingdom was near but also to do battle with the forces of chaos that have been seeking to unravel God's cosmos ever since sin came onto the scene. Between verses 11 and 12 there is a kind of holy inevitability to Jesus' being violently impelled into the wilderness. Yes, Jesus is God's beloved Son (verse 11) but precisely BECAUSE this was so, he had to go into the place of death and face Satan, the wild animals, and everything else about this world that makes it a fallen place. Indeed, Jesus' ability to say "The kingdom of God is near" seems premised on his engagement with the chaos of the wilderness. This is a good Lenten reminder that in imitation of our Lord, we also should feel the Spirit leading us into places of great



## brokenness, chaos, and hurt. Where else is Jesus' healing touch needed more?

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



Please note Way of the Cross is at 6 p.m. on Fridays, not 6:30 p.m.



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).



Check out the Pastoral Council's 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.



We are collecting USED eyeglasses for the needy. Please put your used eyeglasses in the basket in the back of church and once again give to this worthy cause. Thank you!



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.



Daily Mass will be held in the church until Easter. We will advise where it will take place after Easter. Way of the Cross will be at 6:00 p.m. in Church, each Friday during Lent.



We will now do Baptismal Seminars as you call to request a date. We will not offer the previously scheduled Seminars for the remainder of this year. If you are interested in having your child baptized, please call Fr. Charlie to schedule said baptism.



**Fellow Parishioners:**

**Welcome to Lent. The Lord gives us this time to reflect upon our spiritual life. I recently read the following and I share it with you.**

**“Lent is a time to take stock of who we are, who God wants us to be, take the steps that are necessary for us to get where God wants us to be. It is a time to offer prayer, penance and almsgiving so as to arrive at that place in our thoughts, in our words and in our actions.”**

**It is a time for us to take stock of our life and if necessary to make u-turns in our thoughts, words and deeds that are not Christ-like.**

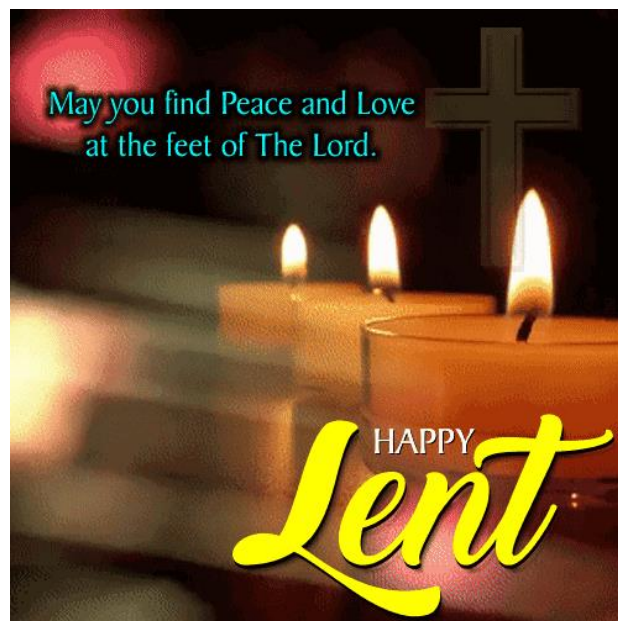
**It is also a good time to read a spiritual book: life of a Saint, a book on a specific Christian Virtue, especially one where you know you need to grow more deeply.**

**Lent is a time of spiritual renewal and growth. My prayer for all of us is that we use this time to deepen our spiritual commitment to the Lord as we look forward to Resurrection.**



*Good thoughts,  
Good words,  
Good deeds.*

**Happy Lent.**



**Our Lenten Penance Service will be  
Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 p.m.**



## KEEPING LENT AND EASTER 2024

**Daily Mass** Tuesday – Friday in Church 8:00 a.m.

**Stations of the Cross** Friday 6:00 p.m.

**Reconciliation** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday and by appointment  
Saturday, March 02 3:15 p.m.  
Saturday, April 06 3:15 p.m.

### Communal Penance Service

TBA Wednesdays throughout the Diocese  
St. Gabriel – Tuesday, March 12 6:30 p.m.

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Passion Sunday Sunday, March 24  
Diocesan Chrism Mass Tuesday, March 26 10:30 a.m.

### TRIDUUM

**Holy Thursday** Thursday, March 28 7:00 p.m.  
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament until 9:00 p.m.

**Good Friday** Friday, March 29  
Way of the Cross Noon  
Vigil before the Holy Cross 3:00 p.m.

**Easter Vigil** Saturday, March 30 8:00 p.m.  
Blessing of new Fire  
Eucharist

**Easter Sunday** Sunday, March 31  
Mass @ St. Gabriel 8:00 a.m.  
Mass @ St. Gabriel 10:00 a.m.

**Divine Mercy** Sunday April 07  
Divine Mercy Service 3:00 p.m.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

Saturday – St. Gabriel, April 20, 4:00 p.m.

### Sacrament of First Eucharist

Mass, Sunday, May 5 10:00 a.m.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat.	17	4:00 p.m.	<b>VIGIL MASS</b> <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
Sun.	18	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	<b>MASS</b> <b>MASS; Rite of Election</b> Rite @ Cathedral

Mon.	19	<b>President's Day!</b> 8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Father's day off Rel Ed Gr. 1-12
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Tues.	20	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	Men's Reflection Group Daily Mass Adoration
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Wed.	21	8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Daily Mass Divine Mercy Novena Pastoral Council Mtg.
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Thurs.	22	<b>Washington's Birthday</b> 8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Daily Mass RCIA in Ctr.
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Fri.	23	8:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Daily Mass Way of the Cross
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Sat.	24	9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	1st Eucharist Class in PAC <b>VIGIL MASS</b>
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Sun.	25	8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <b>MASS</b> Confirmation Class in Ctr. <b>MASS</b>
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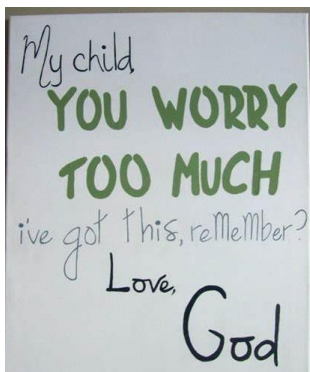
Mon.	26	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Father's day off Rel Ed Grades 1-12 in PAC
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Tues.	27	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	Men's Reflection Group Daily Mass Adoration
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Wed.	28	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass Divine Mercy Novena
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Thurs.	29	8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Daily Mass DRE's in PAC RCIA in Ctr.
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## DAILY READINGS

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15**

**Monday, February 19 Daily Readings**

**Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46**

**Tuesday, February 20 Daily Readings**

**Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15**

**Wednesday, February 21 Daily Readings**

**Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32**

**Thursday, February 22 Daily Readings**

**1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19**

**Friday, February 23 Daily Readings**

**Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26**

**Saturday, February 24 Daily Readings**

**Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48**

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**Genesis 22:1-2, 9A,10-13, 15-18; Romans 8:31b-34**

**Mark 9:2-10**



**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, 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

02/19	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
02/20	8:00 a.m.	Deceased of Father Charlie's Family
02/21	8:00 a.m.	Irene Landry
02/22	8:00 a.m.	Special Intentions
02/23	8:00 a.m.	Raymond Landry; Oneil & Peltier Families Peltier-Panepinto-Haydel Families
02/24	4:00 p.m.	Soileau-LaFleur Families Alvin Fairchild, Sr.
02/25	8:00 a.m.	For the Parish
	10:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving
02/26	8:00 a.m.	No Mass

