



THE RIVER CATHOLIC

SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT/PALM SUNDAY 3/24/2024, CYCLE B VOL. 39, NO. 31

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OFFICE HOURS:

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

Reverend Charles R. Landry

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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

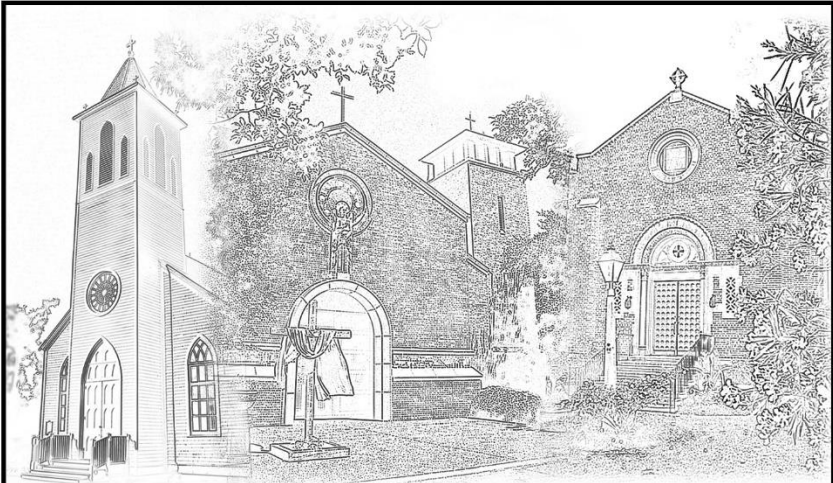
Sunday, 8am & 10am
Presently no mass @ Carville

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	\$4,556.75
NUMBER OF DONATIONS	70
Online Collections until 3/1/24	\$4,240.00

There will be two envelopes 3/29, reg. & Holy Land, and 3/31, Ret, for Diocesan Priests. 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.



The readings for Palm Sunday Year B (Passion Sunday) focus the sacrifice which Jesus Christ made for me and you. The reading for the procession of the palms tells of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Palm Sunday Year B weaves together a rich tapestry of themes that resonate deeply with the Christian experience, reflecting on the final days and ultimate sacrifice of Jesus Christ. These themes include:

Kingship and Humility: Both the Procession readings from Mark and John highlight Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as a king, but in a way that defies worldly expectations. Riding on a colt or donkey, He fulfills ancient prophecies about the Messiah's humble arrival, emphasizing the contrast between divine kingship and earthly power.

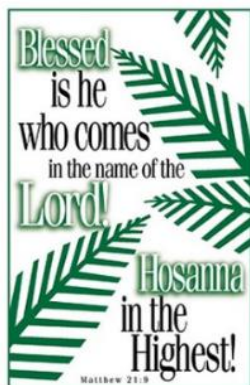
Obedience and Suffering: The reading from Isaiah and the account of Jesus' passion in Mark showcase the obedience of the servant, who, despite facing suffering and humiliation, remains steadfast and trusts in God's plan. This obedience even unto death highlights the depth of Jesus' commitment to fulfilling His Father's will.

Salvation and Redemption: The passion narrative, particularly Jesus' crucifixion and death, focuses on the themes of salvation and redemption. Jesus' sacrificial love, evident in His willingness to endure the cross, opens the path for humanity's reconciliation with God, offering hope and the promise of eternal life.

Divine Exaltation: The reading from Philippians speaks to the theme of divine exaltation, where Christ's humility and obedience lead to His ultimate glorification by God. This exaltation serves as a testament to Jesus' lordship and the acknowledgment of His divine nature by all of creation.

Prophetic Fulfillment: Throughout the readings, there is a strong emphasis on the fulfillment of prophecy. Jesus' actions and experiences, from His triumphant entry into Jerusalem to His suffering and death, are seen as the culmination of biblical prophecies about the Messiah, underscoring the divine plan at work in His life and mission.

Faith and Perseverance: Implicit in these readings is the call to faith and perseverance for believers. As followers of Christ, we are invited to embrace humility, endure suffering, and remain faithful to God's will, inspired by Jesus' own example.



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.



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



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.



Items needed this month for St. Vincent de Paul's: Men's underwear (med. to 2X), Men's deodorant, Men's body wash, and large body cleansing wipes. Place your donations in the basket provided in the vestibule of Church. Thanks.



We are currently accepting donations for Easter Flowers. You may place your donation in an envelope designated "EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS." The envelope may be placed in the offertory basket.



We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Ellen Corso White, who died in Christ. We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Vivian Howatt Aucoin Johnson, who died in Christ. May they rest in peace



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.



Please continue to pray for our Confirmation and First Eucharist candidates. Their sacraments are quickly approaching.



Check out the flyer for our Holy Week Schedule. If you are scheduled as a minister and cannot fulfill this responsibility, please find a sub, we are counting on you. We still need some volunteers for a few services. There is also a flyer for the Easter Egg Hunt! Check out the details.

Fellow Parishioners



As many of you know, I was sick a few weeks ago. I had covid, strep throat and the flu. Needless to say, my energy level was low. The frustration is that I never felt bad, it was not being able to sustain my energy. Thanks be to God I am doing much better.

This week we begin Holy Week. This is a beautiful time for us to come together as God's daughters and sons and offer thanks for the unconditional love that Jesus did for us in obedience to Abba, God our Father. I encourage you to make every effort to come and worship on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. Check the bulletin for the times of the services.

This Tuesday, March 26th, all the priests of our diocese will gather at St. Joseph Cathedral to celebrate the Chrism Mass. During this mass Bishop Duca will bless the Holy Oils that are used in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation & Holy Orders and the Anointing of the Sick. After Bishop



Duca blesses the oils, representatives of parishes of our Diocese will be called forward to receive them. David and Mary Ann Olivier will be representing our parish. It is at this mass that we, priests, will once again dedicate ourselves to be Christ's shepherds of His Church.

Bishop Duca, will asks us, his priests, to renew our commitment to the Sacrament of Holy Orders and as shepherds of the different parishes of our Diocese. I am so grateful that I am your shepherd/pastor and I look forward to another year as such.



May we have a good Holy Week and Easter. God bless.



Holy Week

UPCOMING EVENTS



Sat.	23	9:00 a.m.	RCIA Retreat- PAC
		4:00 p.m.	VIGIL MASS
SIXTH SUNDAY OR PALM SUNDAY OF LENT			
Sun.	24	8:00 a.m.	MASS; Outdoor Procession
		10:00 a.m.	MASS, Children's Church
			Outdoor Procession
		6:00 p.m.	1 st Eucharist Seder Meal



Mon.	25	8:00 a.m.	Father's day off
		6:30 p.m.	Rel Ed Group Activity
Tues.	26	7:00 a.m.	Men's Reflection Group
		8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		8:45 a.m.	Adoration
		10:30 a.m.	Chrism Mass @ Cathedral
		6:30 p.m.	Practice for Holy Week ministers
Wed.	27	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
			Divine Mercy Novena

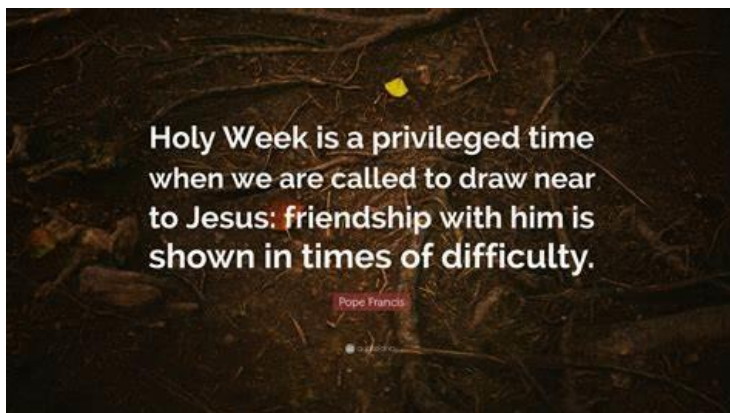
HOLY THURSDAY			
Thurs.	28	7:00 p.m.	HOLY THURSDAY Mass
			Adoration until 9:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY			
Fri.	29	12:00 p.m.	Way of the Cross
		3:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service

EASTER VIGIL			
Sat.	30	8:00 p.m.	VIGIL MASS
		10:30 p.m.	RCIA Reception in PAC
EASTER SUNDAY			
Sun.	31	8:00 a.m.	MASS
		10:00 a.m.	MASS, Children's Church



EASTER MONDAY			
Mon.	01	8:00 a.m.	Office Closed



DAILY READINGS

SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT/PALM SUNDAY

Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

Monday, March 25 Daily Readings

Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11

Tuesday, March 26 Daily Readings

Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, March 27 Daily Readings

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25

Holy Thursday, March 28 Daily Readings

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-5

Good Friday, March 29 Daily Readings

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9;

John 18:1-19:42

Easter Vigil Saturday, March 30 Daily Readings

Genesis 1:1-2:2; Genesis 22:1-18; Exodus 14:15-15:1;

Isaiah 54:5-14; Isaiah 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4

Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Romans 6:3-11; Mark 16:1-7

EASTER SUNDAY! HE IS RISEN!!

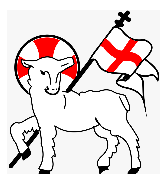
Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

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. 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.



03/25	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
03/26	8:00 a.m.	Blanchard-Templett Families; Phyllis Breaux; David Templett; Vernon, Jr., J.E. & Ella Broussard
03/27	8:00 a.m.	Dewey Hymel Family & Betty; Jesse Lunsford
03/28	7:00 p.m.	No Intentions; Holy Thursday
03/29	3:00 p.m.	No Intentions; Good Friday
03/30	8:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil; For the Parish
03/31	8:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday; For the Parish
	10:00 a.m.	Landry Bonnette
04/01	8:00 a.m.	Easter Monday; No Mass



Please join us!



Following 10 am mass on
Easter Sunday
Don't forget your basket!

Reflection for Divine Mercy Sunday

by [Isabella R. Moyer](#)



How can anyone argue against Divine Mercy Sunday?

Divine Mercy is hope wrapped up in a loving God, ever ready to embrace us and forgive even our gravest sins. Believing in God, but not in Divine Mercy, would be a depressing and burdensome faith to bear.

At the core of the Gospel story of the good thief is unconditional love and compassion. Today, you will be with me in paradise. Not, okay your sins are forgiven; now do this and this and this, and you will be saved. But today - now - you will enter into glory with me. Welcome!

Divine Mercy is often associated with the visions and private revelations of St. Faustina. Pope John Paul II had a great devotion to this Polish nun. When he declared the Second Sunday of Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday, many took it as a papal decree to promote the devotions described in Faustina's "Diary," such as venerating the Divine Mercy image and praying the Chaplet.

As Catholics, we have a soft spot for devotions and devotionals. It's part of our hands-on, sacramental nature. But, we are also a diverse bunch. What speaks to one, may not speak to another. Devotions and belief in private revelations – even if approved and recommended by the Church – are not mandatory. Offering a special Mass that includes the Divine Mercy devotions for those who wish it is a good thing.

Presenting the devotions as an obligatory form of worship for the Second Sunday of Easter is not. Even [some Divine Mercy websites](#) are careful to stress that this Sunday is not meant to be a “party for devotees.” The focus, they say, should be on bringing “hardened sinners” back into the fold.

Perhaps we, as a Church, need to spend less time worrying about bringing back the “hardened sinners,” and more time showing mercy to those struggling to stay despite personal hurts and rejection. We need to reach out to those who have one foot out the door, or who have already had the door closed on them.

As we meditate in gratitude for God's gracious mercy shown to us, we should look honestly at the mercy that we show to others. Our God is a God of mercy. Are we a Church of mercy?

