



THE RIVER CATHOLIC

EASTER SUNDAY, HALLELUJAH! HALLELUJAH!!! 3/31/2024, 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

DEACON:

Reverend Mr. John Veron

ADMINISTRATIVE

ASSISTANTS

Myra G. Tircuit
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CONFESSION

First Saturday, 3:15pm.&
by appointment

VIGIL MASS

Saturday, 4pm.

SUNDAY MASS

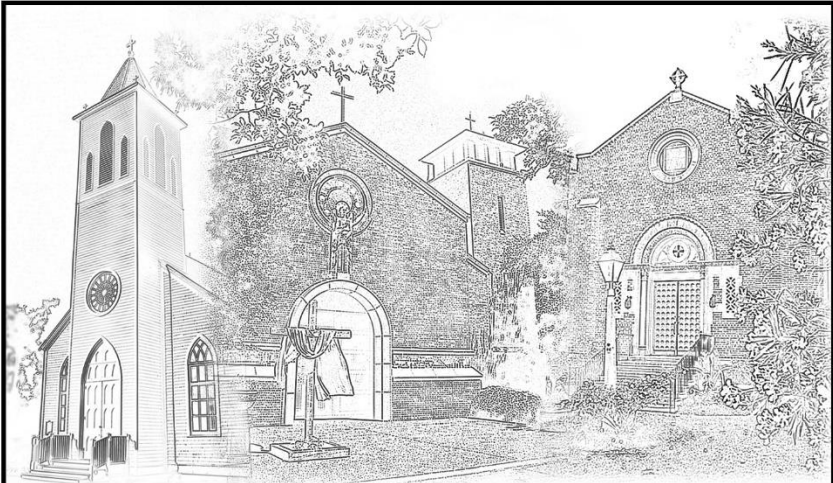
Sunday, 8am & 10am
Presently no mass @ Carville

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.

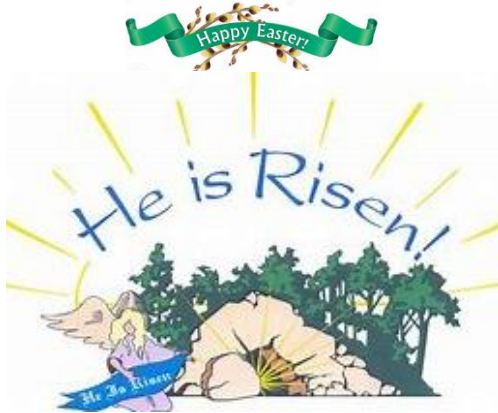
CARE OF THE SICK: Emergency calls are made as soon as the priest is available. If desired, communion may be brought to the homebound each weekend by a Eucharistic Minister. Families are asked to contact the Church Office to make arrangements. Communion Calls to the homebound are the first Friday of the 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	\$5,998.81
NUMBER OF DONATIONS	76
Online Collections since 3/1/24	\$7,335.00
There will be two envelopes	

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.



Easter, one of the most significant feasts in the Catholic Church, commemorates the **Resurrection of Jesus Christ** from the dead. Here are some key aspects of Easter in the Catholic tradition:

1. **Resurrection of Jesus:** Easter Sunday marks the triumphant moment when Jesus conquered death and rose from the tomb. [His resurrection is the central event of Christianity, validating His divinity and the promise of eternal life for believers](#) ¹².
2. **Fulfillment of Faith:** Through His death, Jesus broke the chains of sin, and through His resurrection, He brought the hope of new life—both on earth and in heaven. [The prayer "Thy Kingdom come, on earth as it is in Heaven" begins to be fulfilled on Easter Sunday](#) ¹.
3. **Sacraments of Initiation:** New converts are traditionally welcomed into the Church through the **Sacraments of Initiation** (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion) during the **Easter Vigil service** on Holy Saturday evening. [Their baptism symbolically mirrors Christ's own death and resurrection](#) ¹.
4. **Easter Season:** The Easter season extends beyond Easter Sunday. [It encompasses the 50 days leading up to Pentecost Sunday, celebrating the sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church](#) ³.
5. **Easter Duty:** Historically, Catholics were required to receive **Holy Communion** at least once a year during the Easter season. [While many Catholics now receive Communion more frequently, the Easter duty remains a significant practice](#) ¹.

[In summary, Easter is a joyous celebration of Jesus' victory over sin and death, offering hope and new life to all who believe in Him](#) ²

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.



Remember Ladies Altar Society meets the first Wed. of each month at 9 a.m. in the Center.



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 offer our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Michael Landaiche, who died in Christ. We also send prayers and sympathy to Freddie & Jackie Frazier on the death of Freddie's mother, Thelma Ruffin.



Please continue to pray for our Confirmation and First Eucharist candidates. Their sacraments are quickly approaching. Congratulations to our newly received Catholics from Easter Vigil: Kaylann, Yanira and Jill! Welcome aboard!



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.



Our Divine Mercy Service is Sunday, April 7, 3 p.m. in Church. Please plan to attend.



Beginning Tuesday, April 2, 8 a.m. Mass will be back in the Chapel.

An Easter Prayer

*That you gave your one and only Son,
that we might be called your children too.
Lord, help us to live in the gladness and
grace of Easter Sunday, everyday.*

*Let us have hearts of thankfulness
for your sacrifice.*

*Let us have eyes that look upon
your grace and rejoice in our salvation.*

*Help us to walk in that mighty grace
and tell your good news to the world.*

All for your glory do we pray, Lord,

Amen.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Tues. 02 7:00 a.m. Men's Reflection Group
8:00 a.m. Daily Mass in Chapel
8:45 a.m. Adoration

Wed. 03 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass in Chapel
Divine Mercy Novena
9:00 a.m. Ladies Altar Society

Thurs. 04 8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Fri. 05 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass
Adoration & Benediction

Sat. 06 3:15 p.m. Reconciliation
4:00 p.m. **VIGIL MASS**

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sun. 07 8:00 a.m. **MASS; Coffee & Donuts**
10:00 a.m. **MASS, Children's Church**
3:00 p.m. **Coffee & Donuts**
Divine Mercy Svc

Mon. 08 8:00 a.m. Father's day off
6:30 p.m. Rel Ed Grades 1-12

Happy birthday, Father. May God's love and peace be with you always.

Father Charlie's Birthday

Tues. 09 7:00 a.m. Men's Reflection Group
8:00 a.m. Daily Mass
8:45 a.m. Adoration
11:30 a.m. Diocesan Event

Wed. 10 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass

Thurs. 11 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass

Fri. 12 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass

Sat. 13 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Interviews
4:00 p.m. **VIGIL MASS**

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sun. 14 8:00 a.m. **MASS;**
10:00 a.m. **MASS, Children's Church**

Mon. 15 8:00 a.m. Father's day off
6:30 p.m. Rel Ed Grades 1-12



DAILY READINGS

EASTER SUNDAY

HALLELUJAH! HALLELUJAH!!

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

Easter Monday, April 01 Daily Readings

Acts 2:14, 22-23; Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 02 Daily Readings

Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 03 Daily Readings

Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35

Thursday, April 04 Daily Readings

Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48

Friday, April 05 Daily Readings

Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14

Saturday, April 06 Daily Readings

Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 2ND SUN. OF EASTER

Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

Pray for our Sick and Homebounds: 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, Bessie Pizzolato, Flory Reynolds, Enith Roy, Mary Joyce Sheldon, Gary & Lisa Switzer, & Margie Warthen. 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.



04/01 8:00 a.m. No Mass
04/02 8:00 a.m. Irene Landry; Warthen Family
04/03 8:00 a.m. Trudy Panepinto; Becky Carlin Smith;
Deceased of Altar Society
04/04 8:00 a.m. Vincent & Audrey Comeaux;
Julius & Lillie Gautreau
04/05 8:00 a.m. Landry Bonnette; LaPlace Family
04/06 4:00 p.m. Joseph Acaldo Family;
Charles Sheldon & Spedale Family
04/07 8:00 a.m. For the Parish
10:00 a.m. Amato-Chenove Families
04/08 8:00 a.m. No Mass



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?





If you spent
time praying for
people instead of
talking about them
you would get better
results

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