



THE RIVER CATHOLIC

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER 04/07/2024, CYCLE B VOL. 39, NO. 32

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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

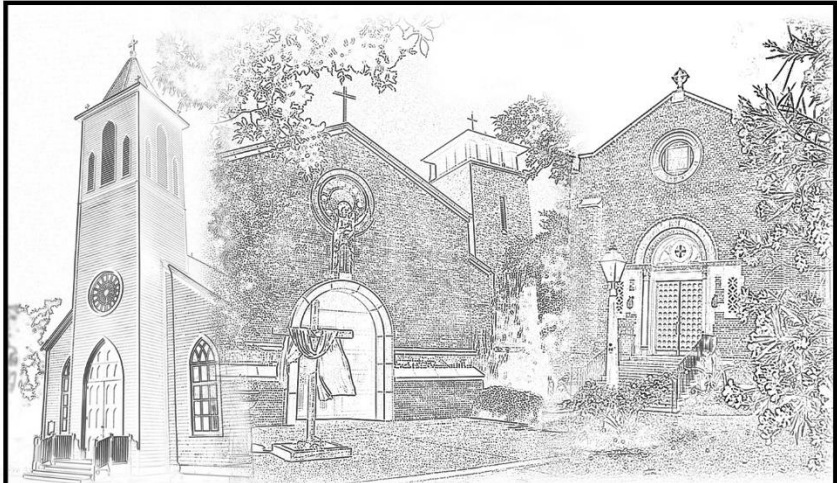
Sunday, 8am & 10am
Presently no mass @ Carville

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	\$7,254.00
NUMBER OF DONATIONS	85
Online Collections since 4/1/24	\$

There will be two envelopes 4/28, reg. & Catholic Home Missions. 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 Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind

simply by remembering ABC:



A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that all the graces of His mercy can only be received by our trust. The more we open the door of our hearts and lives to Him with trust, the more we can receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.



The message and devotional practices proposed in the *Diary of Saint Faustina* and set forth in this web site and other publications of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception are completely in accordance with the teachings of Church and are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful

Savior. Properly understood and implemented, they will help us grow as genuine followers of Christ.

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.



The families of Ray McClure, Ellen White and Michael Landaiche would like to thank everyone for their prayers, food and support during their illness and at the time of their family member's death. A big thanks to the Ladies Altar Society for providing a meal after the funerals.



The Ladies Altar Society is hosting their annual Potluck supper on Wed., May 1, 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center. All members are invited to attend. Members may bring one tuest. The Society will provide the main meat dish, members will provide side dishes. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Ramona Gomez, 225-281-2656.



Please continue to pray for our Confirmation and First Eucharist candidates. Their sacraments are quickly approaching. The Sacrament of Confirmation is Saturday, April 20 at the 4 p.m. Mass. The Sacrament of 1st Eucharist is Sunday, May 5, at the 10 a.m. Mass.



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.

Easter Thank You's



Beginning with the masses on Palm Sunday weekend, throughout the many services of Holy Week and the celebration of Easter Sunday, many, many people worked and offered service and ministry and helped us all celebrate the holy days of our Christian faith. Thank you to all the ministers: lectors and communion ministers, ushers, altar servers, cantors and choir members. Our maintenance staff also did extra work in getting things cleaned and lighted and the fountains flowing.

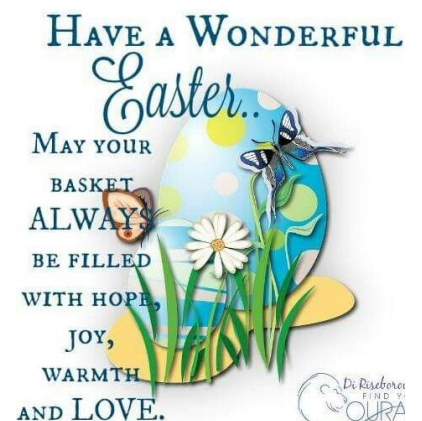
The environmental committee arranged and rearranged sanctuary furniture, and plants and palms and vases and fabrics and crosses and candles and many, many liturgical appointments so the church always looked great for the particular service being celebrated and what was needed for each service was always readily available.

That our liturgies continue to be so prayerful and accompanied by and led by beautiful music is a testimony to the artistry and hard work of all these people, and our choir for their hard work.


Before I leave the thank-you's, a thank you to the staff, especially Deacon John and Myra, who assisted at the many functions and sacramental preparations, scripts for me and all ministers serving for the Triduum, as well as coordinating all of the Holy Week and Easter weekend activities.

Thank you to all those of the Ladies Altar Society, under the direction of Ramona Gomez, who participated in the fruit basket distribution to our shut-ins. I know the fruit baskets were greatly appreciated. Thanks also for fielding and keeping track of the many calls for those wishing to offer a memorial, through Easter Flowers, for their loved ones.

And finally, thanks to all who participated in the services of the Holy Week and Easter. And thanks to all who made a special Easter contribution of stewardship.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat.	06	3:15 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Reconciliation VIGIL MASS	
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER				
Sun.	07	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	MASS; Coffee & Donuts MASS, Children’s Church Coffee & Donuts Divine Mercy Svc	
Mon.	08	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Father’s day off 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. 8:00 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Men’s Reflection Group Daily Mass Adoration 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. 4:00 p.m.	Confirmation Interviews VIGIL MASS	
3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER				
Sun.	14	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	MASS MASS, Children’s Church	
Mon.	15	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Father’s day off Rel Ed Grades 1-12	
Tues.	16	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	Men’s Reflection Group Daily Mass Adoration	
Wed.	17	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Daily Mass Pastoral Council Meeting	
Thurs.	18	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass	
Fri.	29	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass	



DAILY READINGS

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 2ND SUN. OF EASTER
Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

Monday, April 08 Daily Readings
Isaiah 7:10-14; 8-10; Luke 1:26-38
Tuesday, April 09 Daily Readings
Acts 2 Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15
Wednesday, April 10 Daily Readings
Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21
Thursday, April 11 Daily Readings
Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36
Friday, April 12 Daily Readings
Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15
Saturday, April 13 Daily Readings
Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21
3rd SUN. OF EASTER
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:35-48



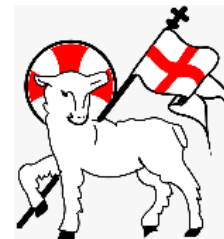
Pray for our Sick and Homebonds: Wayne & Carolyn Achee, Frank, Sr. & Dorella Banta, Betty Jean Barbay, Billy and Phyllis Babin, Karen Buhler. Melissa Conrad, Lily Fairchild, Ronald Dauterive, John Guerin, Mary Beth Hanks, John & Lillian Holliday, Bessie Pizzolato, Flory Reynolds, Enith Roy, Mary Joyce 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.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

- 04/08 8:00 a.m. No Mass
- 04/09 8:00 a.m. Dorothy Carlin; Johnathan Hopkins
- 04/10 8:00 a.m. LeBlanc-Hymel-Callegan-Ramagos Families
Michael Ragusa
- 04/11 8:00 a.m. Dr. Sidney Thibodeaux;
Thibodeaux – Henry Families;
Alton & Dianne Comeaux
- 04/12 8:00 a.m. Vernon, Jr., J.E. & Ella Broussard
Peltier-Panepinto-Haydel Families
- 04/13 4:00 p.m. Holliday-Noel-Harelson Families
- 04/14 8:00 a.m. Raymond Landry; Oneil & Peltier Families
Lois & Glynn Hernandez, Sr. & Jr.
10:00 a.m For the Parish
- 04/15 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?

