



THE RIVER CATHOLIC

THIRD SUNDAY – 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER 04/14/2024, CYCLE B VOL. 39, NO. 33

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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

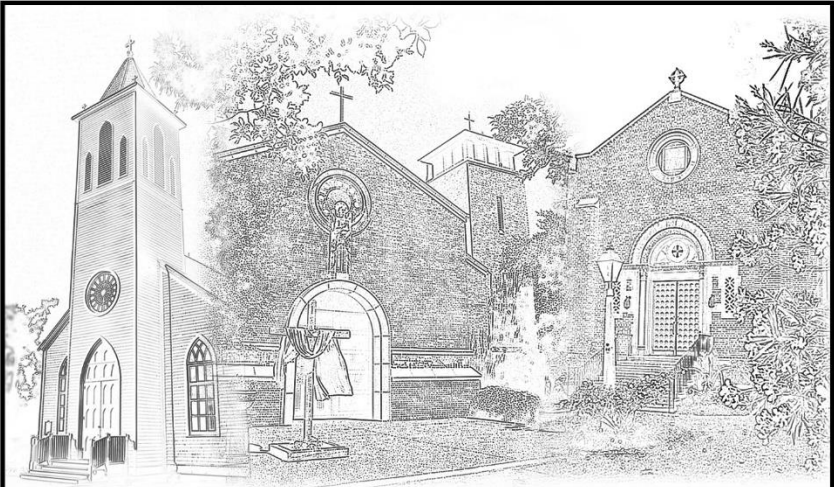
Sunday, 8am & 10am
Presently no mass @ Carville

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

WEEKLY BUDGET

\$7,975.66

AMOUNT COLLECTED

\$5,236.00

NUMBER OF DONATIONS

69

Online Collections since 4/1/24

\$1,770.00

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.



In today's gospel, Jesus crashes the apostles' party, although it is not much of a party until he arrives. The apostles were frightened and confused. They knew that they abandoned Jesus during his passion. Now they are hearing reports that the tomb is empty, and two of their number claim seeing Jesus on the road to Emmaus. What do these things mean? The apostles can't figure it out. Then Jesus crashes in. He is not expected or invited, but he certainly belongs. The apostles desperately need to hear his greeting of peace. They hunger for the hope that he can provide. When Jesus comes, things change.

Can you remember a time when Jesus crashed your life, a time when you were lost or in need and Jesus made a difference? Maybe it was when you were grieving the death of someone that you loved deeply. For months every day was only emptiness with no energy to move forward. And then one morning, as you held your cup of coffee, you sensed something new, a feeling of hope. You took a deep breath and realized that you were ready to begin the routine of living again. In that moment, Jesus crashed your grief and addressed you with a greeting of peace.

Maybe it happened on the day when you had too much to do, and the children were not cooperating. All afternoon they were teasing with one another in an escalating series of confrontations. Finally, not able to take any more, you cry out, "Cut it out!" Your six-year-old, with a smile that could melt any heart, turns to you and says, "But remember, Mom, we're worth it." You had not invited Jesus in, but there he stood, reminding you of the love that binds your family together, and strengthening you to love some more.

Maybe it was when you were brooding over a hurt that came from your brother months ago. Several times you tried to let the hurt go, but every time you remembered what he said, your anger flared up once more. Then one day you were



talking to a dear friend who just went through a divorce. She shared with you how thankful she was for your brother, because he was spending time with her boys who desperately needed a reliable role model. As she spoke you could feel something soften in your heart. You weren't expecting Jesus, but he came, reminding you of the goodness that you know is in your brother and preparing the way to forgiveness.

Now, of course, we can't control when Jesus comes. And there are plenty of times when we wait and wait for his arrival. But the simple knowledge that Jesus could crash our lives at any moment should give us hope. We are not forgotten. He will come and change things. And from this perspective it is clear that Jesus is really not crashing—because when he steps into our lives with joy and peace, he does not need to pretend he belongs there.

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 offer our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Martha Laurent and family on the death of Martha's brother; and to Louis Sanchez and family on the death of their sister-in-law, Mary Nell Sanchez. May they rest in peace.



Mark your calendar -
**General Cleaning of Church,
Mon., May 20, 9 a.m. All are welcome.**



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 of 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. This is the last bulletin this will be posted.



If you are a junior or senior in fall of 2024, and interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring of 2025, contact the parish office.



Fellow Parishioners,

As I sit at my computer typing this letter, I am reflecting on the beautiful Triduum services as well as our Easter Sunday services. The best word that I can use to describe them is: AWESOME. Again, I offer a big thank you to all who did so much to contribute to the beauty of these sacred services.



We had a wonderful attendance at our services. Let's keep this up as we all of us coming to worship God, not just on special feasts but as God asks us to: Keep holy the Lord's Day. Let's keep encouraging one another and inviting them.

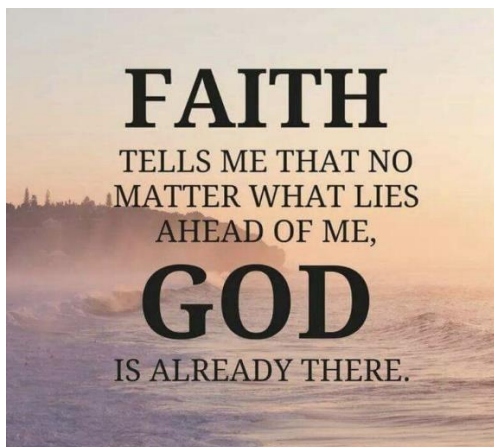
I cannot close this letter without mentioning our children. I thoroughly enjoy seeing the happiness on their faces as they come up to the altar to receive their Easter eggs, as well as receiving their Christmas candy. I hope they know how much we want them to be worshipping with us. It brings a joy to my heart to watch them bring up our offertory gifts. I offer a special thanks to our fellow parishioners who offer their time to share their faith with our beloved children.

Have a blessed week.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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.	19	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Sat.	20	4:00 p.m.	VIGIL MASS; SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER			
WORLD PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS			
Sun.	21	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	MASS MASS, Children's Church
Mon.	22	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Father's day away thru Apr. 26 Rel Ed Grades 1-12
Tues.	23	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Men's Reflection Group Communion Service Adoration Finance Comm. Mtg.
Wed.	24	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Thurs.	25	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Fri.	26	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Sat.	27	4:00 p.m.	VIGIL MASS
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER			
Sun.	28	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	MASS MASS, Children's Church



DAILY READINGS

3rd SUN. OF EASTER

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:35-48

Monday, April 15 Daily Readings

Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 16 Daily Readings

Acts 5:51-8:1a; John 6:30-35

Wednesday, April 17 Daily Readings

Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40

Thursday, April 18 Daily Readings

Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51

Friday, April 19 Daily Readings

Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59

Saturday, April 20 Daily Readings

Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69

4th SUN. OF EASTER

Act 4:8-12, 1 John 3:1-2, John 10:11-18



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, and 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

- 04/15 8:00 a.m. No Mass
- 04/16 8:00 a.m. C.J. and Linda Gueho; Gueho Family
Vernon, Jr., J.E. & Ella Broussard
- 04/17 8:00 a.m. Genie, Jared Carl & Dolores LaPlace
Amedee & Crochet Families
- 04/18 8:00 a.m. Carville & Olivier Families; Special Friends
- 04/19 8:00 a.m. Soileau-LaFleur Families; Rodney Gomez
Genevieve & David Floyd
- 04/20 4:00 p.m. For the Parish
- 04/21 8:00 a.m. Babin-Ruiz Families; Mezida & Louise Ruiz
Mary Nell Sanchez
10:00 a.m. James A. Tubre, Jr.;
Betty Anaud Tubre
Betty Bonin Dugas
- 04/22 8:00 a.m. No Mass
The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week
of April 9-15 in memory of LeBlanc-Hymel
Callegan-Ramagos Families



SPRING DATES TO MARK ON CALENDARS

Sacrament of Confirmation

Saturday, April 20, 4:00 p.m. Mass
Bishop Duca presiding

Ladies Altar Society Potluck Meal

Wednesday, May 01, 6:30 p.m.

Sacrament of First Eucharist

Sunday, May 05

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 12

May Crowning of Mary

Sunday, May 12, 10 a.m. Liturgy

Pentecost

Sunday, May 19, all masses

Clean Up in Church

Monday, May 20, 9 a.m.

PAC Event

May 19, 2 p.m.

Trinity Sunday

Sunday, May 26, all masses

Sunday, May 26,

Fr. Jon Koehler 50th Anniversary reception

Memorial Day

Monday, May 27, office closed

Body & Blood

Sunday, June 02 Coffee &
Doughnuts

Wedding in Church

Thursday, June 13, 5:00 p.m.

Independence Day

Thursday, July 4, office closed

Wedding

Saturday, July 13, noon

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday – Friday, July 15-19

