



THE RIVER CATHOLIC

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 04/28/2024

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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

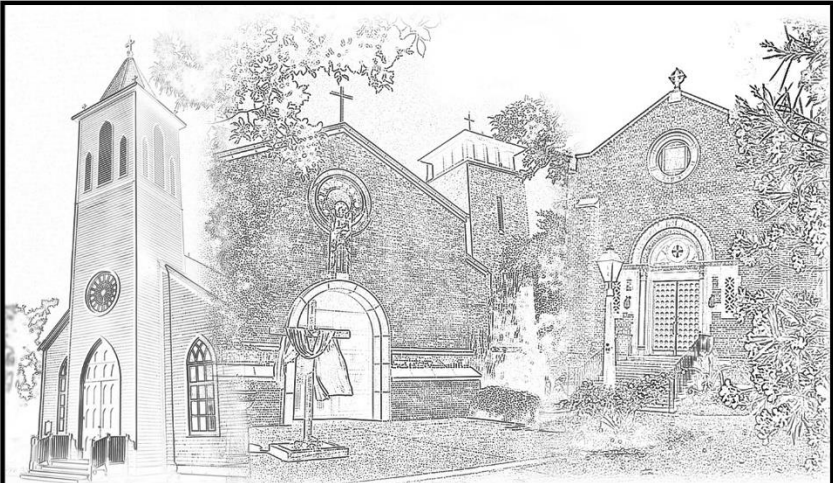
Sunday, 8am & 10am
Presently no mass @ Carville

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	\$5,186.00
NUMBER OF DONATIONS	72
Online Collections since 4/1/24	\$4,200.00

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.



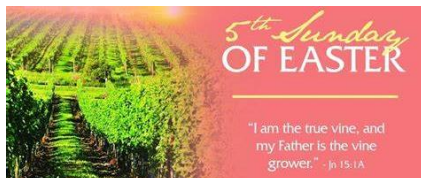
Today's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. Recall that John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. In John's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus' farewell discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for his disciples.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbor. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.



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 at-home only spiritual 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.



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 here or are quickly approaching. The Sacrament of 1st Eucharist is Sunday, May 5, at the 10 a.m. Mass.



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

This weekend I was supposed to be in St. Louis making a retreat with my good friend, Fr. Pete Schavitz. Due to circumstances beyond my control, I had to change my plans. I had asked Frs. John Carville and Jon Koehler to substitute for me and they graciously accepted. Even though my plans had to change, they will be with us. Fr. Koehler will celebrate the 4 pm vigil and Fr. Carville will celebrate the 8 & 10. I will take this time to make a retreat. I ask that you hold me in prayer, as I will be holding you in mine.



Cheers
to
50
Years

At the 4pm vigil mass on Saturday, May 25th, Fr. Jon will be celebrating his 50th anniversary of his priestly ordination. We are honored that he asked to celebrate with us. We will have a reception in the PAC afterwards. Fr. Jon was pastor here from May 1982 till April 1994.


As you know, Bishop Duca was with us this past Saturday, the 20th to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Shyanne Waldroup, Savannah Wintz and Charles Varco. We offer them our congratulations on choosing to make this adult decision in their spiritual life. We congratulate their families, too.

On Sunday, May 5th at the 10 AM mass Izabel Crochet, Alex Crow, Weldom Dencausse, Zaylen Haydel, Julianne Hymel, Marguerite Mastrantonio and Bethany White along with their families and the family of St. Gabriel, will celebrate their 1st Eucharist. Congratulations to all.

Well before I write a book, I am going to end this letter. May we all have a blessed week.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat.	27	4:00 p.m.	VIGIL MASS Fr. Jon Koehler
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER			
Sun.	28	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	MASS Fr. John Carville MASS , Children's Church Fr. John Carville
Mon.	29	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Father's day off Deadline to RSVP for Altar Society Potluck Rel Ed Grades 1-12; last class
Tues.	30	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	Men's Reflection Group Communion Service Adoration
			
Wed.	01	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Daily Mass Altar Society Potluck supper
Thurs.	02	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri.	03	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Daily Mass Adoration then Benediction Priest Enrichment Day
Sat.	04	9:00 a.m. 3:15 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	1 st Eucharist Class & Practice Reconciliation VIGIL MASS
6th SUNDAY OF EASTER			
Sun.	05	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	MASS ; No coffee & doughnuts MASS , Children's Church Sacrament of First Eucharist Reception following Rosary in Church
Mon.	06	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Father's day off Rel Ed Grades Teacher Eval.
Tues.	07	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	Men's Reflection Group Daily Mass Adoration
Wed.	08	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Daily Mass Fr. Charlie Support Group
Thurs.	09	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service Fr. Charlie Support Group
Fri.	10	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass

Lord, let your
Mercy
be on us, as
we place our
Trust
in you.

DAILY READINGS

5th SUN. OF EASTER

Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

Monday, April 29 Daily Readings

Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26

Tuesday, April 30 Daily Readings

Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 01 Daily Readings

Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8

Thursday, May 02 Daily Readings

Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11

Friday, May 03 Daily Readings

1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14

Saturday, May 04 Daily Readings

Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21

6th SUN. OF EASTER

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

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

- 04/29 8:00 a.m. No Mass
- 04/30 8:00 a.m. Angela Carville Crochet; Carville Family Ellen White
- 05/01 8:00 a.m. Deceased of Altar Society; Vincent & Audrey Comeaux Julius & Lillie Gautreaux
- 05/02 8:00 a.m. Celeste Mouch; Charles Spedale
- 05/03 8:00 a.m. Michael Ragusa; Landry Philip Dennis
- 05/04 4:00 p.m. Becky Carlin Smith; Josph Acaldo Family Cambre-Babin-Merino Flys; Emily Ramos
- 05/05 8:00 a.m. Holliday-Noel-Harelson Families
10:00 a.m. For the Parish
- 05/06 8:00 a.m. No Mass



EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

Leroy Ambeau
Monty Laurent
Michael Laurent
Aycock Family
Gabrielle Konow
Babin-Ruiz-Smith Families
Winnie & Alfred Templet
Vera & Lynn Blanchard
Phyllis Breaux
David Templet
Michael Breaux
Richard & Brett Cambre
Rubyola & Trey Merino
Emily Ramos
Esnault Family
Lewis Family
Sigue Family
Auzenne Family
Amanda Fournier
Amedee/Crochet Family
Alvin Fairchild Sr.
Robyn & Bobby Fairchild
Sam & Mattie Fairchild
Lily & Roy Wright Sr.
Roy Wright Jr
Louis & Barbara Wright
Fay & Ronnie Huguet
Ronnie Babin
James (Jimmy) Flores
William Flores
M/M Alvin (Anne)Gautreaux
Shirley Melancon
Gilchrist & Gremillion Family
Marie Marchand
Jarod LaPlace
Genie LaPlace
Nalton LeBlanc
Pearly & Clifton Ramagos
Bernice Callegan
Peter & Elizabeth Hymel
Clifford Hymel
Van Marchand Family
Raymond Landry
Emile Peltier Family
Paul & Audrey Cashio
Mel LeBlanc
Dale LeBlanc
Victor Sanchez

Mary Ann Parker
Greg Hardy
Roy Gomez
Marie Gomez Rivett
J C Rivett Sr.
Preston Roy
Scottie Morgan
Brent Soileau
Debbie Laurent
Ernest Laurent
Mary Lee Switzer
Andrew Switzer Sr.
Joni Laurent Rousset
Dr. Sydney Thibodeaux
Gomez-Tircuit Families
King-Borders Families
Paisley Odom
Buddy & Emily Gautreau
Gary Mooney Jr.
Roy Gomez
Marie Gomez Rivett
Sanchez Family
Willis Family
Tullier Family



Altar Society News

ANNUAL POTLUCK DINNER

The Ladies Altar Society will hold their annual Potluck Dinner on Wednesday, May 01 at 6:30 P.M. in the Parish Activity Center (PAC).

All members are invited to attend. Members may bring one (1) guest. The Society will provide the main meat dish, members are asked to bring a side dish. If you plan on attending, please RSVP to Ramona Gomez by Monday, April 29th – 225-281-2656.



If you have not paid your Ladies Altar Society Dues for 2024, please do so. Dues are \$20.00 per year.



In addition to various other activities, the ladies host the receptions for our new Catholics after the Easter Vigil, as well as those receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. *Thank you* to everyone who helps make these events and all of our activities successful.

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE – MAY 2024

DATE	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
MAY 4 & 5			
4:00 P.M.	Callie Hymel & Carter Hymel	Liz Hoffmann	D. Soileau, H. Ambeau, B.Fields
8:00 A.M.	Oscar Boudreaux	Wendy Spedale	C. Comeaux, S. Granier, C. Taylor
10:00 A.M. – First Eucharist	Mary Lynn Crow & Peyton Gueho	Melva Hymel & Sandra Alfred	Deacon John, M. Ray, L. Gueho
MAY 11 & 12			
4:00 P.M.	Gerald Hernandez	Michaela York	M, Peliter, J, Johnson, B. Blanchard
8:00 A.M.	Larry Rouse	Cathy Ragusa	M. Tubre, L. Payne, J. Gremillion
10:00 A.M.	J.J. LaPlace & Charles Varco	Mike Firmin & Kelli Firmin	Deacon John, K. LaPlace, J. Szubinski
MAY 18 & 19			
4:00 P.M.	Sam Hays & Alexander Gros	Debbie Marchand	D. Soileau, B. Aycock, H. Ambeau
8:00 A.M.	Oscar Boudreaux	Catherine Broussard	C. Taylor, S. Granier, M. Tubre
10:00 A.M.	Mary Lynn Crow & Lucy LaPlace	Scott Landry & Todd Pourciau	K. Wintz, S. Wintz, M.Pourciau
MAY 25 & 26			
4:00 P.M. Fr. Jon's 50th Anniversary	Matthew Saia	Sandra Alfred & JJ LaPlace	Deacon John – Clergy...
8:00 A.M.	Larry Rouse	Wendy Spedale	C. Comeaux, J. Gremillion,
10:00 A.M.	Ashton Gueho & Peyton Gueho	Nic Winiewicz & Michaela York	L. Gueho, M. Ray, M. Tubre
JUNE 1 & 2			
4:0 P.M.	Callie Hymel & Carter Hymel	Liz Hoffmann	M. Peltier, B. Fields, B. Blanchard
8:00 A.M.	Oscar Boudreaux	Cathy Ragusa	C. Taylor, L. Payne, S. Granier
10:00 A.M.	JJ LaPlace & Charles Varco	Mike Firmin & Kelli Firmin	K. LaPlace, J. Szubinski, T. Pourciau

If you are unable to attend your scheduled mass, please try to get a sub.

THANKS FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO YOUR MINISTRY!