



THE RIVER CATHOLIC

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C

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OFFICE HOURS:

Mon.-Thu., 8:30am-3pm
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PASTOR:

Reverend Albert L. Blount

DEACON:

Deacon John Veron

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS

Myra G. Tircuit

Barbara V. Hornstein

CONFESSION

Tuesday-Friday 7:30-7:45 a.m.

Saturday, 3:00-3:45 p.m. &

by appointment

VIGIL MASS

Saturday, 4pm.

SUNDAY MASS

Sunday, 8am & 10am

Presently no mass @ Carville

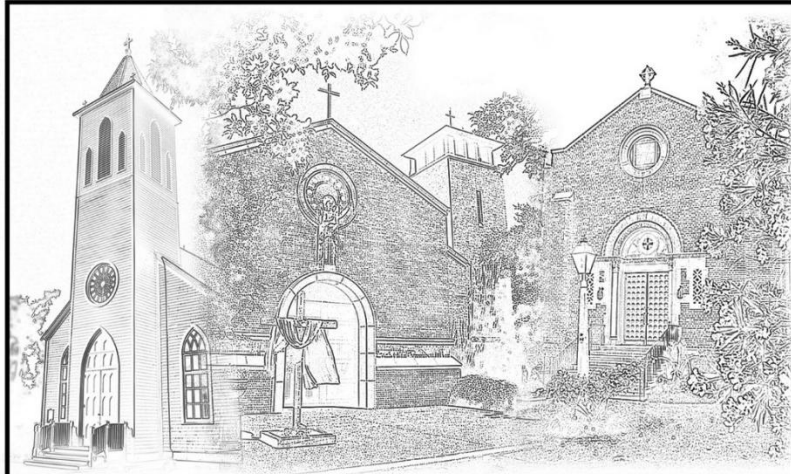
DAILY MASS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,

Friday, 8am

HOLY DAY MASSES

8am & 6pm



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.

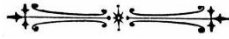
CARE OF THE SICK: Emergency calls are made as soon as the priest is available. If desired, communion may be brought to the homebound each weekend by a Eucharistic Minister. Families are asked to contact the Church Office to make arrangements. Communion Calls to the homebound are the first Friday of the 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	575
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$8,653.85
AMOUNT COLLECTED	\$5,743.00
NUMBER OF DONATIONS	75
Online Collections from August 1	\$7,365.00

There will be two envelopes 9/14 regular and Catholic University of America. 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. ¶



TRAINING FOR LECTORS, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, AND SERVERS



For all current ministers and those interested in serving in one of these roles. Training is required.

Lector & Eucharistic Ministers HCs

Wed. Sept. 10 – 6:00-7:30pm

Thurs. Sept. 11 – 6:00-7:30pm

Servers

Sat. Sept. 13 – 10:00-11:30am

Mon. Sept 15 – 6:00-7:30pm

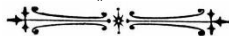
This is for servers in 4th-12th Grade.

Parents, if you have any concerns, please contact Fr. Albert.



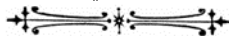
ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

The Ladies Altar Society will host their annual Labor Day Bake-Sale the weekend of Aug 30 & 31. The money raised from this sale will benefit the Catholic Charities – Unwed Mothers program. Please plan to donate a baked goodie for sale and to purchase some delicious homemade sweets. ¶



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

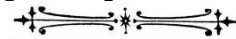
If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church or have questions about the Catholic Church, please contact Myra at the Parish office 225-642-8441. ¶



Don't forget our ongoing collection for `St. Vincent de Paul. Items needed: Men's Bodywash, Men's Deodorant, Disposable Razors, Shaving Cream (travel size only), Hand Sanitizer, Rain ponchos, Toothpaste, medium size only, Ladies panties (size 5—9). Thank you so much.

ONLINE GIVING

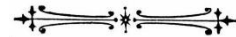
Our Online Giving option is available through our website www.stgabrielcatholicchurch.com. We are also still accepting envelope checks and cash. ¶



FORMATION PROGRAMS

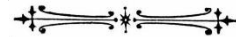
Information and registration for our Sacramental Prep programs for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are available in the vestibule of church. ¶

On Sunday, September 7, 4 p.m., there will be a meeting for Candidates enrolled in our Confirmation Preparation Program and their Parents in the church. Opening Mass and Open House for those enrolled in our parish School of Religious and their parents will be on Monday, Sept. 8, 6:30 p.m.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 29th is the feast day of St. Gabriel the Archangel. This day will be celebrated on Sunday, September 28th with mass and a family fun day. Hope to see you there! ¶



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

We offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday-Friday from 7:30 A.M. until 7:45 A.M.

Saturdays from 3:00 P.M. until 3:45 P.M. ¶



We are currently collecting used eyeglasses for the Lyons Club. This will be thru the end of September. Thanks for your help.



We offer our prayers and sympathy to Connie Harris and family on the death of her brother-in-law, Todd.



Heavenly Father,

In the name of Jesus,

I come before You with gratitude for the work You have given me.

Thank You for the skills, opportunities, and resources that allow me to contribute meaningfully.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters."

(Colossians 3:23, NIV)


I dedicate my labor to You, asking for Your guidance and strength.

Bless the work of my hands, and help me to do all things with excellence and integrity.

For those seeking employment or facing challenges at work, I pray for Your provision and favor.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Upcoming Events:

Sat.	30	3:00 p.m.	Reconciliation
		4:00 p.m.	MASS
		22nd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
		Bake sale after all masses	
Sun.	31	8:00 a.m.	MASS
		10:00	MASS
			
Mon.	01		LABOR DAY; Office Closed
Tues.	02		
		7:30 a.m.	Reconciliation
		8:00 a.m.	Mass (8:00 a.m.)
			Adoration (8:45 a.m.-8 p.m.)
		8:30 a.m.	Scripture Study Group
Wed.	03	7:30 a.m.	Reconciliation
		8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		9:00 a.m.	Scripture Study Group
		6:30 p.m.	Ladies Altar Society Meeting
Thur.	04	7:30 a.m.	Reconciliation
		8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting till 10:30 A.M.
Fri.	05	7:30 a.m.	Reconciliation
		8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		8:45 a.m.	Adoration till noon
Sat.	06	3:00 p.m.	Reconciliation
		4:00 p.m.	MASS
		23rd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
Sun.	07	8:00 a.m.	MASS; Coffee & Donuts
		10:00	MASS; Coffee & Donuts
		3:00 p.m.	Rosary in church
		4:00 p.m.	Confirmation Parent Mtg.
Mon.	08	6:30 p.m.	Rel Ed Opening Mass
Tue.	09	7:30 a.m.	Reconciliation
		8:00 a.m.	Mass (8:00 a.m.)
			Adoration (8:45 a.m.-8 p.m.)
		8:30 a.m.	Scripture Study Group
		6:30 p.m.	KCs in PAC
Wed.	10	7:30 a.m.	Reconciliation
		8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		9:00 a.m.	Scripture Study Group
		6:00 p.m.	Training for Ministers
Thu.	11	7:30 a.m.	Reconciliation
		8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		6:30 p.m.	1 st Reconciliation Parent Information Meeting
		6:30 p.m.	Training for Ministers

BAKE SALE



DAILY READINGS

22nd Sunday Ordinary Time, Sunday, August 31
Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a; Luke 14:1, 7-14

Monday, September 01 Daily Readings

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday, September 02 Daily Readings

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11; Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday, September 03 Daily Readings

Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44

Thursday, September 04 Daily Readings

Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11

Friday, September 05 Daily Readings

Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 5:33-39

Saturday, September 06 Daily Readings

Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5

23rd Sunday Ordinary Time, Sunday, September 07

Wisdom 9:13-18b; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33



Pray for our Sick and Homebounds:

Fr. Charlie Landry, Wayne & Carolyn Achee, Dorella Banta, Austin and Betty Jean Barbay, Billy and Phyllis Babin, Brenda Blanchard, Melissa Conrad, Ronald Dauterive, Lily Fairchild, John Guerin, John & Lillian Holliday, Martha Laurent, Deborah Marchand, James Minchew, Frank & Barbara Panepinto, Bessie Pizzolato, Flory Reynolds, Enith Roy, Curt Soileau Catherine Sharp, 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

09/01	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
09/02	8:00 a.m.	Blanchard-Templet Families; Phyllis Breaux Edmonston Family
09/03	8:00 a.m.	Altar Society; Soileau-LaFleur Families
09/04	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Acaldo Family
09/05	8:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving
09/06	4:00 p.m.	Anthony Pizzolato
09/07	8:00 a.m.	W. Allen White; White-Crochet Families
		Carville-Olivier Families & Special Friends
	10:00 a.m.	For the Parish
09/08	8:00 a.m.	No Mass



My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

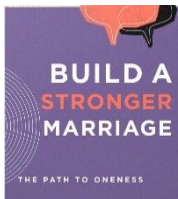
Love the Lord
your God
with all your



“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself.” These are the two great commandments and it is in living them that we find our path to holiness. I would like to discuss this holiness of life in marriage. I often find that a considerable number of the faithful believe that the life of the priest or religious is the only true path to holiness. Therefore, the more a person lives a spirituality that resembles the religious life the holier they are. But this is simply not the case in married life. Rather, Christ, in raising marriage to the dignity of a sacrament, has linked love for God and neighbor into one mystical reality and made them indistinguishable. Therefore, for the married person, love of God comes in and through love of a particular neighbor, your spouse. We see this in the prayer of Tobias and Sarah in the book of Tobit, “I do not take my sister for any lustful motive; I do it in singleness of heart.” This calls to mind the beatitude “Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.” This pure heart is a single-minded heart focused on love of God, but here we find it spoken of towards one’s spouse. This is to say that for Tobias, his complete focus on God will pass through Sarah and the two cannot be separated.

What does this tell us? As sacrament to one another, husband and wife become revelation and grace for each other. Seeking the good of God is seeking the good of your spouse. This means that the married person doesn’t need to spend hours in prayer every day or serve in every ministry. These things are good but they must not replace the fact that Christ will come to you daily through your spouse, welcome or unwelcome, pleasure or pain, calling you out of yourself. Your holiness is to be found in the daily friction of loving one particular imperfect human being as Christ loves them. In the ordinary flow of family life and work, with its joys and sorrows, Christ will bring the grace and healing you need to become a saint.

How does this look practically? Well, we know that marriage calls the spouses to become 'one spirit', and to learn how to embrace the spiritual life of the other as their own. Unfortunately, what we often see are spouses living parallel spiritual lives that never find expression in the communion of their love. This does not mean that spouses should never engage in individual prayer but it does mean that they should pray together and that their individual prayer should lead them to a deeper unity. Husband and wives, take the time to pray together, out loud, and risk being utterly vulnerable before the other. When you do this, you can teach the other something about their own relationship with God. Wives, you can teach your husbands how to receive as a bride, something that our culture does not teach men. Husbands, in being vulnerable in prayer, you affirm for your wives that strength is found in tenderness and vulnerability and that the Lord himself is radically tender and vulnerable. Out of your prayer will flow growth in virtue and love. This growth is measured by the degree in which mercy reigns in your lives.



Marriage is a fulcrum of forgiveness, where forgiving 70x7 becomes literal. If you live this sacrament honestly, there is no hiding yourself. The real you before the real spouse requires humility, patience, mercy, tenderness, and reverence. Forgiveness is the mixture of all of these virtues and thus it is in the growth of your ability to truly forgive the other that you will be able to recognize the Lord’s working in your heart. As well, when you learn to live in forgiveness, you come to understand more fully the Lord’s forgiveness of you and his love for you, to which the only proper response will be greater love and praise of God.

Living this will be hard, it will require sacrifice, but it will be beautifully transformative, not only for your marriage and family but for the whole of the world. You will be the foundation for building a civilization of love.

In Christ,
Fr. Albert

**Have a
Safe and
Happy
Labor Day!**

