



THE RIVER CATHOLIC

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS - 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C 9/14/25, Vol. 41 #02

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OFFICE HOURS:

Mon.-Thu., 8:30am-3pm
(closed 12- 1pm for lunch)
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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

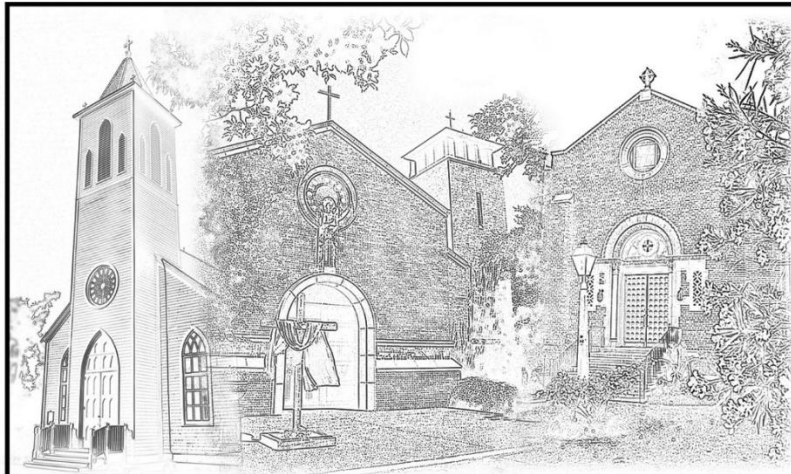
DAILY MASS

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	570
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$8,653.85
AMOUNT COLLECTED	\$7,890.00
NUMBER OF DONATIONS	83
Online Collections from September 01	\$2,925.00

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.

Servers

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.



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.



ONLINE GIVING

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



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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



We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Gerald Hernandez, who died in Christ.

The Hernandez family wishes to thank all for their prayers and support, as well as the food provided for the dinner.

We are currently collecting used eyeglasses for the Lyons Club, until the end of September. Thanks for your help.



We wish to thank Tommy Evans for his many years of dedicated service as our Choir Director. We wish him the best in his new adventures.



Sorry the wrong bulletin was put online last week. The bulletin for this week is a repeat with just a few new items.



Gift & Bake Sale: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, October 11 and after all masses on Sunday, October 12 (until 1 p.m.) St. Jude Parish Hall, 9150 Highland Road. Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Regina Coeli #2063 will be selling desserts and unique handmade gifts such as religious items, bowl cozies, embroidered towels, wreaths and much more.



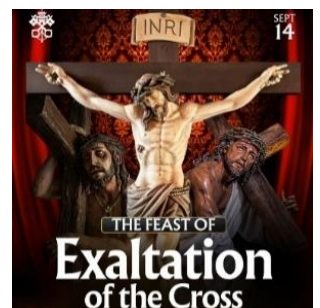
This Sunday, we celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The question reflection asks us: How does the Cross challenge our understanding of love and sacrifice in daily life?

It's easy to caught up in the ever-appealing dancing-in-meadows sort of love often portrayed in popular culture, where there's always a tidy, suffering-free ending. Real life is a lot grittier than that because real love has a cost.

All we have to do is look at the Cross to see the price that was paid to redeem us. It was a price willingly paid by Jesus when He chose to die on the Cross to set us free.

The world tells us to run from suffering, but Jesus shows us how to endure it patiently. That is one reason why the Cross is so essential to the proclamation of our faith. When we look at the Cross, we recognize that God in His great mercy forgives us when we repent and turn to Him.

The Cross also reminds us that as God has forgiven us, we must forgive others for their trespasses against us. JOYCE CORONEL



Upcoming Events:

Sat.	13	10:00 a.m.	Training for Servers
		3:00 p.m.	Reconciliation
		4:00 p.m.	MASS
24th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME			
EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS			
Sun.	14	8:00 a.m.	MASS
		10:00 a.m.	MASS
Mon.	15	6:00 p.m.	Training for Servers – Church
		6:30 p.m.	Rel Ed Class Grades 1-12
Tues.	16	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
		6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Team Mtg.
Wed.	17	7:30 a.m.	Reconciliation
		8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		9:00 a.m.	Scripture Study Group
		6:30 p.m.	Pastoral Council
Thur.	18	7:30 a.m.	Reconciliation
		8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting till 10:30 A.M.
Fri.	19	7:30 a.m.	Reconciliation
		8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat.	20	9:00 a.m.	1 st Reconciliation Class
		3:00 p.m.	Reconciliation
		4:00 p.m.	MASS
25th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME			
Sun.	21	8:00 a.m.	Blood Drive until noon
		8:00 a.m.	MASS
		10:00 a.m.	MASS
		2:00 p.m.	Confirmation Retreat
Mon.	22	6:30 p.m.	Rel Ed Class
Tue.	23	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
Wed.	24	7:30 a.m.	Reconciliation
		8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		9:00 a.m.	Scripture Study
Thu.	25	7:30 a.m.	Reconciliation
		8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Fri.	26	7:30 a.m.	Reconciliation
		8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass

“Say something positive, and you’ll see something positive.” — Jim Thompson

DAILY READINGS

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS, Sunday, Sept. 14

Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

Monday, September 15 Daily Readings

1 Timothy 2:1-8; John 19:25-27

Tuesday, September 16 Daily Readings

1 Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday, September 17 Daily Readings

1 Timothy 3:14-16; Luke 7:31-35

Thursday, September 18 Daily Readings

1 Timothy 4:12-16; Luke 7:36-50

Friday, September 19 Daily Readings

1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3

Saturday, September 20 Daily Readings

1 Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15

25th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME, Sept. 21

Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13



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, Catherine Sharp, Mary Joyce Sheldon, Curt Soileau, Gary & Lisa Switzer, Margie Warthen, and Joyce Williams. 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.**



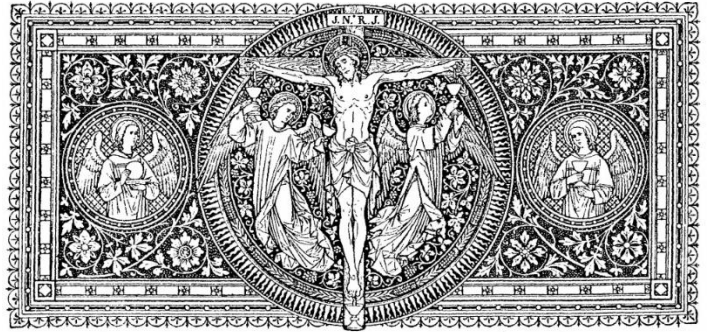
Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

09/15	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
09/16	8:00 a.m.	Genie, Jared, Carl & Dolores LaPlace; Gabrielle Kenow; Leon Ambeau & Family
09/17	8:00 a.m.	M/M Vincent Amato; M/M George Chenove, Sr.
09/18	8:00 a.m.	Michael Ragusa
09/19	8:00 a.m.	Cambre-Babin-Merino Families & Emily Tryve Brackin
09/20	4:00 p.m.	For the Parish
09/21	8:00 a.m.	Amedee & Crochet Families; Sheldon-Spedale Families; Rodney Gomez
	10:00 a.m.	For the Parish
09/22	8:00 a.m.	No Mass



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. In the First Reading we see the tendency of the human condition, the tendency to take for granted the goodness that sits before us.



Because of the concupiscence that remains after original sin, we see the temptation to turn away from the Cross, from God himself, and seek after that which we perceive to be more comfortable. The problem is, when we choose to go against God, to reject him like the Israelites did in the desert, we too ultimately merit death.

The remedy is to remember the works the Lord has done for us in our lives. For, how can we accuse the Lord of not feeding us as we sit at his table with a banquet before us? How can we accuse him of not loving us when his body is literally given to us daily as supersubstantial food? Will we too, like the Israelites become disgusted with this, our daily bread? Of course, we would all like to answer, “No, of course we won’t!” Unfortunately, we also know that this is not the case for, as the scriptures say, “The just man falls seven times” (Proverbs 24:16).

The good news is that the Lord, being merciful, has died on the Cross to forgive us our sins. We have been baptized into this forgiveness of sins and have the hope that we will be saved. So, when we do turn away from the Lord and forget the works he has done for us, we, as Christians, need not look to anything man made, such as a bronze serpent, but, rather, return to the foot of the Cross in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. From here we can return to the source of all grace and nourishment, the food which Christ gives us, his own body.

In Christ,
Fr. Albert

Blood Drive

St. Gabriel Catholic Church



September 21, 2025
8am-12pm

DONORS SHOULD:

Eat before donating.
Bring picture ID.
Bring reading glasses.
Be 17 or above. (16 with parent consent)



OUR LADY
OF THE LAKE

Blood Donor Center

FREE T-SHIRT to ALL DONORS!

For additional information about donating, please call 225-765-8843

OTHER DAYS AND LOCATIONS YOU MAY DONATE

LOLO RMC Donor Center

Monday - Thursday: 8AM - 6PM

Friday: 8AM - 4:30PM Saturday: 10AM - 2PM

LOLO Ascension Donor Center

Monday - Friday: 8AM - 4:30PM

Community Blood Drive

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schedule today!**



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September
20th
2025

PaPa George Fairchild
Jambalaya



Benefit

**Pork & Sausage Jambalaya, Pastalaya Dinners,
Other Food items, Sweets,
Live & Silent Auction,
Live Music, Children Games, Petting Farm,
Train Rides, and water fun**

**Cooking starts at 6am
Band Starting at
10am-1pm
Silent Auction: 10am -1pm
Food sold at 11am
Raffle Tickets \$1.00
Cold & Specialty Drinks,
Beer, etc.**



Doug Brousseau/River City Alstars Blues Band



Drey Brooks- St Jude Patient

Contact: Theresa Roy 225-939-6369

Carondalette Stewart 225-716-3400

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