



THE RIVER CATHOLIC

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C

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OFFICE HOURS:

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

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

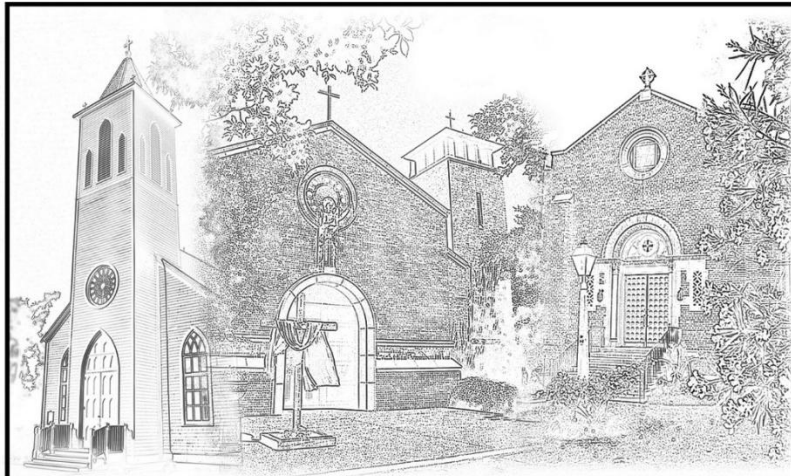
DAILY MASS

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	511
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$8,653.85
AMOUNT COLLECTED	\$6,261.00
NUMBER OF DONATIONS	76
Online Collections from August 1	\$8,280.00

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.

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



On behalf of the Ladies Altar Society, thank you, thank you, thank you for your generosity. \$1,106.00 was collected at the Bake Sale. How wonderful!



What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it?

The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C focuses on God's mercy and forgiveness. The readings show how God patiently calls sinners back and welcomes them with love.

- **God's Mercy and Patience:** God does not give up on sinners. He listens to Moses, spares the Israelites, and welcomes those who return to Him.
- **Repentance and Forgiveness:** The lost son, the lost sheep, and the lost coin show how important it is to turn back to God. He forgives and rejoices when sinners repent.
- **God's Faithfulness to His Promises:** Moses reminds God of His promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God remains faithful and does not abandon His people.
- **Joy in the Return of Sinners:** Jesus tells stories that show God's happiness when sinners come back. He celebrates their return instead of punishing them.
- **God's Love for the Lost:** Jesus teaches that God seeks out those who are far from Him. He wants everyone to come back and be close to Him.



Upcoming Events:

Sat.	13	10:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Training for Servers Reconciliation MASS
24th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME			
Sun.	14	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	MASS MASS
Mon.	15	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Training for Servers – Church Rel Ed Class Grades 1-12
Tues.	16	7:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	Reconciliation Mass (8:00 a.m.) Adoration (8:45 a.m.-8 p.m.) Scripture Study
Wed.	17	7:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Reconciliation Daily Mass Scripture Study Group Pastoral Council
Thur.	18	7:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Reconciliation Daily Mass Staff Meeting till 10:30 A.M.
Fri.	19	7:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	Reconciliation Daily Mass
Sat.	20	9:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	1 st Reconciliation Class Reconciliation MASS
25th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME			
Sun.	21	8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Blood Drive until noon MASS MASS Confirmation Retreat
Mon.	22	6:30 p.m.	Rel Ed Class
Tue.	23	7:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	Reconciliation Mass (8:00 a.m.) Adoration (8:45 a.m.-8 p.m.) Scripture Study
Wed.	24	7:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Reconciliation Daily Mass Scripture Study
Thu.	25	7:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Reconciliation Daily Mass Staff Meeting
Fri.	26	7:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	Reconciliation 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 Homebonds:

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, and Joyce Williams, 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.**



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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARY!!

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Did you know that September 8th is Mary's Birthday? How about the fact the entire month of September is devoted to Our Lady of Sorrows? In fact, there are thirteen possible feasts of Mary from around the world in the month of September alone. The major feasts of Our Lady this month are the feast of her birth, on the 8th, the feast of the Holy Name of Mary on the 12th, the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on the 15th and the feast of Our Lady of Ransom on the 24th.

Mary has a special connection to our local Church because she plays a special role in the story of St. Gabriel. As you well know, his greatest role in salvation history was announcing to Mary that she would be the mother of the Savior. Her yes to Gabriel was the yes to our very salvation and it is her yes that we desire to imitate in our yes to the Lord. It is fitting then that the feast of St. Gabriel, the Feast of the Archangels, falls within this Mary packed month on the 29th.

As we remember the special role she played in St. Gabriel's story, we are reminded of the special role she plays in each of our lives. As the image of Mother Church, Mary is a mother to each of us. Jesus entrusted her to us as our mother as he hung upon the Cross when he entrusted her to the Beloved Disciple. "He said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" (John 19:26-27). As a loving mother, her desire to assist us in becoming more fully like her Son by bringing us and all of our petitions to him. Her role as interceding mother is amplified by the fact that she is the Queen of Heaven. As I've said in recent homilies, in the Kingdom of Israel, the Queen was not a wife of the king but his mother.

As we bring this back to Mary, we know she is Queen of Heaven, because her son is the King of Heaven. Just as she brought the petitions of those in need to him at the Wedding Feast of Cana, she continues to bring our needs before his throne in Heaven as our Queen and loving Mother. It is because of this that I recently swapped the two statues in the sanctuary so that Mary would be restored to the right hand of Jesus as the Queen.

As we begin this month, preparing to celebrate our Patronal feast of St. Gabriel, let us turn to our loving Mother and Queen, asking her to pray for us in all our needs and, ultimately, to pray that we may imitate her complete yes to God in all things. May our lips ring out with hers, "May it be done to me according to thy Word."

In Christ,
Fr. Albert

SEPTEMBER FEAST OF MARY

- SEPTEMBER 1
- OUR LADY OF THE OLIVES
- SEPTEMBER 4
- OUR LADY OF A HAPPY JOURNEY
- SEPTEMBER 8
- THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
- SEPTEMBER 12
- THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY
- SEPTEMBER 15
- OUR LADY OF SORROWS
- SEPTEMBER 16
- OUR LADY OF GOOD NEWS
- SEPTEMBER 17
- OUR LADY OF THE CANDLES
- SEPTEMBER 19
- OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE
- SEPTEMBER 20
- OUR LADY OF THE SILVER FOOT
- SEPTEMBER 21
- OUR LADY OF PUCHA
- SEPTEMBER 23
- OUR LADY OF VALVENERE
- SEPTEMBER 24
- OUR LADY OF RANSOM
- SEPTEMBER 25
- MADONNA, DIVINE SHEPHERDESS



CATHOLICS AND LOVERS OF MARY

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

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Community Blood Drive

**Did you know we have a mobile
app? Scan to download and
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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