



THE RIVER CATHOLIC

26th 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

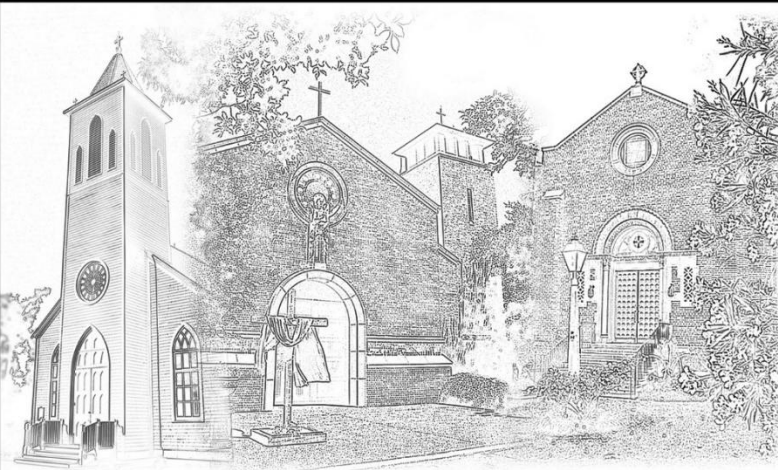
Sunday, 8am & 10am
Presently no mass @ Carville

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	505
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$8,653.85
AMOUNT COLLECTED	\$6,289.00
NUMBER OF DONATIONS	70

Online Collections from September 1 \$

There will be two envelopes 10/12 regular and Propagation of Faith. 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. ¶



Matthew Henry's Concise Commentary

1:43-51 See the nature of true Christianity, it is following Jesus; devoting ourselves to him, and treading in his steps. Observe the objection Nathanael made. All who desire to profit by the word of God, must beware of prejudices against places, or denominations of men. They should examine for themselves, and they will sometimes find good where they looked for none. Many people are kept from the ways of religion by the unreasonable prejudices they conceive. The best way to remove false notions of religion, is to make trial of it. In Nathanael there was no guile. His profession was not hypocritical. He was not a dissembler, nor dishonest; he was a sound character, a really upright, godly man. Christ knows what men are indeed. Does He know us? Let us desire to know him. Let us seek and pray to be Israelites indeed, in whom is no guile; truly Christians, approved of Christ himself. Some things weak, imperfect, and sinful, are found in all, but hypocrisy belongs not to a believer's character. Jesus witnessed what passed when Nathanael was under the fig-tree. Probably he was then in fervent prayer, seeking direction as to the Hope and Consolation of Israel, where no human eye observed him. This showed him that our Lord knew the secrets of his heart. Through Christ we commune with, and benefit by the holy angels; and things in heaven and things on earth are reconciled and united together.



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. ¶



There will be an Altar Society meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 1, 6:30 p.m.



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



Confirmation Candidates remember we have class on Sunday, Oct. 5 at 4 p.m.



The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, and it is time for special devotion to Mary. During this month, the faithful are encouraged to recite the Rosary daily, invoking the intercession of Mary for peace, unity, grace and guidance. The prayers for October include invocations to Mary, the Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, asking her to help cultivate a habit of interior prayers through the daily recitation of the rosary. These prayers are a way to seek Mary's intercession for various intentions and to deepen one's faith and devotion to her.



We offer our prayers and sympathy to Gail Sutton and family on the death of Gail's sister, Pat Daigle Ficklin, who died in Christ.

We also offer our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Emma Alfred, who also died in Christ.



Upcoming Events:

Sat.	27	3:00 p.m.	Reconciliation
		4:00 p.m.	MASS
		26th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
Sun.	28	8:00 a.m.	MASS
		10:00 a.m.	MASS

HD Wallpapers



Celebrate with happiness with your families

Mon.	29	6:30 p.m.	Rel Ed Class Grades 1-12
Tues.	30	7:30 a.m.	Reconciliation
		8:00 a.m.	Mass (8:00 a.m.)
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration (8:45 a.m.-8 p.m.)
			Scripture Study



Wed.	01	7:30 a.m.	Reconciliation
		8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		9:00 a.m.	Scripture Study
		6:30 p.m.	Ladies Altar Society Mtg.

Thu.	02	7:30 a.m.	Reconciliation
		8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting

Fri.	03	7:30 a.m.	Reconciliation
		8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
			Adoration until noon

Sat.	04	3:00 p.m.	Reconciliation
		4:00 p.m.	MASS
		27th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
Sun.	05	8:00 a.m.	MASS & Coffee & Donuts
		10:00 a.m.	MASS & Coffee & Donuts
		4:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class-6pm

Mon.	06	6:30 p.m.	NO Rel Ed
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Tue.	07	7:30 a.m.	Reconciliation
		8:00 a.m.	Mass (8:00 a.m.)
			Adoration (8:45 a.m.-8 p.m.)
		9:00 a.m.	Scripture Study
			Myra DRE Mtg.

Happiness
is an
inside
job

DAILY READINGS

26th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME, Sept. 28

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, Revelation 12:7-12ab; John 1:47-51

Monday, September 29 Daily Readings

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; John 1:47-51

Tuesday, September 30 Daily Readings

Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday, October 01 Daily Readings

Nehemiah 2:1-8; Luke 9:57-62

Thursday, October 02 Daily Readings

Nehemiah 8:11-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Matthew 18:11-5, 10

Friday, October 03 Daily Readings

Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16

Saturday, October 04 Daily Readings

Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Luke 10:17-24

27th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME, Oct. 05

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Timothy 11:6-8, 13-14;

Luke 17:5-10



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

09/29	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
09/30	8:00 a.m.	Special Intentions
10/01	8:00 a.m.	Deceased of Altar Society
		Raymond Landry; Oneil & Peltier Families
		Rodney Gomez
10/02	8:00 a.m.	Blanchard-Templett Families; Phyllis Breaux
10/03	8:00 a.m.	Soileau-LaFleur Families
		Sheldon-Spedale Families
10/04	4:00 p.m.	Joseph Acaldo Family; Francis Murphy
10/05	8:00 a.m.	For the Parish
	10:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving
10/06	8:00 a.m.	No Mass



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I pray this letter finds you well as we celebrate our Patronal Feast of the Archangels. There is much to say about the role of the angels in our lives but I will like to highlight simply the exchange between St. Gabriel and Our Lady.

St. Gabriel comes to Mary proclaiming wonderful news, news that had been longed for and waited upon for many generations, and yet, Mary still had the choice to receive this as “good news” or to turn the channel to see what else was on. God allowed Mary this choice because He desired her to freely receive her role as the mother of Jesus, the mother of God. God desired for Mary’s yes, her surrender to His will for her life, to be one of totality. Mary had to allow her heart to be pierced open and poured out so that God could fill her with His very self. Ouch! That sounds painful and costly and yet, beautifully desirable.

This is the choice God places before each of us daily: to receive the good news or to hold out to see what else may be more fulfilling or entertaining. He desires our freedom as much as He desires our surrender to His will in our lives. To help each of us learn to hear God and help us surrender to His will, I want to present a chaplet you can pray as often as you’d like. A dear friend and mentor of mine, Dr. Tom Neal, wrote this, the Chaplet of Eli, using the words of a few key characters in the Scriptures who gave their surrender to the Father. We have the words of Samuel from the Old Testament, “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening;” the words of Mary, “Let it be done to me according to thy word;” and finally, the words of Jesus himself, “Abba, not my will, but Thy will be done.” The goal of the Chaplet is to put ourselves in direct contact and dialogue with the Father and to take these words of surrender onto our lips with the hope that our hearts would follow suit. After finishing, I encourage you to spend a few moments in silence, allowing God to communicate into you whatever He wishes, not expecting it to be an obvious “voice” but being open to His grace.

The Chaplet of Eli (To be prayed using a rosary)

On the Cross: Take Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all that I have and possess. Thou hast given all to me. To Thee, O Lord, I return it. All is Thine, dispose of it wholly according to Thy will. Give me Thy love and thy grace, for this is sufficient for me.

One: Our Father

Ten: Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.

One: Let it be done to me according to Thy word.

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Conclude, three times: “Abba, not my will, but Thy will be done.”

**In Christ,
Fr. Albert**

