

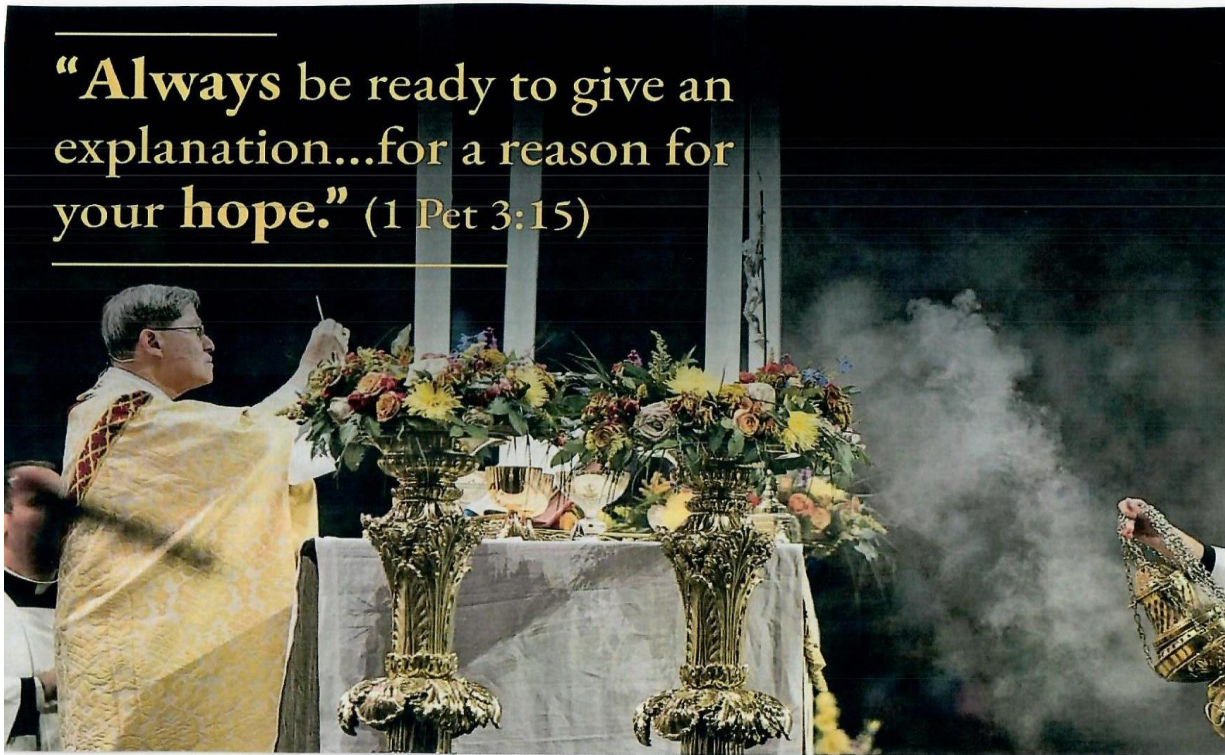
# PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

**Catechetical Year 2025 – 2026**

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explanation...for a reason for  
your **hope.**” (1 Pet 3:15)**

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September 8, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to a new year! What an exciting time it is for our parish and diocese.

The theme of this Catechetical Year is “Always be ready to give an explanation for your hope.” (! Peter 3:15) This theme encourages us to be prepared to share the basis of our faith, the Lord, and the hope he provides. St. Peter encouraged the believers of his time, that sharing should be done with gentleness and respect. We are also still celebrating the Jubilee year of Hope. We will continue to reflect on our journey of faith as a Pilgrim filled with hope and to share that hope with others.

Again, this year our program includes opportunities for family faith formation. The children love it when their parents are here and involved with them, therefore we have incorporated several activities with parents this year. See the calendar for details.

We recognize your role as the primary educators of your children and invite you to join us as we take our faith seriously in echoing the teachings of Christ, which is essentially what Catechesis is all about. We thank you for the opportunity to work with your family and your child(ren). We are here to assist you in any way possible. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Mrs. Myra G. Tircuit  
Director of Religious Education



## PERSONNEL AND VOLUNTEERS

### PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION 2026 – 2026

First Grade	Melissa Laurent
Second Grade	Trang White
Third Grade	No students Registered
Fourth Grade	Sonya Granier
Fifth Grade*	
Sixth Grade*	Sandra Alfred
Seventh Grade	No Students
Eighth Grade	Ramona Gomez
High School* ( 9, 10, 11 12)	Veronica Crow

Support Staff                      Yanira Morales

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\*Because of the small number of students – some grade levels with one student have been combined to give our students a sense of community learning.

## ST. GABRIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH CATECHETICAL CALENDAR 2025 -2026

August 9	Registration packets for new students available Re-registration packets for returning students mailed.
Aug 23	Diocesan Catechist Convocation
Aug 25	Catechists in-service - Parish
Aug 29	Registration for PSR Due
Sept 01	Labor Day – No Session
Sept 08	Opening Mass/Open House Parents & Students
Sept 15	Session #2
Sept 22	Session #3
Sept 29	Session #4
Oct 06	NO Session – Fall Break
Oct 13	Session #5
Oct 20	Session #6
Oct 27	Session #7 – Large Group Activity
Nov 03	Session #8
Nov 10	Session #8
Nov 17	Session #9 – Family Formation Night
Nov 24	No Session- Thanksgiving Week
Dec 01	Session #10
Dec 08	Mass as family – Immaculate Conception
Dec 15	Session #12 Family Night – Christmas
Dec 22	No Session Christmas Break
Dec 29	No Session Christmas Break

## SECOND SEMESTER 2026

Jan	05	Session #13 – Circles of Grace Lesson
Jan	12	Session #14
Jan	19	No Session – Martin Luther King Jr Holiday
Jan	26	Session #15 – Large Group Activity
Feb	02	Session #16
Feb	09	Session #17
Feb	16	No Session Mardi Gras
Feb	23	Family Formation Session #18
Mar	02	Session #19
Mar	09	Session #20 – Large Group Activity
Mar	16	Session #21
Mar	23	Session #22
Mar	30	Family Formation session #23
April	06	No Session Easter Break
April	13	Session #24
April	20	Session #25
April	27	Final Night – Family Celebration
May	04	Teacher's end of year evaluation/Dinner

Choice made for participating in program is by semesters. Students meeting on Campus will meet from 6:30 P.M. until 7:45 P.M. Students not meeting on Campus will complete work assigned weekly. They will meet with DRE twice during the semester. Appointments for these meetings should be scheduled by parents. Parents of students not on campus are required to stay at meetings with their child. Students not participating on campus will participate in large group activities. Teachers are not responsible for providing the extra/special things they do in class to the at-home students

Please note that students in Sacramental Prep formation years are required to attend sessions on campus. If there is a conflict, please let us know at the beginning of the year.

If you are interested in faith formation and this program does not work for your family, please contact the parish office.

# ATTENDANCE

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Each and every child plays an important role in our program; therefore, attendance is an important part of our program.

If a student misses a class, they may be required to make up the missed work/activity. If a student misses three or more classes (excused or unexcused) and/or does not make up the work, the student may have to repeat the course.

Students and parents are reminded that when students miss class, the format of our program makes it difficult for students to experience the full intent of the scheduled activities.

Students may not be excused from Religious Education Classes for extra-curricular activities – e.g. to work on school projects, plays, concerts, regular scheduled sporting events. If your child has a scheduling conflict, please contact the DRE.

If a child needs to miss a class for illness or a family emergency, or a special event, please notify Myra PRIOR to the beginning of class. Myra may be reached at 642-8441 or email [myratircuit@bellsouth.net](mailto:myratircuit@bellsouth.net)

Tardy students should report to the D.R.E. before entering classes. If students are tardy twice – it will be counted as an absence. Students may not be permitted to enter classrooms 5 minutes or later after scheduled beginning of activity.

If participation and attendance in the program at St. Gabriel is inconvenient for your family, please contact Myra so that arrangements can be made for your child to continue receiving the necessary classes for their faith formation.

There is a total of twenty-seven sessions/activities scheduled for the 2025 – 2026 catechetical year.

## *NORMS FOR 2025-2026*

1. Respect for yourself, and each other is expected at all times.
2. Everyone is expected to be on time and task. Students should have necessary material
3. Keep your hands, feet and other objects to yourself. Horse-playing, bullying including cyber-bullying, teasing, fighting, or inappropriate language will not be tolerated.
4. Destruction of property and/or equipment etc. will not be permitted.
5. Eating, drinking or gum is not permitted in classrooms.
6. Use of alcohol, tobacco products and drugs is not permitted.
7. Firearms or other weapons are not permitted on campus.
8. Students **should not** bring Cell phones, beepers, or other electronic devices to class unless directed by their catechist. Religious Education personnel should have their phones etc. on silent mode.
9. Students are not permitted to have visitors on campus or in the classrooms.  
**ALL** visitors should report to the office.
10. Reckless and careless operation of vehicles will not be permitted.
11. Appropriate dress is expected. Appropriate length and covering to so that the 4 B's... back, belly, butt and breast.... are not exposed. No P.J.'s.
12. The DRE must be notified in writing if a student is leaving with a person other than their usual form of transportation. No one will be permitted to leave the church grounds walking.

# *GUIDELINES FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST*



## **ELIGIBILITY**

1. Applicant must be a baptized Catholic whose family is registered in St. Gabriel Parish.
2. Applicant must be a **practicing** member of St. Gabriel Catholic Church. “Practicing” means **regularly** attends Mass on Sundays and Holydays.
3. Applicant must be in second grade or older
4. Applicant must have participated in and successfully completed a Religious Education Program (Catholic School or Parish School of Religion) for one year **prior** to application. Application must be participating in a Religious Education Program at the time of application and while participating in the Sacramental Programs.
5. A child will not be allowed in the program once classes have begun, unless transferring from another parish.

## **PREPARATION**

### **FIRST RECONCILIATION**

1. Introductory meeting for parents the first week in September.
2. Three instructional classes for candidates on a Saturday, once a month from 9:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M.
3. Parents to attend requested classes/reflections/meetings etc.
4. Morning of reflection/ practice prior to the reception of the Sacrament for Candidates and parents.

### **FIRST EUCHARIST**

1. Introductory meeting for parents the first week in January
2. Three instructional classes for candidates on a Saturday, once a month from 9:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M.
3. Parents to attend requested classes/reflections/meetings etc.
4. Candidates and families may be Gift Bearers at a weekend mass during Lent.
5. Morning of reflection/ practice prior to the reception of the Sacrament for Candidates and parents.
6. Celebration will be celebrated in April 2026

**Absences may result in the deferment of the Candidate for Sacramental Preparation.**



# GUIDELINES FOR CONFIRMATION

## ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicant must be a baptized Catholic who is and whose family is registered in St. Gabriel Parish.
2. Applicant must be a practicing member of St. Gabriel Catholic Church. "Practicing" means regularly attends Mass on Sundays, Holydays, and regularly participates in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.
3. Applicant must be at least sixteen years old or older and be participating in at least the seventh grade level of a religious education program. Applicants 18 years old or older may/will be referred to the Adult Program.
4. Applicant must have participated in and successfully completed a religious education program (parish school of religion or Catholic School) 2 years prior to application. Applicant must be participating in a religious education program at the time of application and while participating in the program.
5. Attendance/participation in St. Gabriel's Parish School of Religion and/or a Catholic School Program is required the year prior to and of confirmation.



## PREPARATION

1. All potential candidates must submit a letter of request outlining eligibility to the pastor and Confirmation
2. Parents and Candidates must attend an informational meeting  
**ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY.**
3. A personal interview with the pastor and/or DRE.
4. Fifteen Service hours which are broken down as follows:  
Community – 5, Church - 5, Home – 5
5. Attend the two offered retreats.
6. Instructional classes.
7. Candidates are encouraged to participate in a ministry – Lector, Server, Usher, and Greeter
8. Participation in the Rite of Choice and Rite of Enrollment.

**Absences could result in deferment of the Candidate for Sacramental Preparation.**

**A meeting for those who wish to participate in our 2026 – 2027 Program will be held for Parents and Candidates in the early spring of 2026.**

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR ST. GABRIEL IS GIVEN TO US BY THE BISHOP'S OFFICE. UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ALL CELEBRATIONS OF CONFIRMATION WILL BE HERE AT ST. GABRIEL.**

# TRANSPORTATION



Parents are responsible for the transportation of child(ren) for all scheduled activities. For safety reasons **students should arrive no earlier than 10 minutes prior to the scheduled time of the activity, and should be picked up immediately following the activity.**

When entering the property, please enter on the road to the far right of the property (road that runs in front of New Activity Center) and exit on the road to the left of the property (road that runs closest to cemetery and Old Church). **FOR SAFETY REASONS, PLEASE DO NOT CUT ACROSS THE PROPERTY OR THE PARKING LOT TO REACH THE ROAD. PLEASE STAY ON THE PAVED AREAS AT ALL TIMES.**



Students are to be dropped off at the designed area. On clear days please drop students off at the first entrance of walkway into PAC. On rainy days, please drop students off under the covered area.

When picking up students, the first car may stop immediately in front of first entrance to PAC others should line up directly behind first car. On rainy days, please pick students up under the covered area. If it is your turn to pick up your children and they are not present, you will be asked to pull up to wait for your child to be brought to your car. Students will not be allowed to walk down the road to their ride.

Students will enter a vehicle with the permission of the adult on duty. No student will be allowed to walk un-supervised to a vehicle.

Teachers, other personnel and students should park in the spaces closest to the median of the parking lot.

Immediately upon dismissal from class - Student who drives to class should go to their cars and safely exit the property.

## **A requirement from the Diocese –**

**Designated individuals should be responsible for overseeing drop-off /pick-up of participants. A child should only be released to an individual designate in writing by the parent/legal guardian.**

To meet this requirement – Myra and teachers will oversee the carpool line. Parents are asked to read carefully and complete the transportation information sheet in the back of this booklet to the parish office no later than **September 12, 2025**

**Staff will not leave until all students picked up.**



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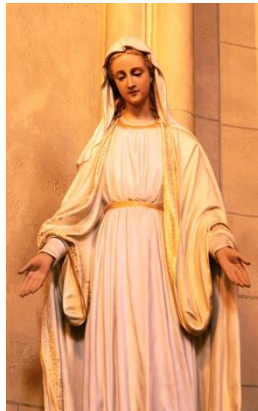
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The River Catholic may be picked  
up weekly at Church



“TOGETHER WE CAN”

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**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE PARISH OFFICE  
ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 12, 2025.**



- I/we have read and we understand the information booklet for the 2025– 2026 Religious Education Program. ☐ YES ☐ NO
- I/We have received, read and understand the Keeping our Children Safe material provided to us which contains information on parish and Diocesan policies and guidelines. ☐ YES ☐ NO
- I understand that sometimes photos may be taken of my child. Photos are used for- but not limited to – placed in cards to our home-bound parishioners – seminarians – bulletin boards and parish bulletin, parish website or parish face book page. I/we give our permission for our child's picture to be used. ☐ YES ☐ NO
- I/we have chosen the option to Home School our Children. I/we have read and understand the guidelines for this option. ☐ YES ☐ NO
- I/we have chosen the option to attend Religious Education in another parish. I/we understand we must have written consent from both parishes before attending classes. I/we understand we must follow all guidelines set forth in the programs in which we attend. If child is in a Sacramental year they must attend classes at St. Gabriel. ☐ YES ☐ NO
- I/we have notified the D.R.E. of any allergies or medical problems my child/ren may have that may need immediate attention. ☐ YES ☐ NO
- I/we understand that we are responsible for the transportation of our child(ren) to and from scheduled activities. ☐ YES ☐ NO
- I/we understand that my child should arrive no earlier than 10 minutes before scheduled event and should be picked up immediately after the event ends. Failure to pick up my child on time may result in me being charged \$3.00 every 5 minutes I am late. ☐ YES ☐ NO
- I/we understand that my child/ren will be released only to the individual(s) designated in writing by the parent/legal guardian. Phone calls, word of mouth, or messages sent with students or other teachers may not be accepted. ☐ YES ☐ NO

My child will be dropped off at class each Monday by:

My child will be picked up from class each Monday by:

SIGNATURES

STUDENT(S)

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PARENTS/

LEGAL GUARDIAN

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