



THE RIVER CATHOLIC

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C

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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

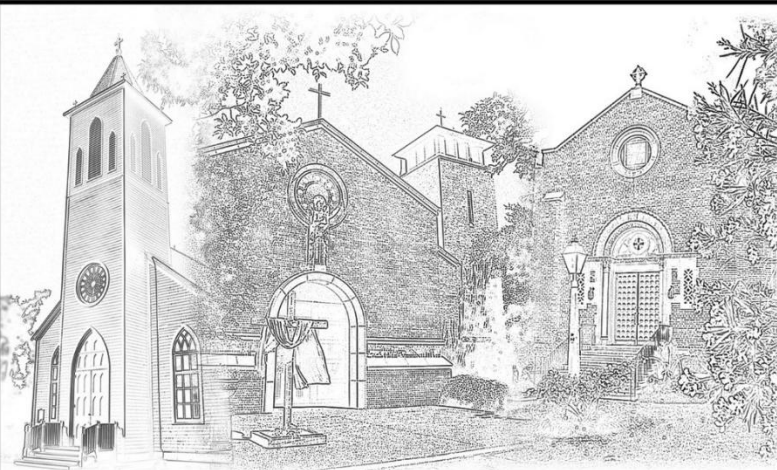
DAILY MASS

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	549
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$8,653.85
AMOUNT COLLECTED	\$5,982.00
NUMBER OF DONATIONS	77
Online Collections from September 1	\$9,135.00

There will be two envelopes 10/19 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.



Over the past several Sundays, we heard Jesus' teaching on how to be a disciple. Today, Jesus points out what is of true value for those who follow him.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'be uprooted and planted in the seas,' and it would obey you."

Keep in mind that the mulberry tree is very large with an extensive root system. It would be difficult to not only uproot this tree but also to grow it in deep water. The point is that genuine faith, as tiny as a mustard seed, can bring about unexpected things.



Jesus then tells a parable about servants and their master. Luke inserts this parable here as a way of instructing the leaders of his Christian community that they are not worth anything in themselves or in their work for the Lord. The fact that disciples have done their duty does not empower them to lay a claim upon God or that they are worthy of God's graciousness. That graciousness is and remains God's gift.

In the Second Reading, from Saint Paul's second Letter to Timothy, the apostle proclaims:

God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. . . Take as your norm the sound words that you heard from me, in the *faith* and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us.

Faith is God's gracious gift, unmerited by anything that we can say or do. We are merely servants, empowered by faith, to serve God and serve others. Faith will see us through any hardship or calamity, no matter how bleak. When we ask the Lord to increase our faith, he replies that if we truly believe, all we need is faith the size of a tiny mustard seed. Are we ready to do impossible and incredible things for God?

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.



CEMETERY CLEAN UP

In preparation for the Blessing of the Graves on November 2nd, we are asking everyone to please clean up around their gravesite. Please remove all old faded flowers, and broken items.



We are no longer collecting glasses for the Lyons Club. Thanks to all who sent glasses. It is appreciated.



thank you! Thanks to the KCs, Altar Society and all volunteers who contributed to our Family Fall Fest last weekend. It was a wonderful time enjoyed by the parish!



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.



Daily Masses available next week at:
St. John the Evangelist Prairieville Monday and Wednesday at 8:30 A.M.
Our Lady of Mercy and Most Blessed Sacrament will follow their normal daily mass schedule. Please check their website for times.

Upcoming Events:

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
Tue.	07	7:30 a.m.	No Reconciliation
		8:00 a.m.	No Mass (8:00 a.m.)
		9:00 a.m.	Scripture Study Myra DRE Mtg.
FATHER ALBERT WILL ATTEND FALL CLERGY DAYS October 6-9			
Wed.	08	7:30 a.m.	No Reconciliation
		8:00 a.m.	No Daily Mass
		9:00 a.m.	Scripture Study
Thu.	09	7:30 a.m.	No Reconciliation
		8:00 a.m.	No Daily Mass
		9:00 a.m.	No Staff Meeting
Fri.	10	7:30 a.m.	Reconciliation
		8:00 a.m.	Daily Mas
Sat.	11	3:00 p.m.	Reconciliation
		4:00 p.m.	MASS
			26th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
Sun.	12	8:00 a.m.	MASS
		10:00 a.m.	MASS
Columbus Day			
Mon.	13	6:30 p.m.	Rel Ed Class Grades 1-12
Tues.	14	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.	KCs in PAC
Wed.	15	7:30 a.m.	Reconciliation
		8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		9:00 a.m.	Scripture Study
		6:30 p.m.	Pastoral Council Mtg.
Thu.	16	7:30 a.m.	Reconciliation
		8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Fri.	17	7:30 a.m.	Reconciliation
		8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass



DAILY READINGS

27th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME, Oct. 05

*Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Timothy 11:6-8, 13-14;
Luke 17:5-10*

Monday, October 06 Daily Readings

Jonah 1:1-2:2, 11; Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday, October 07 Daily Readings

Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday, October 08 Daily Readings

Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4

Thursday, October 09 Daily Readings

Malachi 3:13-20b; Luke 11:5-13

Friday, October 10 Daily Readings

Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26

Saturday, October 11 Daily Readings

Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28

28th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME, Oct. 12

2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19



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.**



10/06	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
10/07	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
10/08	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
10/09	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
10/10	8:00 a.m.	Genie, Jared, Carl & Dolores LaPlace Bernard Prejean; Edmonston Family; Felix Aycock Comeaux-Gautreaux Families
10/11	4:00 p.m.	For the Parish
10/12	8:00 a.m.	James & Betty Tubre; Betty Dugas
	10:00 a.m.	LeBlanc-Hymel-Collegan-Ramagos Families
10/13	8:00 a.m.	No Mass





The Roman Catholic Diocese of
BATON ROUGE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

25 September 2025

Dear People of God of the Diocese of Baton Rouge:

The upcoming annual Continuing Formation Days for our priests are scheduled 06-09 October 2025. These days represent an important occasion for our priests' renewal and growth in intellectual and spiritual formation, emotional maturity, and physical well-being. Since these days are offered once a year and is a commitment by the diocese for their on-going formation, participation by our active priests is mandatory.

With the guidance of the Diocesan Presbyteral Council and Priests' Continuing Formation Committee, the site secured this year for these days is in New Orleans, Louisiana, and our parish priests will not be commuting back-and-forth to their parishes of assignment. Their temporary absence will affect certain regular pastoral ministries. In particular, the schedule of weekday Masses and possible times for funeral Masses may be impacted and adjusted in your parish during these Annual Formation Days. While this is a sacrifice, I consider this sacrifice worth making. Deacons can provide needed funeral rites, namely the vigil wake service, funeral without Mass, and rite of committal. If the local parish staff is unable to secure a deacon for this special funeral need, the parish staff may call the Office of the Vicar General (Fr. Jamin David) at 225.387.0561 for further assistance; Deacon Paul Soileau will assist with this coverage.

Thank you for understanding and supporting our priests with their ongoing formation renewal for ministry. I ask that you pray for our priests and our diocese during these days. I appreciate your affirmation and encouragement of our priests who give their lives for our diocese. May God be generous in leading us into the future with hope.

In Christ our Hope,

Most Reverend Michael G. Duca
Bishop of Baton Rouge

Hope that Anchors Us

Read the full version at
respectlife.org/hope-that-anchors-us.

Facing the end of life, whether for ourselves or someone we love, can stir fear, sadness and deep questions about what lies ahead. Yet, in these moments, we are called to cling to a hope far greater than anything this world offers. Christian hope is not just a wish for things to improve; it is a certainty, rooted in a person who will never fail us. Our hope rests in the One who guarantees it—Jesus Christ, who holds our future in His hands.

Let us fix our eyes on our Lord Jesus Christ.

In life's hardest moments, let us fix our eyes on our Lord Jesus Christ. He walks this path with us, redeems our struggles, and promises a dawn where every tear is wiped away. May His hope light our way, guiding us and our loved ones to our heavenly home with Him.

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