

THE RIVER CATHOLIC

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St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church | Sacred Heart Mission

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SCHEDULE

CONFESSION

Tuesday-Friday,
7:30-7:50 a.m.

Saturday, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

ADORATION

Tuesday, 8:45 a.m. - 8 p.m.

First Friday,
8:45 a.m. - 12 p.m.

VIGIL MASS

Saturday, 4 p.m.

SUNDAY MASS

8 a.m. & 10 a.m.

DAILY MASS

Tuesday-Friday, 8 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

8 a.m. & 6 p.m.
12 p.m. at Sacred Heart



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Will not God then
secure the rights
of his chosen ones
who call out to him
day and night?"
- Lk 18:7

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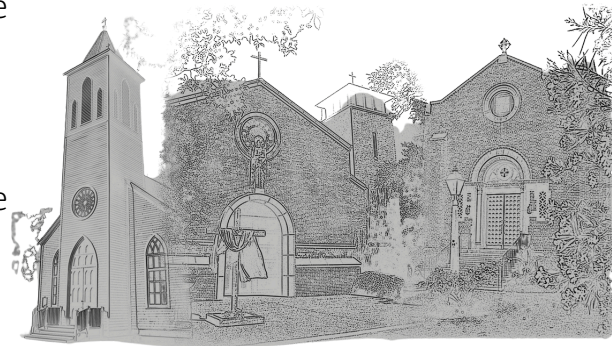
BAPTISM: Parents wishing to have their child baptized must be registered parishioners and complete baptismal preparation prior to the date of baptism. Please contact the church office during the early days of pregnancy for details of baptism preparation.

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 home bound each weekend by a Eucharistic Minister. Families are asked to contact the church office to make arrangements. Communion calls to the home bound 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 name and room number.

FUNERALS & BURIALS: The family must make arrangements with the Pastor before finalizing arrangements with a funeral home.

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.



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In Remembrance

Please pray for the repose of the
soul of our parishioner, Mrs.
Marlys Karsh.

Married in Christ

Casey Warthen &
Theresa Brock



**The Book of Remembrance
will be located in the vestibule
of the church
beginning October 29th.**

Thank You for donating

your used eyeglasses to the Lion's Club.
We collected 134 pairs in our recent drive.
That's a total of 2,791 pairs since 2016!



BLESSING OF THE GRAVES SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND



In preparation of the event, please tidy your family's grave sites.
Please ensure to remove all faded flowers and broken items.

The blessing of the cemetery will take place immediately following the 10 a.m. Mass.
Please join us afterward for gumbo and fellowship in the PAC.
The Knights of Columbus will be selling gumbo lunches – dine in or carry out.

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL



For the sick of our parish and those who have asked for our prayers, especially:

Fr. Charlie Landry; Wayne & Carolyn Achee; Dorella Banta; Austin & Betty Jean Barbay; Billy & Phyllis Babin; Brenda Blanchard; Melissa Conrad; Ronald Dauterive; Lily Fairchild; John Guerin; John & Lilian Holliday; Martha Laurent; Deborah Marchand Lewis; James Minchew; Frank & Barbara Panepinto; Bessie Pizzolato; Flory Reynolds; Enith Roy; Catherine Sharp; Mary Joyce Sheldon; Curt Solieau; Gary & Lisa Switzer; Margie Warthen; Joyce Williams
To add to or remove from this list, please call the parish office.

Brothers & Sisters,

Although every Mass is offered for the benefit of the entire Mystical Body of Christ, as is clear from the liturgical prayers themselves (e.g., “for our good and the good of all his holy Church”), it has also been the custom since ancient times to offer Mass for particular intentions or the needs of the faithful.

The custom for Mass offerings, since the early Church, has always been that only one Mass offering be allowed for each Mass. Put another way, the fundamental principle is one offering for each Mass, and one Mass for each offering. The Code of Canon Law, Canon 948, tells us that “separate Masses are to be applied for the intentions of those for each of whom an offering, even if small, has been made and accepted.” That being said, the question was raised in the late 1980’s if one Mass could be offered for multiple intentions.

The Congregation for the Clergy responded in the 1990’s, and declared that offering Mass collectively for a number of intentions, for which separate offerings have been made, can sometimes be acceptable but under the following conditions: 1) the faithful must knowingly and willingly agree to have their intentions combined in a single celebration; 2) the time and place of this celebration is to be publicly announced; 3) such celebrations may occur at most twice a week in the same church; and 4) the celebrant may retain for himself only what amounts to the offering for one Mass, the rest being given to the purposes determined by the Bishop. A “collective” intention is thus an exception that is permitted no more than twice a week.

In light of this reality, we will begin only offering collective Masses on two of the weekend Masses each week. The remaining Sunday Mass will be offered for “the parishioners of St. Gabriel and those who reside in the boundaries of our Parish,” as this is required on every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation. These two collective Masses will be rotated between the three weekend Masses throughout the year. All weekday Masses throughout the year will be offered for only one person.

For the Solemnity of Christmas, the two collective Mass intentions will fall on Christmas Day (Thursday) and not on the Sunday that week.

For collective Masses, we will allow a total of 15 named intentions to be offered.

There is a limit on the number of Masses that can be requested per person in a six-month time frame. Each person can request a total of 15 weekend Masses and 2 weekday Masses to allow for everyone to have a chance for Masses to be offered. Dates will be reserved on a first come, first serve basis to be as fair as possible. All of this will go into effect starting November 1st when the time opens to begin requesting Masses for January through June of 2026. This will go into effect November 1 for January – June 2026 Mass intentions. July – December, 2026 will open May 1. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. Know of my prayers for you while I am on silent retreat the next week and a half!

In Christ,
Fr. Albert

Readings for the week of October 19, 2025

Sunday 10/19:	Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (see 2)/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8
Monday 10/20:	Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday 10/21:	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday 10/22:	Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday 10/23:	Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53
Friday 10/24:	Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday 10/25:	Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 13:1-9
Sunday 10/26:	Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 (7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

WEEKEND OFFERINGS

Envelopes & Loose Total \$5,725.00
Online Giving month-to-date \$5,170.00

There will be one envelope, 10/26. 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.

Our online giving program is set up to make it easy for you to achieve your stewardship goals. Visit our website or scan the QR code to contribute.



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NEW BULLETIN COMING!

Support the church by placing an ad!

Your ads allow the church to receive the weekly bulletin at no cost.

The bulletin is a main source of communication to everyone in the parish and is handed out by ushers at all the masses throughout the week – EVERY week of the year.

Kim Broyard from **Liturgical Publications**, our new bulletin printer, will be in our office working on securing new ads for our bulletin. We need your help! Please consider purchasing an ad, sponsoring a charity, or in memory of a loved one. Your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

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