

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



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But the tax collector stood off at a distance...and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." - Lk 18:13a, 13c-14

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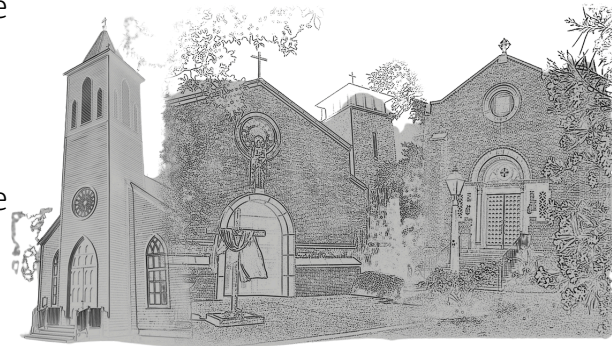
BAPTISM: Parents wishing to have their child baptized must be registered parishioners and complete baptismal preparation prior to the date of baptism. Please contact the church office during the early days of pregnancy for details of baptism preparation.

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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Mass Intentions booking will open Monday, November 3rd at 8:30 a.m.

- Week day Masses are sole intention.
- Weekend Masses are collective intention, with up to 15 spots available per Mass.
- One Mass per weekend will be "For the Parish."
- The suggested donation per intention is \$5.
- Each person requesting may book up to 15 collective and 2 sole intention Masses per six-month period.
- The request form and further instructions will be included in next week's bulletin.



BLESSING OF THE GRAVES SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND



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.

Please note: the gumbo sale will take place in lieu of our monthly coffee and donuts after 10am Mass.



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

Volunteers needed creating infant baptism garments!
If you have an electronic, digital embroidery machine & would like to help, please call Karen LaPlace, 225-337-6077.



Sympathy to Sherri LeBlanc upon the death of her daughter, Lacy.

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; Kim Comeaux Bonnette; 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.

Gospel Meditation – Luke 18:9-14

Every now and then readers of these reflections write letters in which they object to something. Years ago, this Gospel of Luke 18 prompted such an email. A man wrote to me: “I find it deeply offensive that you suggest we are still sinners once we are God’s sons and daughters.” His objection stirred in me a profound awareness of the paradox at the heart of our faith. Are we sinners or beloved children of God?

In this Gospel (Luke 18:9-14), a tax collector appears as one who has missed the mark. His sins have isolated him. His breast-beating is not an act of self-flagellation for pride’s sake but a heartfelt admission of his failure and unworthiness. Remarkably, Jesus honors the candid humility of the parable’s penitent. Why? Because we are always in need of mercy, always. But even more, perhaps because on the cross, Jesus will fully embrace a similar place of humiliation and rejection. He will enter into the most shameful, offensive place of the sinner so that we might “go home justified.”

There is a sacred tension in admitting that we are sinners and yet have profound hope. We are beloved sons and daughters of God, growing precisely through our honest acceptance of failure. When we cry, “Have mercy on us,” during Mass or when we repeat the “Jesus Prayer” in quiet moments, or in the confessional, we embrace our imperfections as fertile ground for divine grace. In doing so, we follow Christ’s example — finding true exaltation in the humble acknowledgment of our human frailty.

— Father John Muir (@LPi)

The Rosary, Explained

Christians have used beads to mark the recitation of prayers since ancient times.

In the 12th century, the Rosary emerged as a meditative devotion centering on significant moments in the lives of Jesus and Mary. In the words of St. Leo XIII, “there is no more excellent way of praying.”

The Rosary is traditionally attributed to a Marian vision received by St. Dominic de Guzman (1170-1221). Though scholarship on this point is uncertain, the Dominican Order was undoubtedly crucial in establishing and evangelizing the Rosary as a devotional prayer.

Over the centuries, the formula of the devotion eventually took the shape of 50 Hail Marys divided into five “decades,” with each decade focused on a different mystery. The Church has defined the Joyful Mysteries (to be recited on Saturdays and Mondays), the Glorious Mysteries (Sundays and Wednesdays), the Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesdays and Fridays), and most recently the Luminous Mysteries (to be recited on Thursdays).

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

Monday 10/27: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday 10/28: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Wednesday 10/29: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday 10/30: Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31/Lk 13:31-35

Friday 10/31: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday 11/1: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Sunday 11/2: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6, Rom 8:14-23/Jn 6:37-40

Please note: The Feast of All Souls Day will be celebrated in place of the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time.

WEEKEND OFFERINGS

Envelopes & Loose Total

\$5,902.00

Online Giving month-to-date

\$6,185.00

There will be one envelope, 11/2. 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, 10/28 – For the Parish

Wednesday, 10/29 – In Thanksgiving

Thursday, 10/30 – Alvin Fairchild, Sr.

Friday, 10/31 – Salvador Saia

Gerald, Bruce, Anna Nell
& Robert Hernandez

Saturday, 11/1 – Phyllis Breaux

Raymond Landry

Soileau-LaFleurFamily

Blanchard-Templett Family

Oneil & Peltier Families

Sunday, 11/2 – For the Parish

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS, PROFESSIONALS, SELF-EMPLOYED AND FAMILIES



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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