

THE RIVER CATHOLIC

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St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church | Sacred Heart Mission

Fr. Albert Blount,
Pastor

Dcn. John Veron,
Deacon

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Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday

8:30am-3pm

Friday- Closed

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.

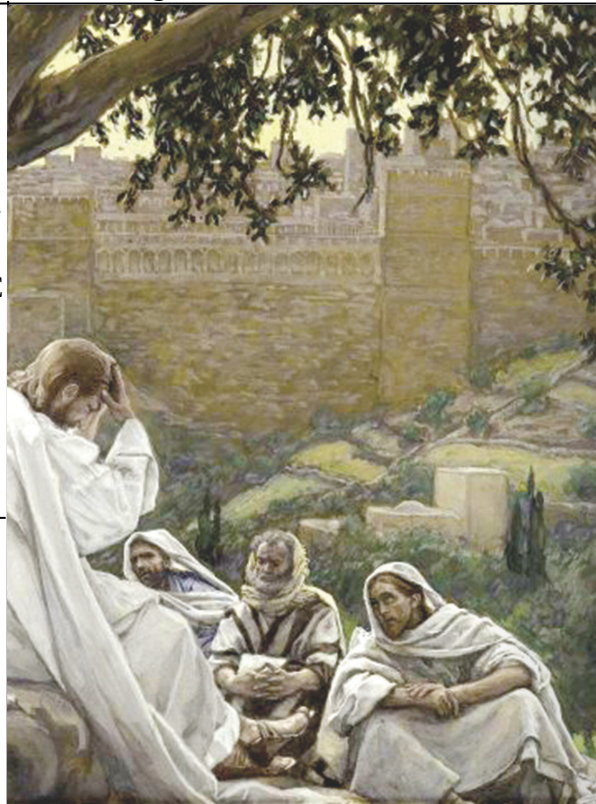
DAILY MASS

Tuesday-Friday, 8 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

8 a.m. & 6 p.m.

12 p.m. at Sacred Heart



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute." - Lk 21:13-15

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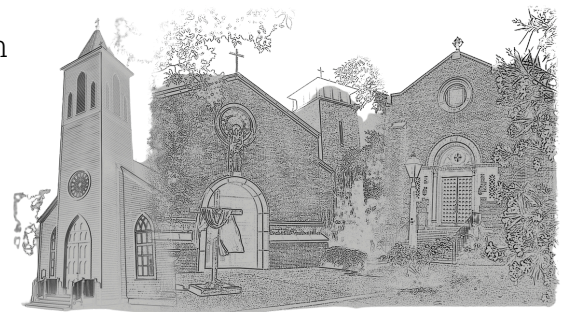
BAPTISM: Parents wishing to have their child baptized must be registered parishioners and complete baptismal preparation prior to the date of baptism. Please contact the church office during the early days of pregnancy for details of baptism preparation.

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 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 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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Ladies' Altar Society Christmas Dinner

All members of the Ladies' Altar Society are invited to
attend our annual Christmas Dinner

Wednesday, December 3rd
6:30pm | Parish Activity Center

\$10 per member + guest

Please RSVP by November 30th.
(Reservation form on table in the vestibule.)

Dinner prepared by Pete's Lagniappe Catering.



St. Gabriel's Outreach Ministry Winter 2025

We will be collecting the following new and unused items:

Boy's Baby and Toddler Clothing (6 mo. - 2 yr.)
Men's & Ladies' Underwear
Men's & Ladies' Deodorant
Belts – Pillows – Hand soap

Please place your new and unused donations in the basket
provided in the vestibule of the church.



Christmas Card Collection

Please place cards in the
basket on the table in the
vestibule of the church.

The collection period will
be November 9-30.

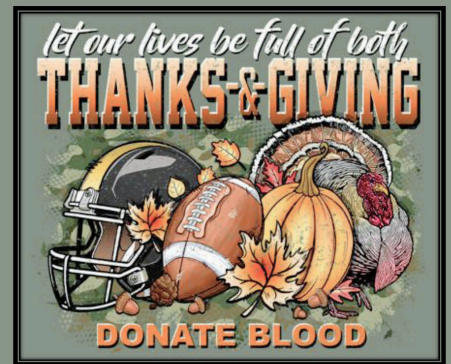
Thank you for your
generosity!

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Gabriel Catholic Church

Sunday, November 23, 2025

7:30am-12:00pm



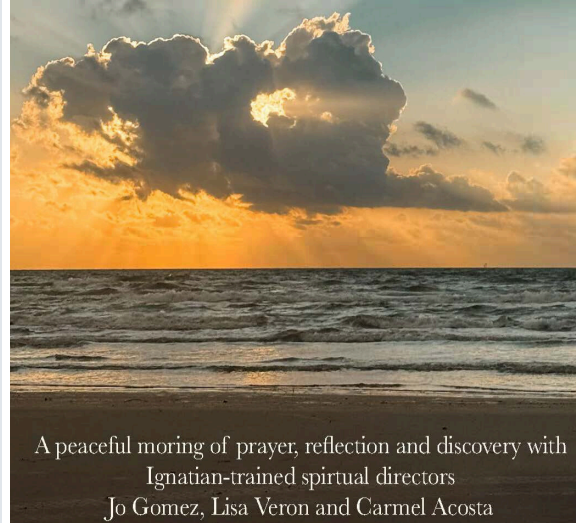
For additional information about donating please call 225-765-8843
OR TEXT OLOL BLOOD DONOR CENTER AT 999-777

Advent Morning of Reflection

STEPPING INTO THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

December 5th 8:30am - 11:30am

To register, call 225-343-6657



A peaceful morning of prayer, reflection and discovery with
Ignatian-trained spiritual directors
Jo Gomez, Lisa Veron and Carmel Acosta

When I was a kid growing up in New England, I'd occasionally go on a whale watch. Once we went out with calm waters and clear skies. But on the way back in, the sea got rough. I was just a kid, and I remember thinking we should turn left or right toward the shoreline I could see. But the pilot of the boat kept going straight — right into the waves — focused on a small, discouragingly distant lighthouse. Even when it flickered in and out of sight, he stayed the course. He knew where he was going.

That image comes to mind when I hear Jesus' words in today's Gospel regarding false messiahs: "Do not follow them" (Luke 21:8). In times of chaos or uncertainty, there are always voices offering easier routes, promising false safety, claiming to speak for God. But Jesus isn't found in the loudest voice or the nearest shoreline. He is steady, like a lighthouse in the storm.

The tribulation of which Jesus speaks — it's real. It happened to the Temple, it happened to him, it happens in the Church, and it will come to each of us. But the command is not to panic. It's to endure. To keep steering toward him. Faith isn't about having all the answers or dodging every wave. It's about knowing where the lighthouse is — and trusting it enough to keep going, especially when false safety beckons us to stop.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

We Are Called to Be Saints

Catholics often are drawn to saints due to their profession, hobbies, or ethnic background. One's patron saint serves as an example of how to live a life of holiness and service to God. We hold up the saints of the Church in high regard. However, we can sometimes make the mistake of seeing them as the subject of stories in print and not real living people. We can assume that their level of devotion and holiness is unattainable. In fact, we are all called to be saints.

Our world needs more living saints living out their stewardship in a radical manner. Stories are valuable, but when others get to see disciples of Jesus Christ answering their call in person, consider the impact. There is a reason why lay witnessing is so important in cultivating a stewardship culture in a parish community. The people we can see and hear are alive right in front of us. Some will say that to truly be humble means to act anonymously, but we are not speaking here of actions that call out, "Look at me!" We are talking about acting in a way that people see not you and me, but Jesus instead.

We are to be models and examples to one another. We are to build up one another and make the Body of Christ strong. Don't sit back wishing you had the strength to be a saint. You have already been given the gifts needed to be the saint you are called to be. Maybe people will read about you later, but the Church needs you now!

— Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPi

Readings of the Week

Sunday 11/16: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19
 Monday 11/17: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43
 Tuesday 11/18: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10
 Wednesday 11/19: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28
 Thursday 11/20: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44
 Friday 11/21: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48
 Saturday 11/22: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40
 Next Sunday 11/23: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-4



Join us for Scripture Study!

Tuesdays 8:30 - 9:30 AM & Wednesdays 9-10 AM in the Kleinpeter Center

WEEKEND OFFERINGS

Envelopes & Loose Total
\$5,688.00

Online Giving month-to-date
\$4,450.00

There will be one envelope, 11/23.
 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 11/18 – Michael Ragusa
 Francis Murphy
 Wednesday 11/19 – Rodney Gomez
 Babin-Ruiz-Smith Family
 Thursday 11/20- Comeaux-Gautreaux Family
 Friday 11/21 – Sheldon-Spedale Family
 Amedee-Crochet Family
 Jesse Lunsford
 Saturday 11/22 – M/M L.G. Hoffman Sr. & Jr.
 Sunday 11/9 – 8A: For the Parish
 10A: Glynn & Lois Hernandez

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

NOVEMBER 22nd & 23rd

4PM- AS: Alexander Gros & Andrew Davis
 Lector: Michaela York
 EMHC: Deacon John
 8 AM- AS: Todd Pourciau & Ethan Tschirky
 Lector: Liz Hoffman
 EMHC: Cliff Comeaux,
 Carmel Taylor & Mike Tubre
 10 AM- AS: Lottie LaPlace & Elena Brandt
 Lectors: Monica Tircuit &
 Yanira Morales
 EMHC: Chase LaPlace, Karen LaPlace
 & Mary Pourciau



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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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- Local, targeted community advertising for one full year, at one low price.
- A FREE ad listing on parishesonline.com.
- FREE, professional ad design.

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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.