



JANUARY 11, 2026 | THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

WELCOME!

PARISH OFFICE

804-639-6712

www.saintgabriel.org

Monday-Thursday | 8:30am-3:30pm

Sacramental Emergencies

804-639-6712 Ext. 1

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the parish office for arrangements. In an emergency, call 804- 639-6712 and dial ext. 1. Anointing of the Sick is administered after Friday Mass.

Ministry to the Sick

Catholics in our area who are seriously ill or their family members may contact the office for prayer requests. To request a prayer shawl, contact Helen Lathrup- helenlathrop@gmail.com

Baptism

Please visit saintgabriel.org/Baptism register for preparation and celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. It is recommended to contact the parish office six months in advance to prepare for the sacrament.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The sacrament is available each Sunday from 10:15-10:45 am, except for the first Sunday of the month. You may approach the priest after the 5:30 pm. Mass on Saturday. Also available after 9 am Mass on Thursdays, and on the first Friday of the month from 9:40-10:20 am.

Marriage

Couples need to contact the pastor before scheduling a wedding at the parish. The presider will coordinate all preparation needed. It is recommended couples schedule this at least one year in advance to give adequate time to prepare.

Visit us on Facebook at
www.facebook.com/StGabrielCatholicChurch/

MASS SCHEDULE

ST. GABRIEL

Wed. 9:00am
Thu. 9:00am
Fri. 9:00am
Sat. 5:30pm
Sun. 9:00 am, 11:00 am

GOOD SAMARITAN

Sat. 4:00pm
Sun. 4:00pm (Hispanic)

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NEW TO THE PARISH? Welcome! We are blessed to have you with us. Whether you are visiting us for a brief time, looking for a new parish home, are returning to the practice of your Catholic faith or are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, you are welcome. Ready to join? Please register by visiting www.saintgabriel.org/Newcomer-Registration or stop by the parish office. More information about what our parish offers can be found at www.saintgabriel.org or by calling the parish office at 804-639-6712.

SAINT GABRIEL

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GOOD SAMARITAN

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PARISH VISION STATEMENT

St. Gabriel announced the coming of Jesus Christ. The community of Saint Gabriel announces the Good News alive today through our commitment to be a parish of welcome and hospitality through the stewardship of our gifts. Through our worship, outreach, formation, compassion and forgiveness, we are called to pause and reflect on our relationship with God and one another as we live the gospel each day of our lives.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Jodi Petway	Mary Kozlowski
Becky Robinson	Pat Martonik
Amy Caprara	Julio Pons
John DeGiorgio	Patrick Salerno
Dorothy Hayton	Lilly Grace Moreland
John Paul Macri	Julian Pragle
Jim McCarthy	Abdulbari Hassan
Joanne Johnson	Mary DeCosta
Lori Sullivan	Fr. Bob Brownell
Eileen Albert	Mary Sasara
Tina Huey	Ray Parrott
Bernadette Gallagher	Eileen Albert
	Barbara Moran

Sick parishioners' names will appear for 3 months after notification. Please resubmit if needed.



Mass Intentions at time of publication

Wed., Jan 14, 9:00 am	Joseph Russell
Thur., Jan 15, 9:00 am	Lucille Johnson
Fri., Jan 16, 9:00 am	Debra Ledgerer
Sat., Jan 17, 5:30 pm	Elsa Jimenez
Sun., Jan 18, 9:00 am	Marie Helen Salerno
Sun., Jan 19, 11:00 am	For the parish

Beware of Scams— Always consider that uninvited contact from people or businesses, whether by phone, mail, email, in person or on a social networking site may be a scam. If it looks too good to be true or seems like an odd request, it probably is. Never give your personal information or monetary donations to anyone without verifying that the request is coming from a legitimate source.

HELP FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE

Child Protective Services Hotline | 1-800-552-7096
 Attorney General's Clergy Abuse Hotline | 1-833-454-9064
 Victim Assistance Reporting Line | 1-877-887-9603
richmonddiocese.org/reporting-of-child-sexual-abuse-and-sexual-harassment/

Please Note:

Kindly bring any items/written material(s) you would like to distribute to the community to the office for approval.
Do Not Leave items in the church or commons.

WEEKLY MASS & EVENT SCHEDULE

For the full Parish Calendar go to saintgabriel.org & click on "Events: Parish Calendar."

Sunday, January 11

8:00 am	Rosary
9:00 am	Mass
11:00 am	Mass- Commissioning of Liturgical Ministers
12:00 pm	Richmond Friends of the Homeless Bagged Lunches
1:00 pm	High School Formation
3:30 pm	Middle School Formation

Monday, January 12

10:00 am	Arts and Environment
11:00 am	Rosary

Tuesday, January 13

9:00 am	Centering Prayer
9:00 am	Rosary
6:30 pm	Confirmation Class
6:30 pm	ROCK- Raising Our Catholic Kids
7:00 pm	Fishermen
7:00 pm	Lectionary Study

Wednesday, January 14

8:15 am	Rosary
9:00 am	Mass
9:45 am	Reflection and Recreation
6:30 pm	Cantor/Instrumentalist
7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm	Migrant Ministry Meeting

Thursday, January 15

8:15 am	Rosary
9:00 am	Mass
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Officers' Meeting
7:00 pm	Order of Christian Initiation of Adults
7:00 pm	Order of Christian Initiation of Children

Friday, January 16

8:15 am	Rosary
9:00 am	Mass
10:00 am	Bible Study
10:00 am	Praying Hands

Saturday, January 17

10:00 am	Rosary
5:30 pm	Mass and Confirmation

Sunday, January 18

8:00 am	Rosary
9:00 am	Mass
11:00 am	Youth Mass

2025 Christmas Flowers in Memory/Honor of:

- Caitlin Cedor
- John Quinn, and Gertrude & Robert Direso
- Linda Duko
- Eric Grisby
- The Krezel and Blasio Family
- The Mischler Family
- The Ryan Family
- Charles and Dessie Keller
- Paul and Eunice Taylor
- Paul and Bill Taylor
- Richard Wietzel
- Anabel Weitzel
- Marjorie Kayes
- Patricia Flaherty
- Bernard J. Flaherty
- Derek DeVito
- Arthur D. Wells: Colonel, Retired U.S. Army
- Gallagher and Fenter Families
- Deacon Roy Smith
- Joe Garrity
- Sean Thomas
- The Bompadre Family
- Jack and Dolores
- Marie Helen Salerno
- Joseph Salerno
- Robert Salerno
- Montell Taylor
- Sylvester Taylor
- Johnny DelCarmen
- Jerry and Vicki Lachowicz
- Tom and Sue Millon
- Jim and Jean Rerels
- Natalie Capuano
- Marge Kershishnik
- Violet & John Jandik
- Chester & Mary Sinicki
- Mark Skellett
- Matthew Fiato
- Denise Fiato
- Robert & Joyce Greblick
- Louis & Margaret Fiato
- R. Kevin Clair
- Moses Family
- Ray Poff
- Ed and Alice Carey
- The Ruggieri and Byrne Families
- Larry Lewicki

26th Week of Fiscal Year 7/1/2025-6/30/26

	WEEKLY	MAIL-IN/E-GIVING	TOTAL	BUDGET
Offertory				
Dec 22-28	4,717	5,812	10,529	14,096
Year to Date	126,154	215,990	342,144	366,496
Building/Growth				
Dec 22-28	230	654	884	1,250
Year to Date	9,556	24,326	33,882	32,500
Christmas				17,374
Capital Campaign	GOAL	PLEGED	RCVD IN FISCAL YR 25-26	
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	RECEIVED TO DATE		% RECEIVED	
	1,127,667		37.3%	

The budget is divided evenly over the 12 month fiscal period. Please bear in mind that all donations do not come weekly or monthly. The parish receives quarterly, semi-annual, and annual donations.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Consider signing up for one of the many ministries of the parish. It is a great way to get to know more people, give back and grow in your faith. See the many ways you can serve Christ in the world by visiting www.saintgabriel.org/Time or call the parish office.

Join Flocknote

With Flocknote, we are able to text everyone who joins or just a specific group. Join and keep in touch with us via text and email. Text "GABRIELVA" to 84576.



Parishioners,

SAFETY FIRST

Please remain aware of your surroundings while entering and leaving the church. If you notice anything unusual (like a car parked for long periods of time in the extremities of the lot), please stay in your vehicle or in the church, and call the Chesterfield County Non-Emergency line: 804-748-1251. Thank you for doing your part to keep our parish safe.



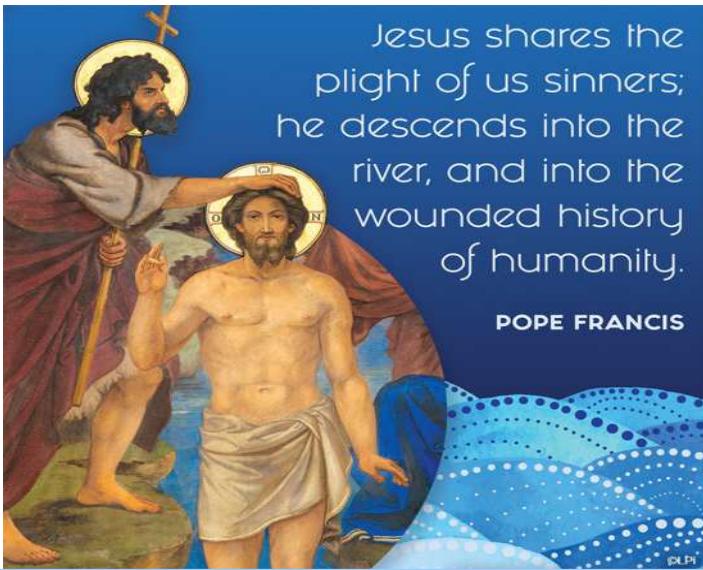
Attention:

The overflow parking lot off Bethia Road is only open on Sundays and Holy Days with large attendance Masses. At all other times, a chain is up blocking use of the lot, which is a safety precaution.

The chain goes back up after the 11 am Mass. **If the chain is up prior to you leaving, we ask that you take down the chain, move your car, and then put the chain back up.**

Please do not leave your car there for an extended period.





Jesus shares the
plight of us sinners;
he descends into the
river, and into the
wounded history
of humanity.

POPE FRANCIS

Save the Dates for our
Parish Mission
Rebuilding Your Faith
with Tom Corcoran

Sat. Feb. 28,
10 am- Noon
Sun. March 1,
6 - 8 pm



Liturgy

**Are you expecting, or do you
have a child in need of
Baptism?**



We are excited to celebrate with you! The next parent preparation class is **Saturday, January 24, 9 a.m. to noon**, with baptisms to be celebrated on Saturday, February 14 at 10 a.m. For additional class and baptism dates visit: www.saintgabriel.org/baptism. If you have questions, contact Lisa Gorton at 804-639-6712 or email lisa.gorton@saintgabriel.org.

Children and Youth



**TODAY is Faith
Formation for
MS/HS!**
1 pm— High School
**3:30 pm— Middle
School**

Music Ministry

**Do you have a vocal or instrumental
talent? The music ministry is always
accepting new members. Contact Emily
Rosenberger with questions or to join:**

St Gabriel Choir: non-auditioned choir. Open to all ages 16 and up. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings and sing at one weekend mass on a rotating schedule.

Instruments: Our instrumentalists provide music at various weekend masses. If you play anything from the violin or trumpet to the triangle or the didgeridoo, consider sharing your talent. Consultation/audition with the Music Coordinator is required.

Cantors: The parish cantor is a person of faith dedicated to ongoing study and awareness of the message of the Scripture. A certain demonstrated ability of vocal competence is necessary to lead the assembly in sung prayer. Consultation/audition with the Music Coordinator is required.

Youth Mass Choir: Open to middle and high school students. We sing at the 11am mass on the third Sunday of the month and provide musical support for the congregation. We currently rehearse 45 minutes before Sunday mass. Contact the Music Coordinator to join.

Seasonal Children's Choir: Thank you to all who participated in the Children's Choir on Christmas Eve! Be on the lookout for sign-ups for Easter Children's Choir, open to those in grades 2-12.

Please consider joining our vibrant ministry. As Pope Leo said, "Music is like a bridge that leads us to God. It is capable of transmitting feelings, emotions, even the deepest stirrings of the soul, lifting them up and transforming them into an imaginary stairway connecting earth and heaven."



Social Justice



Join St. Gabriel's parish in support of the Right to Life at the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

on Friday Jan. 23, 2026. We will start with Mass at 7:30 a.m. The bus, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will depart at 8:30 a.m. There is a fee of \$10.00 per person/\$20.00 per family to cover the cost of water and snacks on the bus. Please bring your own lunch. Sign-up sheets and additional details will be available at the Welcome table in the Commons after Mass this weekend, and the weekend of January 17/18. Please make checks payable to St. Gabriel Catholic Church or use the QR code if you would like to register online.



VIRGINIA PRO-LIFE DAY

Join us January 15th in Richmond to meet with your legislators to advocate for pro-life causes followed by Mass with Bishop Knestout and Bishop Burbidge. vaprolieday.org

Virginia Pro-Life Day Program

7:30am: Doors open – Greater Richmond Convention Center (GRCC)

8:30am-9:00am: Morning Program (GRCC)

9:00am-9:15am: Walk to General Assembly Building (GAB)

9:30am-10:30am: Meetings with legislators (GAB)

11:00am: Visits to Galleries – (GAB)

12:00pm: Mass at St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral

This year, a proposed amendment to our State Constitution would increase abortions in Virginia, remove legal and safety protections, and circumvent the rights of parents. The faithful are invited to meet with their legislators to share a Catholic perspective on the sanctity of life and the protection of vulnerable people.

We are scheduling meetings with lawmakers now, and attendees will receive a packet with all the information they need upon arrival - all you have to do is register at vaprolieday.org/register.

Other

Richmond Friends of the Homeless Bagged Lunches TODAY



After the 11 a.m. Mass, meet us in the kitchen to make 150 peanut butter & jelly sandwich lunches for Richmond's homeless. This is a great family activity. Youth can earn community service hours. It is monthly outreach activity. Many hands make light work.

Join us as Jaime Smiley from Benchmark Senior Solutions presents

BEATING THE WINTER BLUES

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 28TH

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American Red Cross Blood Drive

When: Monday, January 26

Where: St. Gabriel Catholic Church - Commons

Time: 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: GABRIEL to schedule an appointment.

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients. If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: When the voice of God declares, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," he is referring, of course, to Jesus. But I think He would say the same of John the Baptist — and of all those who welcome Jesus into the waters, ready to do as he bids.

When Jesus Wades In

Usually, when God comes to us, we aren't ready.

We think we are. Like John the Baptist, we stand in our waters of baptism, certain of our mission. We know how it's going to go. We know what's going to be asked of us. We're sure of it.

Christ wades into the waters. And he screws up all our plans.

To be clear, I don't think John the Baptist lacks faith when he balks at the idea of baptizing Jesus. I think it is, in fact, a testament to his humility. But whatever motivated John's actions, he is — if even for a brief moment — hesitating to do the will of God. Just a few chapters after this in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus will acknowledge that John is the greatest person "born of women" — with the caveat that even he is not perfect enough for the Kingdom of Heaven.

Not yet.

Jesus didn't give John an explanation as the two stood in the River Jordan. He merely said, "Allow it for now." John could have resisted further, demanding to understand why. He could have grown suspicious at the simplicity of Jesus' answer, at the strangeness of this request. He could have clung desperately to his version of How Things Are Supposed To Be, and in doing so, fostered doubt in his heart. He could have even stormed off, confused and angry.

He did none of these things, because John is, as Jesus says, the greatest born of women.

When the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of God declares, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," he is referring, of course, to Jesus. But I think He would say the same of John the Baptist — and of all those who welcome Jesus into the waters, ready to do as he bids.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

At times, temptation seems so powerful that it is almost impossible to resist. How can I be stronger in my resolve to avoid sin and temptation?

Answer:

The saints have written that every human person desires the good. In a sense, we don't desire sin itself. Temptation is powerful because there is at least some bit of good in it. Even in the blackest of sin, there is something good that becomes twisted. We can look for good in sin when we feel it is lacking in our own life. When we lack true relational intimacy, it can be easy to turn to lust. When we lack confidence in God in our own lives, it can be easy to judge others or to grasp for control over situations. When we lack peace in the present moment, it can be easy to compete with others or to treat others poorly in our quest for success.

Overcoming temptation isn't just about repressing our sinful desires. If that's all we do, they'll just burst out someplace else! If there is a recurring temptation in your life, prayerfully consider why this is so appealing to you. Submit this to God and bring it to a wise person. And in the meantime, continue to resist temptation to sin. If we fail to choose God in small choices, we're several steps down the road towards failing in larger ones. Pray for the grace to persevere!



Financial information for the week ending December 28 was \$916.

Mass Intentions at time of publication: Mass intention available

Jan 15: 12 pm- Luncheon

Jan 16: 7 pm- Hispanic Rosary

Jan 17: 9 am- Quilters; 7 pm- Hispanic Rosary

Jan 18: 2 pm- Youth Formation/Sacrament Prep

Jan 23: 7 pm- Hispanic Rosary

Jan 24: 7 pm- Hispanic Rosary

Attention, Good Samaritan parishioners! E-giving is now available!

Please visit tinyurl.com/goodsam804 or scan the QR code:



You can go online and do a one-time gift, or set up a recurring gift.

**If you have any questions, please speak with Jennifer Hayghe,
jenniferhayghe@yahoo.com.**



EL BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR

Una voz que decía, desde el cielo: "Este es mi Hijo muy amado, en quien tengo mis complacencias". - Mt 3, 17

Información financiera para las semanas que termina el 28 de diciembre es \$916.

Sábados 7 p.m. **Rosario Hispano**

Viernes a las 7 p.m. **Vía Crucis Hispana durante la Cuaresma**

17 de enero a las 4 pm: Intención de misa disponible
18 de enero a las 4 pm: Intención de misa disponible

¿Interesado en las Vocaciones?

Bautismo del Señor - 11 de enero de 2026

"Tú eres mi Hijo amado; en ti tengo complacencia." (Mateo 3:17)

El deleite de Dios en su Hijo refleja la alegría que siente por quienes siguen su llamado. Como hijo de Dios, Él desea lo mejor para ti. Dedica tiempo esta semana a orar y a escuchar su guía sobre cómo quiere que le sirvas. Habla con tu sacerdote o comunícate con la Oficina de Vocaciones al 804-359-5661 o por correo electrónico: vocations@richmonddiocese.org

Bautismos: Visite www.saintgabriel.org/gsbaptismform para obtener información sobre cómo prepararse y celebrar el sacramento del bautismo. Se recomienda que los padres envíen el formulario de bautismo o comuníquese con la oficina parroquial con seis meses de anticipación para prepararse para el sacramento.

Bodas: ¿Estás comprometido y te gustaría planificar tu boda? Felicitaciones y estamos emocionados de participar en la planificación de su Sacramento del Matrimonio. **Tenga en cuenta que las fechas de la boda no pueden ser programadas antes de que una pareja se reúna con el celebrante.** Comuníquese con la oficina parroquial al 639-6712 para una cita al menos un año antes de la boda propuesta.

Quinceañeras: ¿Tu hija está celebrando su Quinceañera este año? La Quinceañera debe registrarse con el coordinador de la iglesia antes de que pueda programarse. Los formularios están disponibles en el sitio web de la parroquia o en la oficina del coordinador. ¡Regístrate hoy!

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