



FEBRUARY 22, 2026 | THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

WELCOME!

PARISH OFFICE

804-639-6712

www.saintgabriel.org

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

Friday | 8:30am-1:30pm

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)

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-helenlathrup@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.

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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.

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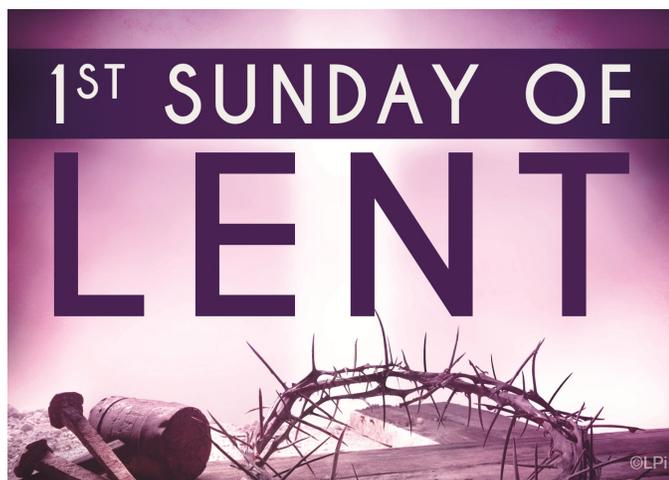
PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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...

John Engleson	Amelia Grace Hardy
Becky Robinson	Lori Sullivan
Mary Kozlowski	Patrick Salerno
Mary DeCosta	
Ray Parrott	

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



Mass Intentions at time of publication

Wed., Feb 25, 9:00 am	Mass intention available
Thur., Feb 26, 9:00 am	Joan Klinker and John Romano
Fri., Feb 27, 9:00 am	In thanksgiving for great-grandson
Sat., Feb 28, 5:30 pm	For the parish
Sun., Mar 1, 9:00 am	Lucille Mahan
Sun., Mar 1, 11:00 am	Diana Perkins

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, February 22– FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND; FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 am	Rosary
9:00 am	Mass and Rite of Anointing and Sending
11:00 am	Mass
1:00 pm	Children's Formation, Pre-K—1st grade
3:00 pm	Children's Formation, 2nd-5th grade

Monday, February 23

11:00 am	Rosary
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Tuesday, February 24

9:00 am	Centering Prayer
9:00 am	Rosary
7:00 pm	Fishermen
7:00 pm	Lectionary Study

Wednesday, February 25

8:15 am	Rosary
9:00 am	Mass
10:00 am	Senior Seminar
6:00 pm	Prison Ministry
6:30 pm	Cantor/Instrumentalist Rehearsal
7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm	Order of Christian Initiation of Children
7:00 pm	Finance Council Meeting

Thursday, February 26

8:15 am	Rosary
9:00 am	Mass
9:00 am	Richmond Friends of the Homeless

Friday, February 27

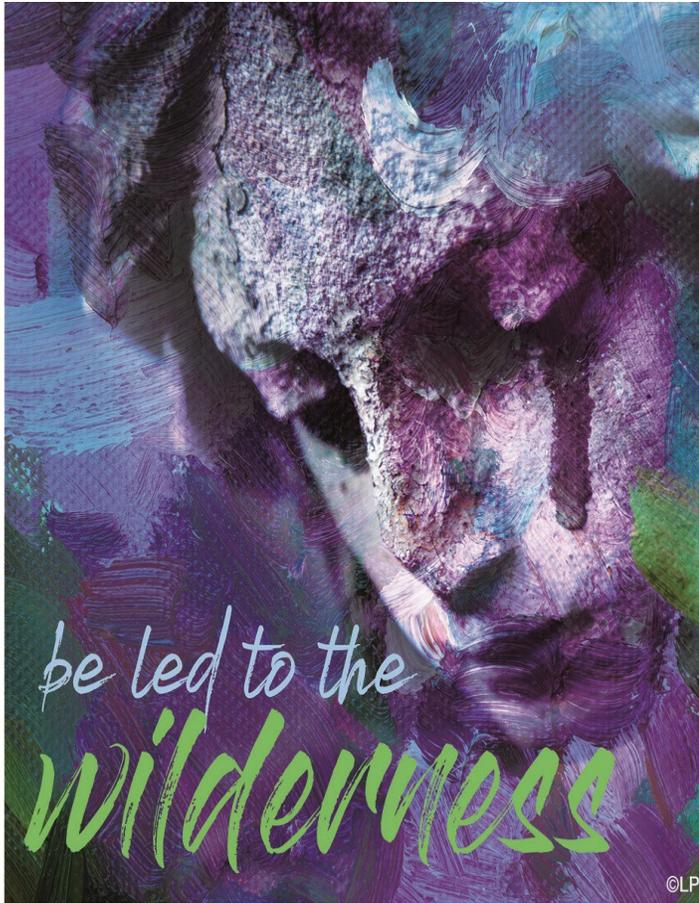
8:15 am	Rosary
9:00 am	Mass
9:30 am	Exposition and Adoration
10:00 am	Confession
11:45 am	Benediction
12:00 pm	Guided Stations of the Cross
6:30 pm	Guided Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm	Lenten Meal

Saturday, February 28– FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND

10:00 am	Parish Mission
3:00 pm	Rite of Election
5:30 pm	Mass

Sunday, MARCH 1– FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND; SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 am	Rosary
9:00 am	Mass
11:00 am	Mass
6:00 pm	Prison Ministry



**2026 Annual
Diocesan
Appeal:
Sharing His
Love with
Others**

**Catholic
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2026 Annual Diocesan Appeal

A Message from Our Bishop

Last year, I was blessed to see how the Diocese truly lived the Jubilee Year of Hope. I saw thousands of faithful clergy, religious, and laypeople come together at Catholic Fest in October, and shortly after, I had the joy of meeting our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, for the first time at the Vatican.

This year, I pray that providing hope for others remains a steady conviction for us all. God is always faithful to us in delivering what we need, and his son, Jesus, declared that it is our calling to *Share His Love with Others*. Your support for the Annual Diocesan Appeal breathes life into our ministries, schools, and parishes. The Appeal provides vital support to the hungry and homeless, formative education to our lay leaders, care for our seminarians and retired priests, and so much more.

Knowing that Our Lord hears and answers all our prayers, I humbly ask that you prayerfully consider contributing to the Appeal so we can continue bringing hope and love to those who need it most.

Recently, many of you received a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support of the 2026 Annual Diocesan Appeal. It is our sincere hope that you will answer our Bishop's request and make a generous commitment to this effort.

LOST & FOUND

Please Check Often and Take What is Yours.



Attention Parishioners: If you find lost items, please bring to office or leave in lost and found. On the first of every month, the lost and found in our vestibule will be emptied. If you think you may have

forgotten something at church, please check. Thank you for your attention to this matter!



Register your Kroger Plus Card for St. Gabriel

We have **164** households that have registered their Kroger Plus Card for St. Gabriel. **Let's continue to**

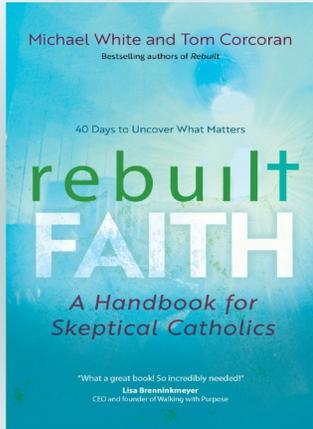
grow that number! It's SO simple...go to www.kroger.com/communityrewards and use St. Gabriel's organization number, 82387. Every time you shop at Kroger with your Kroger Plus Card it raises money for our parish! **We just received a quarterly rebate check for \$422.16 . The total for 2025/26 thus far is \$1,260.**

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

READY FOR THE MISSION?



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Liturgy



Liturgical Ministry Training
SATURDAY March 7
9 am - 1 pm

Commissioning at the 5:30 Mass that evening

Please consider serving as a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Usher or Altar server.

You set your Mass preference and availability. It's a great way to get to know members of the community! If interested, visit <https://www.saintgabriel.org/training> or call Lisa Gorton at 804-639-6712.

We are in great need of Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers. Please consider joining!



Parish Lenten Schedule

During Lent we have the opportunity to refine our discipleship and learn to love more like Christ.

The Parish is providing the following to help you on your journey of prayer, fasting and almsgiving:

Friday Devotions (After 9 am Mass)

- 9:30-11:45 am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration
- 9:45-11:45 am: Sacrament of Confession
- 11:45 am-Noon: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Noon & 6:30 pm: Stations of the Cross

- 7 pm: FREE Lenten Meal offered by Social Justice & other ministries of the parish
 - Feb. 27 - Ushers
 - March 6 - Migrant Ministry
 - March 13 - Richmond Friends of the Homeless
 - March 20 - Praying Hands Prayer Shawl Ministry
 - March 27 - Respect Life Ministry

Saturday Mornings

Sacrament of Confession at 10 am

Weekend Masses During Lent :

Social Justice Ministries will share how the parish reaches out beyond our doors to love more like Christ and live out our discipleship as a parish. Prayerfully consider getting involved in one or more of these ministries.

Rebuilding Your Faith Parish Mission with Tom Corcoran - Feb. 28 and March 1

Lenten Reconciliation Service
Date TBD, 7 pm

Area priests will gather at St. Gabriel to provide the sacrament of Confession before Holy Week.

St. Gabriel's NEW Charismatic Prayer Group

"Lord, teach us how to pray." Luke 11:1



Father James invites you to pray along with The Catholic Charismatic movement, starting March 4th in the church meeting room at 6 pm. **Please sign up online at <https://www.saintgabriel.org/new-charismatic-prayer-group>.**

Christian Care



The Healing Circle is for those who have lost a person they love as recently as three months ago or longer. In this group we hope you find a safe space to share or be quiet, to listen, and to be

heard. Receive prayer, support, guidance, and acceptance for where you are and who you are.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus told us, "Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

Limited space available, so sign-up today at the Adult Faith Formation Table in the Commons or contact Lisa Gorton at 804-639-6712.

Meets Tuesdays in the Church from 7 – 8:30 p.m. on March 3, March 17, April 7, April 21, May 5 and 19.

Social Justice

Food Pantry Weekend, THIS WEEKEND

Please bring items for the food pantry for both St. Gabriel and Good Samaritan parishes. Donations may be left on the table under the kitchen window or the brown table in the Commons at any of the Masses. Any financial donations can be placed in the basket marked Food Pantry at the entrance to the worship space. **Also, please note– you don't have to wait for Food Pantry Weekend to donate. The office can accept food donations at any time.**



The need is currently VERY GREAT.

While all donations are appreciated, **only items listed at <https://www.saintgabriel.org/Food-Pantry> are needed. We kindly ask that you check the list before bringing your donation. Also, please check the expiration dates on the items you are donating. We cannot distribute items with an expired date. No single bulk items.** Thank you so much for supporting those in need in our community.

CRS Rice Bowl

As members of the Body of Christ, we are called to care for one another and ensure that every person has what they need to live with dignity.



Join Catholics across the United States in sharing their gifts through CRS Rice Bowl, the Lenten program that fights hunger and poverty in over 100 countries.

Make your online donation today to help farmers have good harvests despite drought, families have access to nutritious food for their children, and vulnerable communities thrive.

Thank you for your generosity and protecting life and human dignity. Donate now and transform lives, www.crsricebowl.org/change-lives.



Take a Stand for Life February 18– March 29

Please join St. Gabriel's Respect Life Ministry to pray the rosary at 118 N. Arthur Ashe Blvd on Saturdays, March 7, 14, 21, and 28. We will meet at the church at 9 am. Please contact Kevin Koch for more information: (804) 245-1734.



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CASES OF HOPE

Join us in collecting items to bless the Cases of Hope Ministry at Mercy Mall!

Collecting February 21 - March 22

Collecting New Full-Sized Toiletries:

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Lotion
- Toenail Clippers
- Hair Brushes
- Deodorant for Women
- Tampons/Pads
- Razors
- NEW Underwear
- NEW Bras

Collecting New and Gently-Used:

- Suitcases



Once again St. Gabriel's Respect Life Ministry is sponsoring a RISE Meal Packing Event. **This year's event will be Saturday, March**

7, 2026. This is an important and fun way to do something for our world community. We need volunteers to pack 13,176 meals that will then be shipped to a country in great need. Please join your fellow parishioners in this wonderful morning's work. Volunteers are needed for setting up from 9-10am, packing meals from 10-noon, or cleaning up from 12-12:30. You can sign up at the link below or see a committee member at the welcome table after Mass. Thank you very much.



<http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/>

Other



Join us as attorney Michael Berdan from Berdan Law presents

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FEBRUARY 25
10:00 AM**

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Children and Youth



THIS WEEKEND is Faith Formation for children!

1 pm – Pre-K – 1st grade
3 pm – 2nd – 5th grade

Music Ministry

Easter Children and Youth Choir

Sign-ups for Easter Children's Choir are now open for all students in 2nd grade and older! We will rehearse on Mondays from 6-7 pm, starting on March 16th, and we will sing at the 12 pm Mass on Easter Sunday. Sign up through the QR code, and contact Emily Rosenberger with questions.



Interested in Vocations?

First Sunday of Lent - February 22, 2026

"Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4)

Lent invites us to rely on God's Word. In holy matrimony, couples live by this Word, nourishing their love with faith. Spend some time this week in scripture and pray together. If you're single, pray for your vocation and the one God may be preparing for you.

Scripture for the Week of 2/22

Sun: Gn 2:7-9; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11

Mon: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tues: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wed: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thurs: Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Fri: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Sat: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Next Sun: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b=10; Mt 17:1-9



Good Samaritan
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Financial information for the week ending February 8 was \$.

Mass Intentions at time of publication: Mass intention available

Feb 21: 9 am– Quilters; 7 pm– Hispanic Rosary

Feb 22: 2 pm– 1st Communion Prep; 3 pm– Elementary School Formation

Feb 27: 7 pm– Hispanic Rosary

Mar 1: 2 pm– Confirmation Prep; 3 pm– High School Formation

Mar 3: 7 pm– Steering Committee Meeting

Feb 25: 10:30 am– SOTC

Feb 28: 7 pm– Hispanic Rosary

Mar 2: 9 am– Quilters

Mar 4: 10:30 am– SOTC

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.**



Información financiera para las semanas que termina el 8 de febrero era \$.

Sábados 7 p.m. **Rosario Hispano**

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

28 de febrero a las 4 pm: Intención de misa disponible

1 de marzo a las 4 pm: Intención de misa disponible

¿Interesado en las Vocaciones?

Primer Domingo de Cuaresma - 22 de febrero de 2026

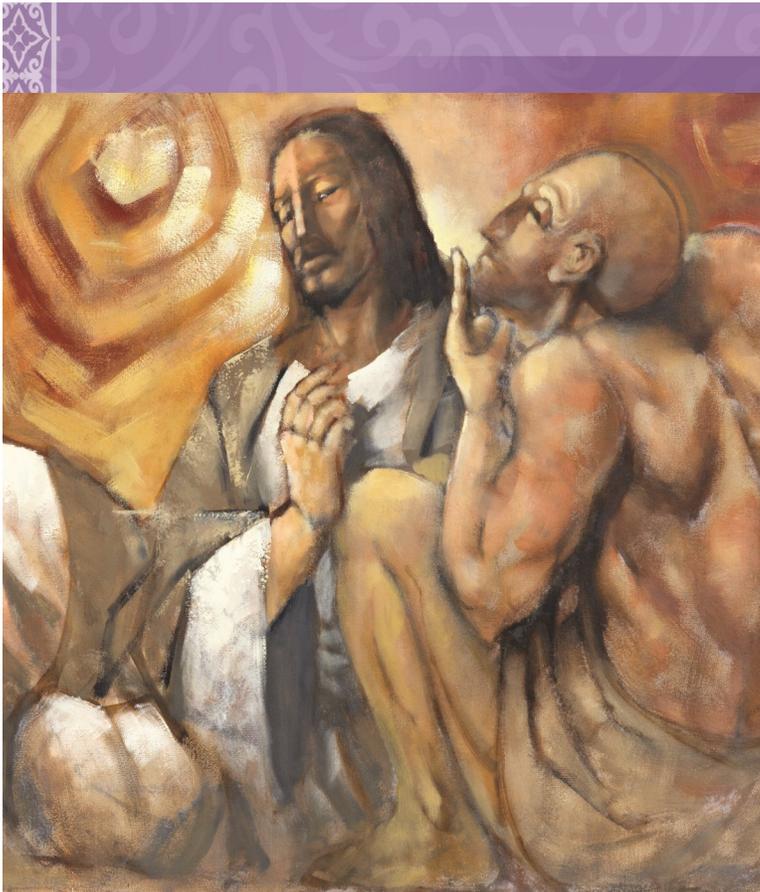
“No solo de pan vive el hombre, sino de toda palabra que sale de la boca de Dios.” (Mateo 4:4)

La Cuaresma nos invita a confiar en la Palabra de Dios. En el santo matrimonio, las parejas viven según esta Palabra, alimentando su amor con la fe. Dedicuen un tiempo esta semana a la lectura de las Sagradas Escrituras y oren juntos. Si son solteros, oren por su vocación y por la que Dios les esté preparando.

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. ¡Regístrese hoy!



1ER DOMINGO DE LA CUARESMA

"El tentador se acercó y le dijo: 'Si eres Hijo de Dios, manda que estas piedras se conviertan en panes'. Jesús le respondió: 'Está escrito: No sólo de pan vive el hombre, sino de toda palabra que sale de la boca de Dios'". Mt 4,1-4

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