



MARCH 8, 2026 | THE THIRD 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	Ray Parrott
Becky Robinson	Amelia Grace Hardy
Mary Kozlowski	Lori Sullivan
Mary DeCosta	Patrick Salerno
Pat Martonik	

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

Mass Intentions at time of publication

Wed., Mar 11, 9:00 am	Mass intention available
Thur., Mar 12, 9:00 am	Dan Roy Smith
Fri., Mar 13, 9:00 am	Mass intention available
Sat., March 14, 5:30 pm	Kris and Marlene Martin
Sun., Mar 15, 9:00 am	For the parish
Sun., Mar 15, 11:00 am	Gertruda Szajda

Beware of Scams

Always consider that uninvited contact from people and/or businesses, whether by phone, mail, email, in person or on social media may be a scam. If it looks too good to be true, or it seems like an odd request, or the story doesn't seem correct, it is probably a scam. Know that Father will not email, text or call you personally for money or gift cards.

Never give your personal information or monetary donations to anyone without verifying that the request is coming from a legitimate source.

To verify information regarding the Catholic Church or the Pope, please visit www.vatican.va—the Vatican's website, or www.usccb.org—the website for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Thank you!

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, March 8- THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 am | Rosary
 9:00 am | Mass and First Scrutiny
 11:00 am | Mass
 12:00 pm | Richmond Friends of the Homeless Bagged Lunches
 1:00 pm | High School Formation
 3:30 pm | Middle School Formation

Monday, March 9

11:00 am | Rosary
 6:00 pm | First Communion Prep

Tuesday, March 10

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

Wednesday, March 11

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

Thursday, March 12

8:15 am | Rosary
 9:00 am | Mass

Friday, March 13

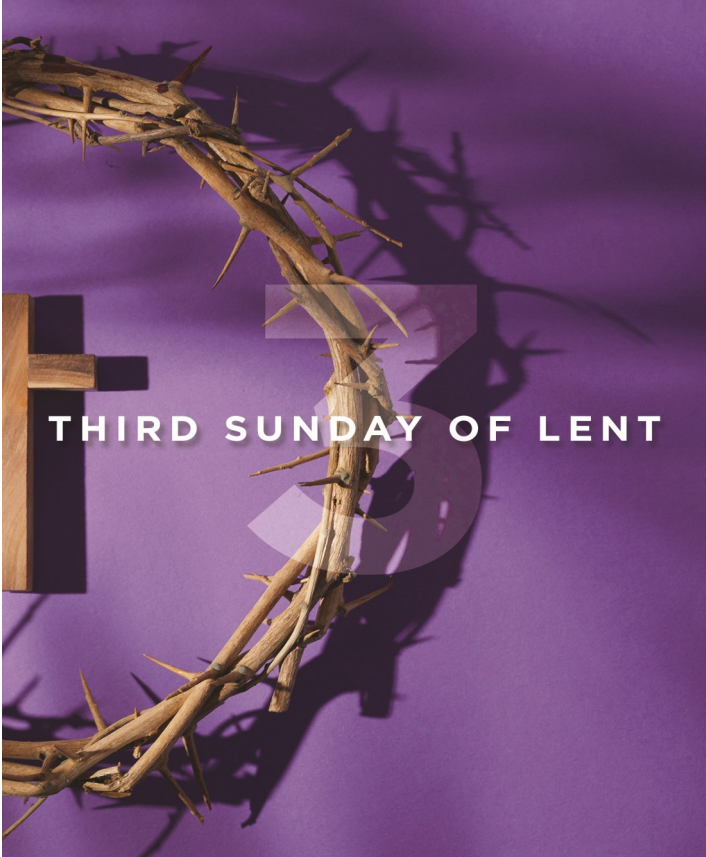
8:15 am | Rosary
 9:00 am | Mass
 9:30 am | Exposition and Adoration
 10:00 am | Confession
 11:45 am | Benediction
 12:00 pm | Guided Stations of the Cross
 6:30 pm | Guided Stations of the Cross
 7:00 pm | Lenten Meal

Saturday, March 14

9:00 am | Baptism Class
 10:00 am | Confession
 10:00 am | Rosary
 5:30 pm | Mass

Sunday, March 15- FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 am | Rosary
 9:00 am | Mass
 11:00 am | Youth Mass and Second Scrutiny
 2:00 pm | Ultreya



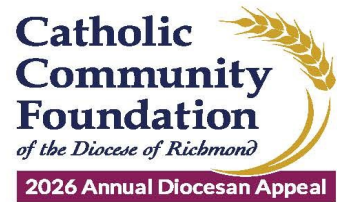
LOST & FOUND

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!

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/



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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.**

Liturgy



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
 - 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.

**Lenten Reconciliation Service
March 26th - 7 pm**

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



SAVE THE DATE!
VBS is JUNE 15th-19th
 Registration and Volunteer Sign-Ups on Children and Youth Table in the commons.

We are excited to announce that the Children's Liturgy of the Word has expanded to the 9 am Mass! Children 4-



10 years old will be invited by Fr. James to participate after the Opening Prayer. Parents, please make a name tag for your child(ren) at the Welcome Table.

We still need 10 volunteers to provide appropriate coverage. Volunteers are only scheduled for one Mass a month. Please consider volunteering to share God's Word with our children! Sign up to volunteer at the Children and Youth Ministry table in the Commons or email carole.cox@saintgabriel.org.

Children and Youth



TODAY is Faith Formation for MS/HS!

**1 pm— High School
3:30 pm— Middle School**

Social Justice



**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 14 and 28. We will meet at the church at 9 am. **Please contact Kevin Koch for more information:** (804) 245-1734.

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.

Richmond Friends of the Homeless Bagged Lunches TODAY

Following 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.



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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



Imagine the Freedom Recovery Center

Join the St. Gabriel Prison Ministry in collecting bedding to bless the Imagine the Freedom Recovery Center.

Collection dates - February 21 - March 22

Collecting:

- New Twin Sized Bedding
- New Pillows & Pillowcases
- New Twin Sized Comforters & Blankets
- New Twin Sized "Bed-in-a-Bag" sets

These items will be used at transitional homes for those moving from incarceration to work and study as they continue to recover from addiction.

Questions? Please contact Karen Curtis (804) 334-3099 or Anita Schilling (804)591-5955.

Commonwealth Catholic Charities Easter Baskets



Many of the Catholic Charities clients are no longer qualify for SNAP. Many of their refugee client families and foster families are struggling to cover everyday living expenses. For this year's Easter Basket drive, Catholic Charities are requesting basic need items such as toiletries and hygiene products. We all understand that the typical Easter baskets are usually filled with candy and fun items but we want to make sure the families and children's basic needs are met.

If you would like to donate a basket, please fill it with the items below. Catholic Charities has a huge age range of kids and baskets could be made specifically for an age and gender. All baskets need to be brought to the office or church by March 30th. We can't accept any after the deadline.

Girl - age appropriate (12-15)

- Shampoo & conditioner
- Lotion
- Body spray
- Feminine products
- Deodorant
- Lip gloss
- Soap
- Facewash
- Toothpaste & toothbrush
- Hair bands, clips
- Nail clipper
- Nail polish and remover (not gel)
- Feminine razor

Boy - age appropriate (15-18)

- Shampoo & conditioner
- Men's body wash
- Razor
- Shaving cream
- Deodorant
- Facewash
- Soap
- Lotion
- Lip balm
- Nail clipper
- Toothpaste & toothbrush

We will have a sample basket on the Welcome table for you to see. Thank you all for your understanding and willingness to help those in need. May God bless you and your family.





Thank you to everyone who helped to pack our RISE meals this weekend. It was a wonderful event. We packed over 13,000 meals for world citizens in need. It was a great day's work! We will let you know the recipient country as soon as we know it. <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/StGabriel2026>.

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 in the office meeting room 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.



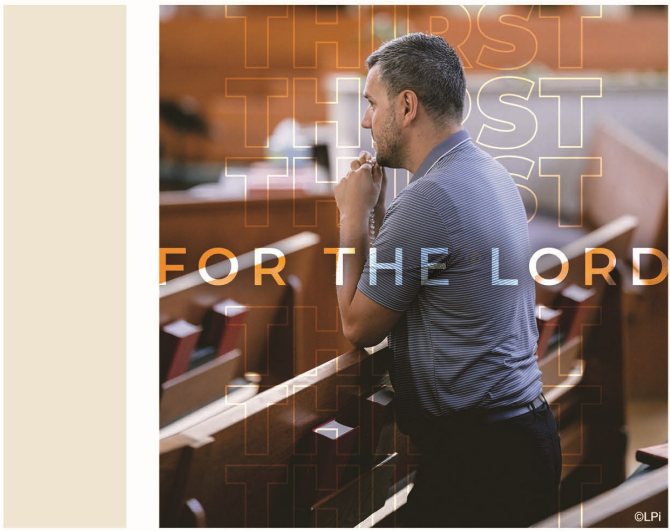
Other



St. Gabriel Knights of Columbus College Scholarships

Applications for the Knights of Columbus, St. Gabriel Council Scholarships for graduating Seniors who will be attending a school in the fall are available on the Knights table in the commons. There are four scholarships being awarded with the top award being \$1,500. **Applications are due to Christopher Carey by March 15th.**

Interested in Vocations?
Third Sunday of Lent - March 8, 2026
"Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst." (John 4:14)
 Only Jesus can satisfy the deepest desires of our hearts. When we encounter Him, our lives overflow with the living water of grace. Some are called to share that grace as priests, religious brothers or sisters, or consecrated virgins. Could God be inviting you to share His living water with others? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 804-359-5661 or via email:



Gospel Meditation
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Recently I received a note from a teenager I met years ago. He wrote, "Dear Father Muir, you probably do not remember me, but I wanted to thank you for your inspiring and humorous homilies at the parish. They helped me appreciate the beauty of Catholicism, which I have now embraced in a personal way." That small note moved me more than he probably imagined. I had no idea my words had taken root in him. I was simply sowing seeds — week by week, Mass by Mass. Someone else — his parents, a youth minister, or God Himself — was doing the deeper work. Now this young man is joyfully reaping a harvest of faith.

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers living water to a Samaritan woman whose life had been full of searching and disappointment. By the end of their encounter, she becomes a bold and joyful evangelist. Then Jesus turns to his disciples and says something easily overlooked: **"One sows and another reaps" (John 4:37)**. He is helping them — and us — understand how evangelization works. Often, the one who sows the seeds of faith is not the one who sees the fruit.

This Lent, ask yourself: Are you in a sowing phase or a reaping phase? If you are sowing — raising children, praying for someone, mentoring — be patient. Your work matters. If you are reaping — seeing someone come alive in faith — be grateful. You are standing on sacred ground, tilled and watered by others.

Lenten challenge: Thank someone who once sowed faith into your life. And keep sowing, even when the harvest is unseen.

— Father John Muir

Scripture for the Week of 3/8

- Sun:** Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42
- Mon:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2-3, 43:3-4; Lk 4:24-30
- Tues:** Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
- Wed:** Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
- Thurs:** Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
- Fri:** Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
- Sat:** Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b; Lk 18:9-14
- Next Sun:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41



Good Samaritan
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Financial information for the week ending February 22 was \$.

Mass Intentions at time of publication: Mass intention available

Mar 7: 3:30 pm– Confession; 7 pm– Hispanic Rosary

Mar 8: 2 pm– First Communion prep; 3 pm– Elementary School Formation

Mar 11: 10:30 am– SOTC

Mar 13: 7 pm– Hispanic Rosary

Mar 14: St. Pat's Potluck after Mass; 7 pm– Hispanic Rosary

Mar 15: 2 pm– First Communion prep; 3 pm– High School Formation

Mar 18: 10:30 am– SOTC

Mar 19: Noon– Luncheon

Mar 20: 7 pm– Hispanic Rosary

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

Mar 22: 2 pm– First Communion prep; 3 pm– Elementary School Formation

Mar 25: 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 22 de febrero era \$.

Sábados 7 p.m. **Rosario Hispano**

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

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

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

¿Interesado en las Vocaciones?

Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma - 8 de marzo de 2026

“El que beba del agua que yo le daré, no tendrá sed jamás.” (Juan 4:14)

Solo Jesús puede satisfacer los deseos más profundos de nuestro corazón. Cuando lo encontramos, nuestras vidas rebosan del agua viva de la gracia. Algunos están llamados a compartir esa gracia como sacerdotes, religiosos o vírgenes consagradas. ¿Podría Dios invitarte a compartir su agua viva con otros? Habla con tu sacerdote o comunícate con la Oficina de Vocaciones al 804-359-5661 o por correo electrónico: vocations@richmonddiocese.org

3^{ER} DOMINGO DE LA CUARESMA

Jesús le dijo: “Si conocieras el don de Dios y quién es el que te pide de beber, tú le pedirías a él, y él te daría agua viva”. - Jn 4, 10

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!

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