



MARCH 22, 2026 | THE FIFTH 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	Mary DeCosta	Lori Sullivan
Becky Robinson	Pat Martonik	Patrick Salerno
Mary Kozlowski	Amelia Grace Hardy	John DeGiorgio

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

Mass Intentions at time of publication

Wed., Mar 25, 9:00 am	Anne McCann
Thur., Mar 26, 9:00 am	Elsa Jimenez
Fri., Mar 27, 9:00 am	Ralph Johnson
Sat., March 28, 5:30 pm	Gerald Epanty
Sun., Mar 29, 9:00 am	Larry Lewicki
Sun., Mar 29, 11:15 am	For the parish

Mass Intention Policy

It is an ancient and noble practice to pray for the living and dead at Mass. The greatest and most powerful prayer we have is the Mass. Therefore, so many of us seek to book a Mass intention for our loved ones. Mass intentions are requested by relatives and/or friends for a particular weekday or Sunday Mass to be offered for the repose of the soul of a deceased person. Mass intentions may also be requested for the living. A Mass intention for the living would be for one who is sick or who is celebrating a special moment in their life such as an anniversary.

Canon Law requires that **only one** intention be taken per Mass (Canon 948). Requests will be honored on a first-come, first-serve basis in the order in which the request is received at the parish office. At St. Gabriel we have 3 weekend Masses. One Mass every weekend and on Holy Days of Obligation **MUST** be scheduled for the St. Gabriel parish, known as *Pro Populo* (Canon 534.1). The schedule of Mass intentions is subject to change according to the Mass schedule; if there is a change, we will notify the person who scheduled the Mass intention. In addition to weekend Masses, Mass intentions are **strongly encouraged** to be offered on weekdays as well.

Mass intentions should be requested through the parish office well in advance. There is a required Mass stipend for all announced Masses; there is no set dollar amount. Please be prepared to choose a Mass date and pay your stipend when you make your request. Thank you for continuing to offer special prayers for our deceased and living each time we gather to celebrate our Eucharist.

WEEKLY MASS & EVENT SCHEDULE

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

Sunday, March 22- FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 am | Rosary
 9:00 am | Mass
 11:00 am | Mass
 1:00 pm | Pre-K-1st grade Faith Formation
 3:00 pm | 2nd-5th grade Faith Formation

Monday, March 23

11:00 am | Rosary
 6:00 pm | First Communion Prep
 6:00 pm | Children and Youth Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 24

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

Wednesday, March 25

8:15 am | Rosary
 9:00 am | Mass
 10:00 am | Senior Seminar
 6:00 pm | Charismatic Prayer Group
 6:30 pm | Cantor/Instrumentalist Rehearsal
 7:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 26

8:15 am | Rosary
 9:00 am | Mass
 9:30 am | Richmond Friends of the Homeless
 7:00 pm | Lenten Reconciliation Service

Friday, March 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, March 28- FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND

10:00 am | Arts and Environment
 10:00 am | Rosary
 5:30 pm | Mass

Sunday, March 29- FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND; PALM SUNDAY

8:00 am | Rosary
 9:00 am | Mass
 11:15 am | Mass

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

Capital Campaign Update!

The architect and general contractor are working on the final plan submission to Chesterfield County and the Diocesan Building and Renovation Committee (BARC). This phase includes receiving the permits from Chesterfield County, and the goal is for this phase to be completed by the fall.

If you made a pledge to our capital campaign, we are deeply grateful for your continued faithfulness in fulfilling your intentions. Your ongoing pledge payments ensure we can meet construction timelines, honor commitments, and avoid unnecessary delays or added costs. If you have any questions about your pledge, please contact the office. If you are new to the parish or haven't made a pledge or contribution, please do so and become a part of parish expansion. Your donation and commitment will enable the parish to expand its children and youth formation program. Help us build up the future of the church.

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.

HELP FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE

Child Protective Services Hotline | 1-800-552-7096

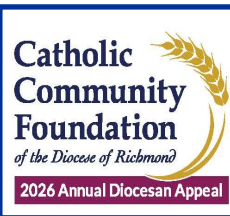
Attorney General's Clergy Abuse Hotline | 1-833-454-9064

Victim Assistance Reporting Line | 1-877-887-9603

richmonddiocese.org/reporting-of-child-sexual-abuse-and-sexual-harassment/

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.



2026 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Sharing His Love with Others

A Message from Father James,

Over the last few weekends, I have spoken about the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

The Appeal helps fund cornerstone ministries of the Diocese of Richmond that one parish cannot support alone. For instance, one parish could not support the room, board, and tuition assistance needs of our seminarians, assist our international and retired priests and Catholic organizations across our Diocese or provide for diocesan-wide next generation evangelization and formation initiatives.

If you have not yet done so, I hope you will join us in contributing.

You can get a pledge card from the Welcome Table or in the parish office. You can also do your donation on-line, richmondccatholicfoundation.org/giving/annual-diocesan-appeal/.

As always thank you for your support.



Liturgy



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 27 - Respect Life Ministry

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
for our Basket
blessing and
Egg Hunt!
April 4th at Noon
Hope to see you
there!**



Palm Sunday Masses:

- 5:30 pm Vigil (*no incense*)
- 9 am
- 11:15 am**

Holy Thursday:

- Mass: 7 pm
- Adoration 9-11 pm

Good Friday:

- Confession: Noon
- Self-Guided Stations of the Cross: Noon
- Guided Stations of the Cross: 3 pm
- Good Friday Liturgy: 7 pm (*no incense*)

Holy Saturday:

- Basket Blessing and Egg Hunt: noon
- OCIA/OCIC Rehearsal: 1 pm
- Vigil Mass: 8 pm

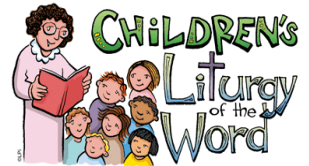
Easter Sunday Masses:

- 8 am (*no incense*)
- 10 am
- Noon

Children and Youth

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.



TODAY is Faith Formation for children !

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



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



TO VOLUNTEER



TO REGISTER

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.



**Supporting
 the Kairos
 Weekend**

Kairos is a 4 day spiritual program which will be held April 23-26 at a local men's correctional facility. Its mission is to share Jesus' transforming love and forgiveness with inmates.

You can support the program by baking cookies to be shared during the weekend and/or signing up for a 30 minute prayer slot to pray for the Kairos team and inmates. Information (cookie recipes and a QR code) can be found at the Welcome Table. **Cookies need to be brought to Mass the weekend of 4/11-4/12 or 4/18-4/19.**

Thank you in advance for your support in making this a meaningful weekend.

**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) | Boy - age appropriate (15-18) |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Shampoo & conditioner | Shampoo & conditioner |
| Lotion | Men's body wash |
| Body spray | Razor |
| Feminine products | Shaving cream |
| Deodorant | Deodorant |
| Lip gloss | Facewash |
| Soap | Soap |
| Facewash | Lotion |
| Toothpaste & toothbrush | Lip balm |
| Hair bands, clips | Nail clipper |
| Nail clipper | Toothpaste & toothbrush |
| Nail polish and remover (not gel) | |
| Feminine razor | |

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.





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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

TEXT: 804-728-2928 EMAIL: INFO@MERCYMALLVA.ORG TAX ID: 46-5556297

Other

Senior Seminar

You don't need to be a senior to attend.
Hope you can join us.



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Interested in Vocations?

Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 22, 2026

"I am the resurrection and the life." (John 11:25)

Jesus' promise of new life inspires all vocations. Could He be calling you to the priesthood, to bring His Word to others through the sacraments? Open your heart to His plan. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 804-359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org

Scripture for the Week of 3/22

Sun: Ez 37: 12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

Mon: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tues: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wed: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Thurs: Gn 17: 3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Fri: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Sat: Ez 37:21-28; (Ps) Jer 31:10-12d, 13; Jn 11:45-56

Next Sun: Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-34; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66



Saint Gabriel Catholic Church's Respect Life Ministry is sponsoring an opportunity to understand what sanctity of life means today.

As Catholics (and Christians, for that matter), we should love, protect, and respect all

human life from conception to adulthood.

Father Patrick Ssekibaala from St. Bridget will be our speaker. He will discuss what measures should be taken to create a congenial environment that protects life, respects human dignity, and eschews violence that ends innocent life.

Saturday April 18, 2026

10 am-Noon

Hope to see you there!



Good Samaritan
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Mass Intentions at time of publication: Mass intention available

March 21- 9 am: Quilters; 4 pm: Mass; 7 pm: Hispanic Rosary

March 22- 2 pm: First Communion Prep; 3 pm: High School Formation; 4 pm: Hispanic Mass

March 25- 10:30 am: Stations of the Cross

March 27- 7 pm: Hispanic Rosary

March 28- 4 pm: Mass; 7 pm: Hispanic Rosary

March 29- 2 pm: Confirmation Prep; 3 pm: High School Formation

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.**



Lent/Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday 7pm Bilingual
Easter Vigil 7:30 pm Bilingual

Good Friday 5pm Anglo, 7pm Spanish
Easter Sunday 4pm Spanish



5° DOMINGO DE LA CUARESMA

Luego gritó con voz potente:
"¡Lázaro, sal de ahí!" - Jn 11, 43

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

Sábados 7 p.m. **Rosario Hispano**

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

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

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

¿Interesado en las Vocaciones?

Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma - 22 de marzo de 2026

"Yo soy la resurrección y la vida." (Juan 11:25)

La promesa de Jesús de una nueva vida inspira todas las vocaciones. ¿Podría Él estar llamándote al sacerdocio para llevar su Palabra a otros a través de los sacramentos? Abre tu corazón a su plan. 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. ¡Regístrese hoy!

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