



MARCH 29, 2026 | PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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 Englesson	Mary DeCosta	Lori Sullivan
Becky Robinson	Pat Martonik	Patrick Salerno
Mary Kozlowski	Amelia Grace Hardy	Dee Dee Droughton

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

Mass Intentions at time of publication

Wed., Apr 1, 9:00 am	John E. McCann
Thur., Apr 2, 9:00 am	Christopher McCann
Fri., Apr 3, 9:00 am	No Mass- Good Friday liturgy
Sat., Apr 4, 5:30 pm	Luna Zatkulak (living)- Happy Birthday
Sun., Apr 5, 8:00 am	For the parish
Sun., Apr 5, 10:00 am	Gregory Epanty
Sun., Apr 5, 12:00 pm	John DeGiorgio

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 29- FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND; PALM SUNDAY

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

Monday, March 30

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

Tuesday, March 31

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

Wednesday, April 1- PARISH OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON

8:15 am | Rosary
 9:00 am | Mass
 10:00 am | Arts and Environment
 6:00 pm | Charismatic Prayer Group
 6:30 pm | Cantor/Instrumentalist Rehearsal
 6:30 pm | Respect Life Ministry
 7:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 2- HOLY THURSDAY; PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

8:15 am | Rosary
 7:00 pm | Mass
 9:00 pm | Adoration (until 11 pm)

Friday, April 3- GOOD FRIDAY; PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 am | Arts and Environment
 8:15 am | Rosary
 12:00 pm | Self Guided Stations of the Cross
 3:00 pm | Guided Stations of the Cross
 7:00 pm | Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday, April 4- HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 am | Arts and Environment
 10:00 am | Rosary
 12:00 pm | Basket Blessing and Egg Hunt
 1:00 pm | OCIA and OCIC Rehearsal
 8:00 pm | Mass

Sunday, April 5- EASTER

8:00 am | Mass
 10:00 am | Mass
 12:00 pm | Mass

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

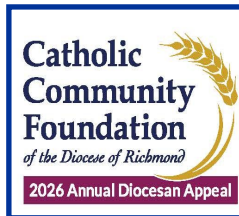
Attorney General's Clergy Abuse Hotline | 1-833-454-9064

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, richmondatholicfoundation.org/giving/annual-diocesan-appeal/.

As always thank you for your support.





Liturgy



Palm Sunday Masses:

5:30 pm Vigil (*no incense*)

9 am

11:15 am

Holy Thursday:

7 pm: Mass

9-11 pm: Adoration

Good Friday:

Noon: Confession

Noon: Self-Guided Stations of the Cross

3 pm: Guided Stations of the Cross

7 pm: Good Friday Liturgy (*no incense*)

Holy Saturday:

Noon: Basket Blessing and Egg Hunt

1 pm: OCIA/OCIC Rehearsal

8 pm: Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday Masses:

8 am (*no incense*)

10 am

Noon

ATTENTION: Parish Office will be closing at noon on April 1, and will remain closed through April 6.



Help to prepare the Linens for the Table of the Lord - Serve in the Altar Linen Ministry

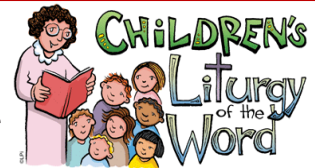
We are in need of 4-5 more altar linen ministers to help launder the altar linens for our liturgical celebrations. Training is given and

you would be ask to serve every 4-6 weeks. If interested contact Lisa Gorton at lisa.gorton@saintgabriel.org or call the parish office.

Children and Youth

Children's Liturgy of the Word has is offered during the 9 am and 11 am Masses.

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 6 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.



VBS is JUNE 15th-19th

Registration and Volunteer Sign-Ups on Children and Youth Table in the commons.

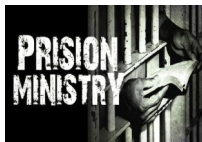


TO VOLUNTEER



TO REGISTER

Social Justice



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 TOMORROW, March 30th. WE CAN'T ACCEPT ANY AFTER TOMORROW!**

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.



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!**



MARCH FOR LIFE

The Virginia March for Life will occur on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, in Richmond.

If you are interested in carpooling we will meet in the St. Gabriel parking lot close to the office at 9am. The rally begins at 10am and the march kicks off at 11am.

Other

They're back!

The resale of the St. Gabriel T-Shirt will run from March 27 - April 27. Stay tuned for ordering details!





Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Just prior to this week's Passion narrative in St. Matthew's Gospel, there is a small, striking story describing a woman's scandalous action toward Jesus: **"A woman came up to him with an alabaster jar of costly perfumed oil, and poured it on his head" (Matthew 26:7)**. The ointment was pure nard, worth more than 300 denarii. A year's wages. Maybe a dowry, maybe a family inheritance. In any case, she breaks it. She does not measure or ration. She pours it all out, irreversibly, over Jesus. Why does this image begin Holy Week?

Because what she does with the jar, Jesus will soon do with his life. The jar must be broken so the fragrance can be released. Jesus' body will be broken so his priceless divine and human love can be poured out. She gives everything, just as he is about to give everything. And He sees it: **"She has done a good thing for me" (Matthew 26:10)**. Her act is lavish, impractical, scandalous in its apparent wastefulness. And he loves it. It is what Holy Week is all about.

What jar are you still holding onto? Your time? Your comfort? Your plan for how life should go? Don't just wave palms today. Let yourself be broken open so your love, too, can be poured out.

Lenten Challenge: Offer something costly to Jesus this Holy Week — not out of guilt, but love. Your attention. Your forgiveness. Your time. Break the jar. Trust that nothing poured out for him is ever wasted.

— Father John Muir

Blessing for Holy Week

Be with us this week, Lord, journeying closer and closer to Your pierced and Sacred Heart. Immerse us in Your intense and undying love. Help us to encounter Your passion in new ways that inform, surprise, and inspire us. Amen.

Interested in Vocations?

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion - March 29, 2026

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Matthew 21:9)

As we enter Holy Week, we honor Christ's sacrifice. Priesthood, consecrated life, and holy matrimony mirror this self-giving love, offering one's life for others. Could God be calling you to serve? 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 3/29

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

Mon: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tues: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wed: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thurs: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Fri: Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42

Next Sun: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10



Good Samaritan
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Financial information for the week ending March 15 was \$.

Mass Intentions at time of publication: Mass intention available

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

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

April 1- 10:30 am: Stations of the Cross

April 2- 7 pm: Holy Thursday (Bilingual Mass; English Music)

April 3- 4:30 pm: Confession; 5 pm Good Friday Liturgy (English); 7 pm Good Friday Liturgy (Hispanic)

April 4- 7:30 pm: Vigil Mass (Bilingual Mass; Hispanic Music)

April 5- 4 pm: Hispanic Easter Mass

April 6- 9:00 am: Quilters

April 8- 10:30 am: Rosary

April 10- 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.



Lent/Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday- 7pm Bilingual

Good Friday- 5pm English, 7pm Spanish

Easter Vigil- 7:30 pm Bilingual

Easter Sunday- 4pm Spanish



Información financiera para las semanas que termina el 15 de marzo era \$.

Sábados 7 p.m. **Rosario Hispano**

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

4 de abril a las 4 pm: Intención de misa disponible

5 de abril a las 4 pm: Intención de misa disponible

¿Interesado en las Vocaciones?

Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor - 29 de marzo de 2026

"¡Bendito el que viene en el nombre del Señor!" (Mateo 21:9)

Al comenzar la Semana Santa, honramos el sacrificio de Cristo. El sacerdocio, la vida consagrada y el santo matrimonio reflejan este amor abnegado, ofreciendo la vida por los demás. ¿Podría Dios estar llamándote a servir? Habla con tu sacerdote o comunícate con la Oficina de Vocaciones al 804-359-5661 o por correo electrónico: vocations@richmonddiocese.org

DOMINGO DE RAMOS DE LA PASIÓN DE CRISTO



"¡Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor! ¡Hosanna en el cielo!" - Mt 21, 9

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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