



MAY 3, 2026 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WELCOME!

PARISH OFFICE

804-639-6712

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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 Lathrop-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.

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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	Pat Martonik	DeeDee Droughton
Becky Robinson	Amelia Grace Hardy	Mgsr. Leo Welyche
Mary Kozlowski	Lori Sullivan	
Mary DeCosta	Patrick Salerno	

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

Mass Intentions at time of publication

Wed., May 6, 9:00 am	Doris Goodland
Thur., May 7, 9:00 am	Sam Heaton and Marie Go
Fri., May 8, 9:00 am	Souls in Purgatory
Sat., May 9, 5:30 pm	Eileen Albert
Sun., May 10, 9:00 am	For the parish
Sun., May 10, 11:00 am	Caitlin Cedor

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, May 3– FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND

8:00 am | Rosary
 9:00 am | Mass and Blessing of High School Graduates
 11:00 pm | Mass and Blessing of High School Graduates

Monday, May 4

11:00 am | Rosary

Tuesday, May 5

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

Wednesday, May 6

8:15 am | Rosary
 9:00 am | Mass
 9:45 am | WINGS
 6:00 pm | Charismatic Prayer Group
 6:30 pm | Cantor/Instrumentalist Rehearsal
 6:30 pm | Respect Life Ministry Meeting
 7:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 7

8:15 am | Rosary
 9:00 am | Mass
 7:00 pm | Finance Council Meeting
 7:00 pm | Knights of Columbus General Meeting

Friday, May 8

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

Saturday, May 9

10:00 am | Rosary
 5:30 pm | Mass

Sunday, May 10– Mother's Day

8:00 am | Rosary
 9:00 am | Mass
 11:00 am | Mass
 12:00 pm | Richmond Friends of the Homeless Bagged Lunches



TODAY IS FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY!

There will be fellowship after all Masses May 2/3 in the commons. If you'd like to bring a treat to share, please do. We hope you'll stay and enjoy fellowship with our community.



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.



Catholic Community Foundation

of the Diocese of Richmond

2026 Annual Diocesan Appeal

2026 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Sharing His Love with Others

Thank you to everyone who has already

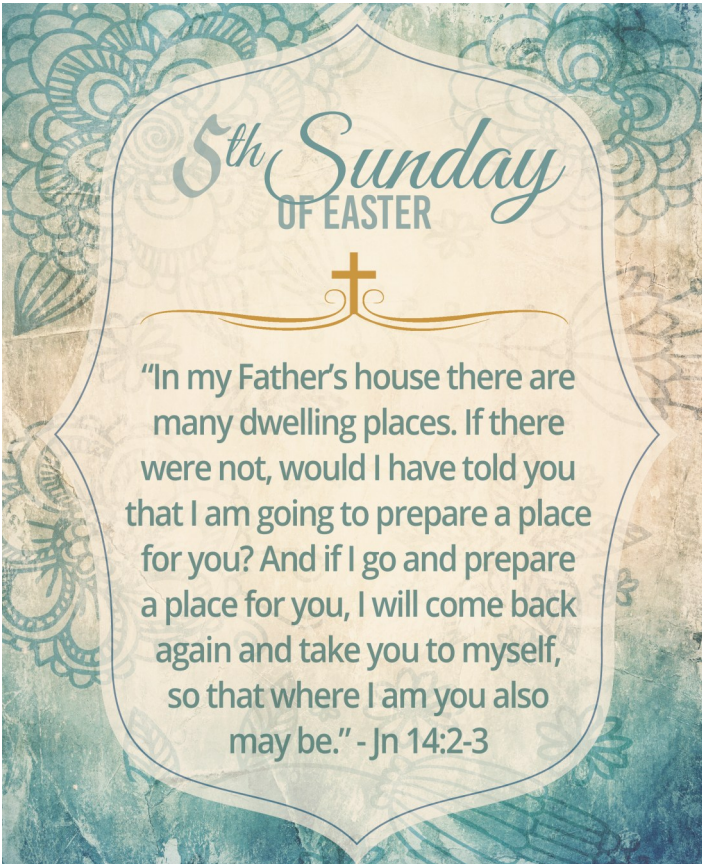
supported the 2026 Annual Diocesan Appeal. **As of April 14, St. Gabriel has raised \$62,463 (the parish goal was \$47,980), and Good Samaritan has raised \$7,945 (the parish goal was \$3,580) .**

Remember your donations go towards 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 made your donation, please consider doing so. Good Samaritan receives 50% back in rebates and now St. Gabriel receives 20% up to goal and 50% over goal back in rebates.

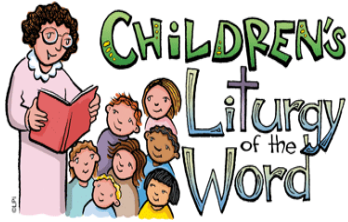
Please use the QR code to make your donation.





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 2 volunteers at the 9 am Mass and 3 at the 11 am Mass 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

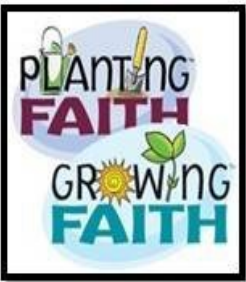
TO REGISTER

Congratulations to the children who received their First Holy Communion.

God bless you!

Kenneth Adams Roman	Hailey Martinez Moreno
Evelyn Bahr	Jayleen Martinez Moreno
James Benson	Isaiah McMillan
Magnolia Cady	Elias Napoleon
Damian Cardinal	Natalie Plue
Grace Catrambone	Olivia Pohoreskey
Hunter Catrambone	Grayson Reibsamen
Wyatt Dawson	Christoper Rodriguez Medrano
Alexander Eldeeb	Miguel Salvani
Esther George	Sarah Schmidt
Collins Grinnell	Daxtin Statler
Caleb Howard	Robert Urban
Elijah Hunt	Patricio Velez Suarez
Thomas Lowery	Eleanor Wells
Parker MacDowell	Christopher Young
Sofia Machado	

Are you a rising 11th or 12th grader who has received Confirmation? If so, **YOU could be a PEER LEADER.** To learn more and apply, visit <https://www.saintgabriel.org/confirmation-peer-leader>. **Deadline to apply is May 29th.**



Registration for Children and Youth Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation Classes for the 2026-2027 school year will open soon! Watch the weekly email and bulletin for details.

If you are registering your child for sacraments, they must be concurrently enrolled and attending monthly faith formation unless they are attending CATHOLIC school. For the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion, children must be at least 7 years old AND in second grade or higher. For the Sacrament of Confirmation, youth must be 15 AND in 10th grade or higher. See the class schedules for additional discernment questions before registering your child for sacramental preparation.



Father James invites all middle and high school parishioners to lead us in our monthly Youth Mass.

There are opportunities to sing in the choir, read as a lector, or serve as an usher or eucharistic minister (must have received confirmation to distribute communion). Please call the office for more information on how to serve your parish in this way! Youth Masses are on the third Sunday of each month at 11 am.

**Our next Youth Mass:
Sunday, May 17th - 11 am**

Social Justice

Richmond Friends of the Homeless Bagged Lunches **NEXT WEEK**



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.

Other

Knights of Columbus Foursome Scramble Golf Tournament **Monday, May 11, 2026**



9 am Shotgun start (rain or shine); registration begins at 7:30 am

Stonehenge Golf & Country Club

\$125 per person (\$500 per foursome)

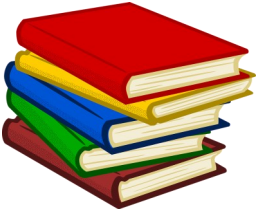
Registration and Sponsorships available at <https://app.eventcaddy.com/events/st-gabriel-knights-of-columbus-2026>, or use QR code below.



Please also visit the Knights of Columbus table in the commons to purchase a raffle ticket for the Wheelbarrow of Cheer. This is another great way to support the event!



FYI: Quarterly Capital Campaign Pledge Statements will be mailed out in early May.



Check out the Parish Resource Library!

Located in the corner of the Commons, the Resource Library is an honor-based lending library. You just select a book to read and when done reading it, return the book to one of the baskets located on the shelves and our librarians will reshelve them for you. Check out all the resources available at www.saintgabriel.org/Resource-Library. Donations accepted. Any titles we cannot use are donated to the Chesterfield Library System.

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We generally approach life with the question, "What can this do for me?" We try a new workout, a low-carb diet, intermittent fasting, or a new career path, hoping it will make us healthier, stronger, happier. The assumption is that if I invest in this, I'll eventually reap some benefit, or I won't do it.

It is easy to think of faith the same way: if I really practice my faith, what will it do for me? Will it make me calmer, more moral, more successful?

But in today's Gospel, Jesus says something astonishing. He doesn't present himself as a teacher who shows us the way to life. He says, **"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."** (John 14:6) He is not merely a guide toward some higher benefit. He is the benefit itself. To know him is to know Life.

Thomas Aquinas explains that every desire in the human heart — love, joy, meaning, all of our restless cravings — is really an indirect cry for life. Even despair testifies to this longing: people despair precisely because they feel they are not, and might never be, fully alive.

The good news is that Jesus is not simply the means to a better life; He is Life itself. To believe in him is to share in God's own eternal vitality. Not simply later but even now. Faith is not a transaction that produces results — it is a union that fills us with joy. To be in communion with Christ is to be truly, fully alive.

— Father John Muir



Scripture for the Week of 5/3

- Sun:** Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12
Mon: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tues: Acts 14: 19-28; Ps 145:10-13b, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wed: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thurs: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Fri: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-12; Jn 15:12-17
Sat: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Next Sun: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

Interested in Vocations?

Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 3, 2026

"Whoever believes in Me will also do the works that I do." (John 14:12)

Jesus calls us to remain in Him, allowing His love to flow through our lives. In sacramental marriage, couples are like branches rooted in Christ, growing together and bearing fruit for His kingdom through love, support, and service to one another. Pray for guidance in nurturing your vocation and encourage others to recognize God's call.



Good Samaritan
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Financial information for the week ending April 19 was \$. Mass Intentions at time of publication: Mass intention available

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| May 2 – 3:30 pm: Confession; 4 pm: Mass; 7 pm: Hispanic Rosary | May 3 – 9:30 am: Baptism prep; 4 pm: Hispanic Mass |
| May 4 – 9 am: Quilters | May 5 – 7 pm: Steering Meeting |
| May 8 – 7 pm: Hispanic Rosary | May 9 – 4 pm: Mass; 7 pm: Hispanic Rosary |
| May 13 – 10:30 am: Rosary | May 15 – 7 pm: Hispanic Rosary |
| May 16 – 9 am: Quilters; 4 pm: Mass; 7 pm: Hispanic Rosary | May 17 – 4 pm: Hispanic Mass |
| May 20 – 10:30 am: Rosary | May 21 – Noon: Luncheon |
| | May 6 – 10:30 am: Rosary |
| | May 10 – 4 pm: Hispanic Mass |
| | May 22 – 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.



Información financiera para las semanas que termina el 19 de abril era .

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

9 de mayo a las 4 pm: Intención de misa disponible
10 de mayo a las 4 pm: Intención de misa disponible

¿Interesado en las Vocaciones? Quinto Domingo de Pascua - 3 de mayo de 2026

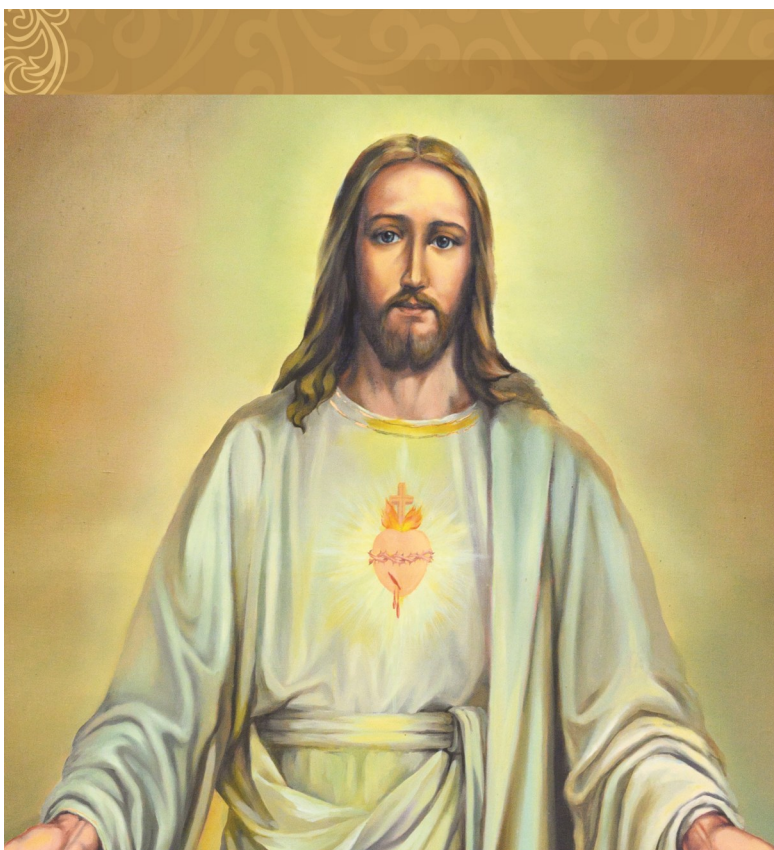
“El que cree en mí, también hará las obras que yo hago.” (Juan 14:12)

Jesús nos llama a permanecer en él, permitiendo que su amor fluya en nuestras vidas. En el matrimonio sacramental, las parejas son como ramas arraigadas en Cristo, que crecen juntas y dan fruto para su reino mediante el amor, el apoyo y el servicio mutuo. Oren por guía para cultivar su vocación y animen a otros a reconocer el llamado de Dios.

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!



5º DOMINGO DE PASCUA

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