



**JULY 20, 2025 | THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

## WELCOME!

### PARISH OFFICE

804-639-6712

[www.saintgabriel.org](http://www.saintgabriel.org)

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

## 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-  
hlathrup1@earthlink.net

### Baptism

Please visit [saintgabriel.org/Baptism](http://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](http://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](http://www.saintgabriel.org) or by calling the parish office at 804-639-6712.

### SAINT GABRIEL

8901 Winterpock Road  
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### GOOD SAMARITAN

13441 Patrick Henry Highway  
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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...

Jodi Petway	Mary Kozlowski
Becky Robinson	Pat Martonik
Amy Caprara	Julio Pons
John DeGiorgio	Patrick Salerno
Cait Cedor	Lilly Grace Moreland
Dorothy Hayton	Julian Pragle
John Paul Macri	Jean Connors
Jim McCarthy	Abdulbari Hassan
Joanne Johnson	Sharon Schmit
Lori Sullivan	Mary DeCosta

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



## Mass Intentions at time of publication

Wed., Jul 23, 9:00 am	Peggy Bieniek
Thur., Jul 24, 9:00 am	Eufemia Mulles
Fri., Jul 25, 9:00 am	Steven Gabby
Sat., Jul 26, 5:30 pm	For the parish
Sun., Jul 27, 9:00 am	Nicholas Pitrelli
Sun., Jul 27, 11:00 am	Deceased members of the Bravo family

**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/](http://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](http://saintgabriel.org) & click on "Events: Parish Calendar."

### Sunday, July 20

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

### Monday, June 21

11:00 am | Rosary

### Tuesday, July 22

9:00 am | Rosary

### Wednesday, July 23

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

### Thursday, July 24

8:15 am | Rosary  
 9:00 am | Mass  
 9:30 am | Richmond Friends of the Homeless

### Friday, July 25

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

### Saturday, July 26– FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND

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

### Sunday, July 27– FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND

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



**We are kicking off the celebration of St. Gabriel with a parish fundraiser!**

**Come and show your support, while having lots of fun!**

**Blackjack, Texas Hold'em, Roulette, and Craps. Plus billiards, bowling, live music at 8:00 pm, 1 free drink ticket, appetizers & prizes!**

**When: Friday, September 26th**

**Where: Uptown Alley**

**Time: 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm**

**Cost: \$75 per person (21+)**

**Don't delay! There are limited tickets - 160 max!**

**\* We end the celebration of St. Gabriel with our Parish Picnic on Sunday, October 5th - Fun for the WHOLE family!**

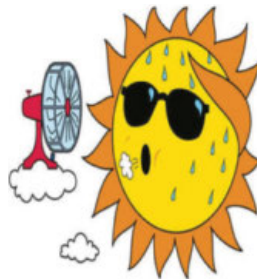


### Join Flocknote.

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 .

### WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Consider signing up for one of the many ministries of the parish. It is a great way to get to know more people, give back and grow in your faith. See the many ways you can serve Christ in the world by visiting [www.saintgabriel.org/Time](http://www.saintgabriel.org/Time) or call the parish office.



### Special Offering- Summer Energy

Summer is in full gear from family BBQs to vacations. We all experience an increase in our electric bill during the summer months while we try to stay cool indoors and the church is no different.

As good stewards, please be mindful of the parish's summer needs and help with the increased cost of summer energy. All envelope givers received a special "Summer Energy" envelope in their July packet. E-givers can go onto their account and do a one-time donation to the "Summer Energy Fund" during the month of July and August. Every dollar counts and every dollar is greatly appreciated...no donation is too small.

We are grateful people and grateful for the gifts God continues to bless us with all year long. God bless your family and keep them safe throughout all your adventures and activities this summer.



## Capital Campaign

We are working on quarterly statements which will be mailed out to everyone who made a pledge, to keep you informed on your pledge progress. Many of you have set up recurring payments using E-Giving, some are using the monthly capital campaign envelope (from your monthly envelope packet), and others are mailing in their payments. **It is important that when using a check, you clearly indicate it is for the capital campaign.**

**If you haven't made a pledge, please know that the opportunity is still available!** The estimated total cost of the building is \$4.5 million. Any financial donations we receive in surplus of our initial goal will go toward the building and reduce the amount we need to mortgage.

**We encourage 100% parishioner participation in this effort!**

As we move forward in the process, we will continue to keep you informed.

## Liturgy



**The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Friday, August 15**

9 am Mass with Marian Procession;  
7 pm Mass



## Liturgical Ministry Training

**Saturday, August 23,  
9 am - 1 pm**

**Commissioning at the 11:00 Mass on August 24th**  
**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.

## Children and Youth



**All of our college students will be blessed at the Masses on August 2/3.**

**YOUTH GROUP IS BACK!**

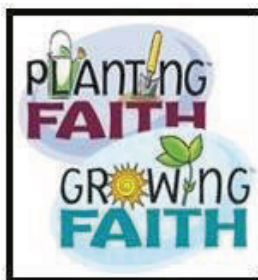


Are you a St. Gabriel parishioner who will be in 6th-12th grade for the 2025-2026 school year? If so, **WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

We are starting Youth Group back up and want to hear what fun outings and events you'd be interested in for the coming year! Bowling? Laser Tag? Tacky Lights tour at Christmas? So many options for FUN!

Please plan to stay for a bit after the 11 am Mass next Sunday, July 27th and share your thoughts! You can also email [heather.bigelow@saintgabriel.org](mailto:heather.bigelow@saintgabriel.org) or [carole.cox@saintgabriel.org](mailto:carole.cox@saintgabriel.org) with your feedback.

**We look forward to hearing from you!**



**If you haven't signed up for Faith Formation yet, it's not too late, but please don't delay! A second book order will be placed on July 31st for late registrants (a \$20 late fee will be applied). We're looking forward to seeing the kids and youth in the Fall!**

## Social Justice



### Back to School Drive: Richmond Friends of the Homeless

For over 20 years, St. Gabriel has supported the children and families of Richmond Friends of the Homeless as they prepare to begin the school year. This year there are nearly 200 who need our love and support in order to begin the school year prepared and with hope and positivity. The difference you have made in their lives continues to be an outpouring of love and generosity. This year they are in need of gift cards to assist them with their needs. Please consider making a donation so that they can start this school year knowing that they loved.

**Donations can be made up until August 10th.** School begins August 18th, therefore; the sooner you make your donation, the better.

1. You can do a check and on the memo line write "Back to School Program".

2. You can do an on-line donation. Use the QR code and under "fund" choose Back to School.



Please also continue to hold them in your thoughts and prayers. God bless you!



### Food Pantry Weekend, NEXT 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 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 great. Over the past four weeks, we have fed 73 people!**

Visit <https://www.saintgabriel.org/Food-Pantry> for a list of what is needed. While all donations are appreciated, **only items listed 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.** Thank you so much for supporting those in need in our community.

## Music Ministry

Hello to St. Gabriel's High School and College Students! I hope summer has provided some extra time for you to relax and participate in fun activities. For those of you who have been in band and chorus, please consider volunteering some time this summer to play or sing at Mass before your hectic school schedule starts again (or before you leave for college). Summer is a perfect time to add your talents to our Masses. Please contact Barbara at the church office (804-639-6712) or by email ([barbara.chandler@saintgabriel.org](mailto:barbara.chandler@saintgabriel.org)) if you are able to share your musical talents.



## Other

### Order Your St. Gabriel T-Shirts!

Stop by the Welcome Table in the Commons to see the options for our new St. Gabriel T-Shirt. They are available for purchase through our online store, just \$16 each. This is not a fundraiser. The shirts are sold at cost to enable as many parishioners as possible to be able to purchase one. You can select the color and size, and pay through the store. Once all orders are placed, they will be shipped to the parish, and you can pick them up when you come to Mass. We hope to see a sea of St. Gabriel Shirts by St. Gabriel Day, Sun. Oct 5th, when we celebrate our patron at Mass and our annual parish picnic.



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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

In life, there are so many “Marthas” — people and situations that distract us from God. But if we imitate Mary and sit calmly at the feet of Jesus, his Word will guard our hearts from the anxiety of the world.

## Prayer for Focus

Lord, help me to remember what matters and who matters.  
And then help me to prioritize rightly and wisely, with Your heaven as my guide.  
Amen.

## Scripture for the Week of 7/13

**Sun:** Gn 18:1-10; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

**Mon:** Ex 14:5-18; (Ps) Ex 15:1b-6; Mt 12:38-42

**Tues:** Sg 3:1-4a or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**Wed:** Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9

**Thurs:** Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; (Ps) Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17

**Fri:** 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1b-6; Mt 20:20-28

**Sat:** Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30

**Next Sun:** Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

## Interested in Vocations?

### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 20, 2025

*“Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, and it will not be taken from her.” (Luke 10:41-42)*

Consider prioritizing time with God, following Mary’s example. Are you being called to dedicate your life to prayer and service in the Church as a consecrated religious? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (804) 359-5661 or via email: [mandrus@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:mandrus@richmonddiocese.org).

# (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** Are you anxious about many things? Then you need to be right where Mary is: at the feet of Jesus, with all your burdens.

### Martha's Burdens

It's time to admit it: I've been unfair to Mary in the past. Been a little catty about her. *Oooh, Mary, she's so holy.* Well, do you like to eat, Mary? Who made your lunch? Yeah, that's right: it was Martha. Because you know what? It's the Marthas who get things done in the world while the Marys lounge around reading Aquinas and attending silent retreats and going to Eucharistic Adoration whenever they want.

And there you have it, folks: my bitterness on full display! I tend to identify with Martha, not with Mary, and I need to stop doing that.

Because I am not Martha instead of Mary. I am both. We are all both.

Mary was a woman; she was expected to do the serving, too. She shared that burden; she wasn't abandoning it, heaping her portion on Martha. And it's so wrong to assume that Mary didn't have the same cares and anxieties as Martha — perhaps she even had more!

Here's the difference: Mary, unlike Martha (and me, I guess) knew where to go with them.

We typically see our burdens as an impediment to a relationship with Christ. *I'm so busy. I'm so overwhelmed. There are so many demands on me, on my time, on my person, on my finances. Take a number, Jesus. Get in line.* But we're thinking the wrong way. Burdens aren't an obstacle that stands between us and Christ. Burdens are the straightest path to his feet.

God knows about burdens, okay? Aside from being all-wise and all-knowing, he basically completed a doctorate in suffering, taking on a human form (itself kind of a burden, if you think about it) and for 33 years lived among the hardest and heaviest burdens this world has to offer.

Why did he do this? Well, part of the reason was so that we could finally understand that our burdens aren't a barrier between us and God. On the contrary, they connect us to him.

Are you anxious about many things? Then you need to be right where Mary is: at the feet of Jesus, with all your burdens.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



**Good Samaritan**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Financial information for the week ending Jul 6 was \$**

**Mass Intentions at time of publication: Mass intention available**

**Jul 24:** Noon– Luncheon at Angelo's

**Jul 26:** 7 pm– Hispanic Rosary

**Jul 25:** 7 pm– Hispanic Rosary

**Jul 31:** Noon– Ladies Tea

**Baptisms:** Visit [www.saintgabriel.org/gsbaptismform](http://www.saintgabriel.org/gsbaptismform) for information regarding how to prepare for and celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism. It is recommended that parents submit the baptism form or contact the parish office six months in advance to prepare for the sacrament.

**Weddings:** Are you engaged and would like to plan your wedding? Congratulations and know we are excited to share in the planning of your Sacrament of Marriage. Please note that wedding dates **cannot be scheduled** before a couple meets with the presider. Contact the parish office at 639-6712 for an appointment at least one year in advance of the proposed wedding.

**Quinceaneras:** Is your daughter celebrating her Quinceanera this year? Quinceanera must be registered with the church coordinator before it can be scheduled. Forms are available on the parish website or in the coordinator's office. Register today!



**La información financiera para las semanas que termina el 6 de julio es \$**

Sábados 7 p.m. **Rosario Hispano**

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

26 de julio a las 4 pm: Intención de misa disponible

27 de julio a las 4 pm: Intención de misa disponible

**Decimosexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario – 20 de julio de 2025**

*“Marta, Marta, estás inquieta y preocupada por muchas cosas. Sólo una cosa es necesaria. María ha escogido la mejor parte, y nadie se la quitará.” (Lucas 10:41-42)*

Considere priorizar el tiempo con Dios, siguiendo el ejemplo de María. ¿Está siendo llamado a dedicar su vida a la oración y al servicio en la Iglesia como religioso consagrado? Hable con su sacerdote o comuníquese con la Oficina de Vocaciones al (804) 359-5661 o por correo electrónico: [mandrus@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:mandrus@richmonddiocese.org).

## 16° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

El Señor le respondió: “Marta, Marta, muchas cosas te preocupan y te inquietan, siendo así que una sola es necesaria. María escogió la mejor parte y nadie se la quitará”. - Lc 10, 41-42

**Bautismos:** Visite [www.saintgabriel.org/gsbaptismform](http://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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