



JULY 27, 2025 | THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME!

PARISH OFFICE

804-639-6712

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 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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GOOD SAMARITAN

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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 30, 9:00 am	Bob Tugon
Thur., Jul 31, 9:00 am	Mary DeCosta (living)
Fri., Aug 1, 9:00 am	Joseph Danzi
Sat., Aug 2, 5:30 pm	For the parish
Sun., Aug 3, 9:00 am	Russell Everatt
Sun., Aug 3, 11:00 am	Richard Heisler

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
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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 & click on "Events: Parish Calendar."

Sunday, July 27– FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND

8:00 am	Rosary
9:00 am	Mass
11:00 am	Mass
12:00 pm	Youth Group Focus Meeting

Monday, June 28

11:00 am	Rosary
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Tuesday, July 29

9:00 am	Rosary
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Wednesday, July 30

8:15 am	Rosary
9:00 am	Mass

Thursday, July 31

8:15 am	Rosary
9:00 am	Mass

Friday, August 1

8:15 am	Rosary
9:00 am	Mass
9:30 am	Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction
10:30 am	Praying Hands

Saturday, August 2– FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND

10:00 am	Rosary
5:30 pm	Mass

Sunday, August 3- FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND

8:00 am	Rosary
9:00 am	Mass and Blessing of Students
11:00 am	Mass and Blessing of Students



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!**

Ticket purchase



Sponsorship



Financial information unavailable at time of publication.



Register your Kroger Plus Card for St. Gabriel

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 \$414.85. The total for 2024/25 thus far is \$1,733.06.**

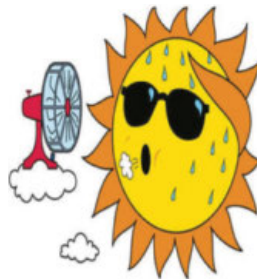


Join Flocknote.

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 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 NEXT WEEKEND, 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 for a bit after the 11 am Mass next Sunday, July 27th in the meeting room and share your thoughts! You can also email heather.bigelow@saintgabriel.org or carole.cox@saintgabriel.org with your feedback. Parents are welcome.

We look forward to hearing from you!



If you haven't signed your child 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 children 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, 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 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) 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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Knights of Columbus - St. Gabriel Council #13170 are proud to present the 2025 Scholarship winners. These high school graduates distinguished themselves among their peers in academics, faith and community involvement. The Knights of Columbus and the St. Gabriel community wish them the best of luck in the future!

Sofia Gonzalez
Maggie Bodman
Liam McCambridge
Ben Merkel
Guy Howerton
George Bodman

Scripture for the Week of 7/27

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

Mon: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35

Tues: Ex 33:7-11, 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Wed: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

Thurs: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53

Fri: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11b; Mt 13:54-58

Sat: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

Next Sun: Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

Interested in Vocations?

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -
 July 27, 2025**

"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." (Luke 11:9)

If you feel God is calling you to a vocation, ask for His guidance in prayer. Lord I will go where You want me to go. I will be who You want me to be. I will do what You want me to do. Just make it my will, and make it clear to me. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (804) 359-5661 or via email: mandrus@richmonddiocese.org.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Whatever is interrupting communication between your heart and the One who crafted it, it can be overcome. There is no door thick enough, no night dark enough, no sleep strong enough.

Ask and You Shall Receive

It's easy to look at today's Gospel reading and come away with a view of God as disinterested and irritated, reluctant to give us what we need unless we bang down his door, hound him to the furthest reaches of heaven, wrench him from his reverie and force him to answer just so we'll finally go away.

Well, that's not what Jesus means by the parable of the friend at midnight — but it's also not surprising that we would think that it is. The whole point of this Gospel is that communication between God and man has been broken. It's not as easy as it once was, as it should be, as it could be.

In this parable, there exists many barriers between the supplicant and his friend. The time of day is not ideal. The door is locked. Their dispositions are opposite — one is in the middle of a REM cycle and the other is deeply agitated. They appear to be two people who are not primed to communicate well. Everything is working against them.

The same could well be said of God and the human race. Here we are in a fallen world, surrounded by sin and pain and sickness and death to the extent that it infiltrates not just our bodies but our souls, our minds, our attitudes.

We are the friend caught unprepared in the dead of night. We don't always know how to talk to God (*That door is thick! Will he hear us if we knock?*). We don't always know if we should (*It's all my fault that I ran out of loaves, after all*). We don't even know if we want to (*It's nighttime! He might be angry!*).

Everything is working against us.

It doesn't matter, Jesus tells us. Whatever is interrupting communication between your heart and the One who crafted it, the One who desires its full and irrevocable attention, it can be overcome. There is no door thick enough, no night dark enough, no sleep strong enough.

So knock.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



Good Samaritan
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mass Intentions at time of publication: Mass intention available

Jul 31: Noon– Ladies Tea

Aug 1: 7 pm– Hispanic Rosary

Aug 3: 11 am– Mass at Campground; Parish Picnic

Aug 8: 7 pm– Hispanic Rosary

Aug 15: 7 pm– Hispanic Rosary

Aug 2: NO MASS; 7 pm– Hispanic Rosary

Aug 5: 9:30 am– Quilters; 7 pm– Steering Mtg

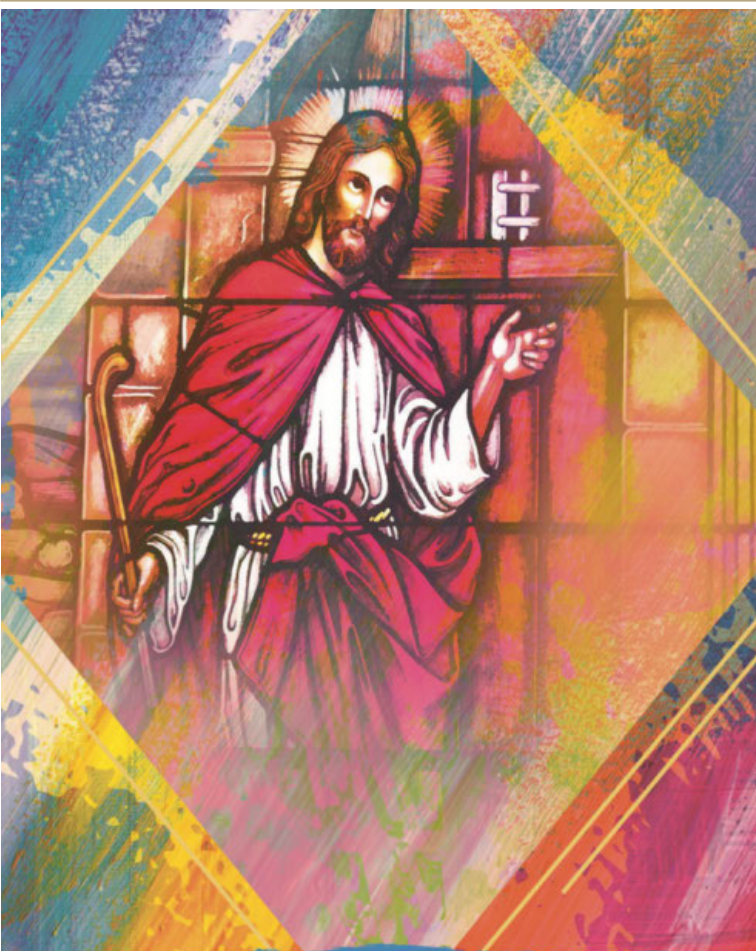
Aug 9: 7 pm– Hispanic Rosary

Aug 16: 9 am– Quilters; 7 pm– Hispanic Rosary

Baptisms: Visit 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 804-639-6712 for an appointment at least one year in advance of the proposed wedding.

Quinceañeras: Is your daughter celebrating her Quinceañera this year? Quinceañera 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!



17° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

“Por su molesta insistencia, sí se levantará y le dará cuanto necesite”. - Lc 11, 8

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Sábados 7 p.m. **Rosario Hispano**

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

2 de agosto a las 4 pm: Intención de misa disponible

3 de agosto a las 4 pm: Intención de misa disponible

Decimoséptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario – 27 de julio de 2025

“Pidan y Dios les dará, busquen y encontraran, toquen a la puerta, y se les abrirá.” (Lucas 11:9)

Si sientes que Dios te está llamando a una vocación, pídele que te guíe en oración. Señor, iré a donde Tú quieras que vaya. Seré quien Tú quieras que sea. Haré lo que Tú quieras que haga. Simplemente haz que sea mi voluntad y explícamelo. Habla con tu sacerdote o comunícate con la Oficina de Vocaciones al (804) 359-5661 o por correo electrónico: mandrus@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? Felicidades 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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