



AUGUST 3, 2025 | THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME!

PARISH OFFICE

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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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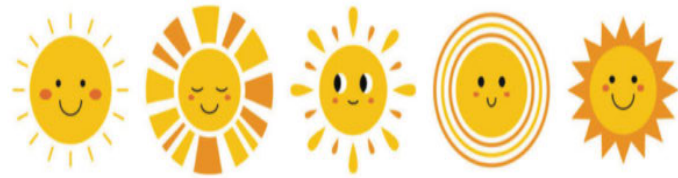
PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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	Mary DeCosta
Lori Sullivan	

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



Mass Intentions at time of publication

Wed., Aug 6, 9:00 am	Louise Burton
Thur., Aug 7, 9:00 am	Pat Heffernan
Fri., Aug 8, 9:00 am	William Fonkeng
Sat., Aug 9, 5:30 pm	Gerold Epanty
Sun., Aug 10, 9:00 am	Mary Epanty
Sun., Aug 10, 11:00 am	For the parish and Daniel Jones

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/

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, August 3- FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND

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

Monday, August 4

11:00 am	Rosary
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Tuesday, August 5

9:00 am	Rosary
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Wednesday, August 6

8:15 am	Rosary
9:00 am	Mass
12:00 pm	Wings Core Meeting
6:30 pm	Adult Faith Formation
6:30 pm	Respect Life Ministry Meeting

Thursday, August 7

8:15 am	Rosary
9:00 am	Mass
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus General Meeting
7:00 pm	Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Friday, August 8

8:15 am	Rosary
9:00 am	Mass
10:30 am	Praying Hands

Saturday, August 9

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

Sunday, August 10

8:00 am	Rosary
9:00 am	Mass
11:00 am	Mass
12:15 pm	Richmond Friends of the Homeless Bagged Lunches



Support the parish's annual fundraiser!

Purchase a ticket, be a sponsor, or BOTH!

Ticket purchase



Sponsorship



* Sponsorships begin at \$100 *

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

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

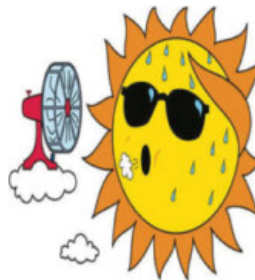


Attention:

The overflow parking lot off Bethia Road is only open on Sundays and Holy Days with large attendance Masses. At all other times, a chain is up blocking use of the lot, which is a safety precaution.

The chain goes back up after the 11 am Mass. **If the chain is up prior to you leaving, we ask that you take down the chain, move your car, and then put the chain back up.**

Please do not leave your car there for an extended period.



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.

SPIRITUAL RETREAT

'You have to go deeper to go further'

**SAVE THE DATE for the new
Annual Parish Retreat
Sat. Sept. 6 from 9 am - Noon**

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.

Adult Formation



Friday
Morning
Bible Study:
*Acts: The
Spread of the
Kingdom,*
The

Compelling Story of the First Christians Begins
Sept. 5 and runs through Feb. 13, 10 am - Noon

Acts is the story of how a few Christians, empowered by the Holy Spirit, were chosen to bring Christ and the Good News to the ends of the earth. They faced secular forces, internal strife, and hostile crowds, and despite all of this, they brought the kingdom of God to a broken world and the love of God to the hearts of men. This study traces how the gospel witness spread outward in waves from Jerusalem, and reveals how the seeds of Church structure and authority took root. Presenter Jeff Cavins shows how the joys and struggles of the early Christians in living the life of Christ apply to us today. *Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom* will help you to see your place in the Church as a disciple of Christ.

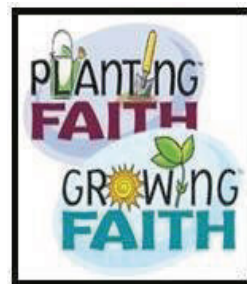
Signup at www.saintgabriel.org/bible-study or visit the Adult Formation Table in the Commons.

Children and Youth



**All of our students will
be blessed at the
Masses
THIS WEEKEND,
August 2/3.**

**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 \$30 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!



Richmond Friends of the Homeless Bagged Lunches THIS 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.

Attention parishioners! There is currently a VERY GREAT NEED for donations to our food pantry. If you haven't ever participated in this outreach ministry, please consider helping. Please visit <https://www.saintgabriel.org/Food-Pantry>, and consider grabbing a few items the next time you're at the store.

This is a wonderful way to love your neighbor. You can drop items at the office any time, or bring them to church the last weekend of the month. Thank you.



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



**Knights of
Columbus®**

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.

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

The Knights of Columbus and the St. Gabriel community wish them the best of luck in the future!

Check out the Parish Library!

TODAY during Fellowship, feel free to stop by the library and take a book home (to keep) from the overflow! Our library had a lot of duplicate books, and we'd love to share the extras with our parishioners. Enjoy!



Diocesan

AFRICAN MASS:

Celebrating the Unity of Catholic Heritage



AUGUST 23RD | 11AM | HOLY ROSARY

Celebrant: Fr. James Boachie | Homilist: Fr. Tochi Iwuji

Refreshments to Follow



Scripture for the Week of 8/3

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

Mon: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21

Tues: Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:1, 3-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wed: Cn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

Thurs: Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Mt 16:13-23

Fri: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28

Sat: Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20

Next Sun: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Interested in Vocations?

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 3, 2025

"Take care to guard against all greed." (Luke 12:15)

In a world filled with distractions, God invites us to prioritize what truly matters—our relationship with Him. Is He inviting you to set aside worldly concerns and serve Him as a priest or religious brother or sister? 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: If I die tonight, the deadlines will go unmet, and no one will even notice. But God, when He meets me in the world to come, will surely ask me why I couldn't take 45 minutes to accept a gift He tried again and again to give me.

The Barn

It's 9:08 on a Saturday morning, and I am too darn busy for confession.

I've probably written before about how hard I find it to get to confession — I say 'probably' because I really can't remember. I whine about it so frequently that it's hard to tell if I've made it the subject of a written piece or if it is simply an oft-recited refrain from the Litany of Colleen's Perpetual Complaints.

During the week, it's tough to get to confession because I have little kids who are attached to me like Velcro, and I don't need them listening in on (and eventually repeating to everyone) my sins. On the weekend it's a little easier, but our parish doesn't offer it before or after Sunday Mass, just on Saturdays. Saturday is when I get most of my work done, so getting absolution usually comes at the expense of productivity.

And that, friends, right here, is my barn. Productivity. That's the proverbial storehouse of my earthly harvest. For the rich man in the parable, it's a literal barn, filled to bursting with sellable crops. For you it might be money or your job title or what your life looks like to other people on social media. For me, it's Getting Things Done. That's my barn, the repository that holds the whole of my worldly preoccupations.

And it's so full I want to tear it down and build a new one. A bigger one. One that can hold more worry, more time for work, more focus on output and crossing things off a to-do list. Vanity of vanities, indeed.

If I die tonight, the deadlines will go unmet, and no one will even notice. But God, when He meets me in the world to come, will surely ask me why I couldn't take 45 minutes to accept a gift He tried again and again to give me.

I have to burn the barn, friends. I don't want to, but I have to. I'm closing my laptop and going to church.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



Good Samaritan
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass Intentions at time of publication: Ethan Bigelow on his birthday

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

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

Aug 8: 7 pm– Hispanic Rosary

Aug 15: 7 pm– Hispanic Rosary

Aug 21: Noon– Luncheon

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!



Sábados 7 p.m. **Rosario Hispano**

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

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

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

Decimoctavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario – 3 de agosto de 2025

“Tengan cuidado de no cometer avaricia.” (Lucas 12:15)

En un mundo lleno de distracciones, Dios nos invita a priorizar lo que realmente importa: nuestra relación con Él. ¿Te invita a dejar de lado las preocupaciones mundanas y servirle como sacerdote o religioso? Habla con tu sacerdote o comunícate con la Oficina de Vocaciones al (804)

359-5661 o por correo electrónico:
mandrus@richmonddiocese.org

18° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

“Pero Dios le dijo: ‘¡Insensato! Esta misma noche vas a morir. ¿Para quién serán todos tus bienes?’ Lo mismo le pasa al que amontona riquezas para sí mismo y no se hace rico de lo que vale ante Dios”. - Lc 12, 20-21

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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