AUGUST 17, 2025 | THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME! PARISH OFFICE

804-639-6712 www.saintgabriel.org

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

Sacramental Emergencies

804-639-6712 Ext. 1

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the parish office for arrangements. In an <u>emergency</u>, 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 Lathruphlathrup1@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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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)

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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 Bernadette Gallagher 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 Abdulbari Hassan Jim McCarthy Mary DeCosta Joanne Johnson Fr Bob Brownell Lori Sullivan Eileen Albert

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



Mass Intentions at time of publication

Wed., Aug 20, 9:00 am
Thur., Aug 21, 9:00 am
Fri., Aug 22, 9:00 am
Marion Johnson

Sat., Aug 23 5:30 pm Tony and George Homan

Sun., Aug 24, 9:00 am Ellie Skehan Sun., Aug 24, 11:00 am For the parish

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 17

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

Monday, August 18

11:00 am | Rosary

Tuesday, August 19

9:00 am | Rosary

Wednesday, August 20

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

6:00 pm | Prison Ministry Meeting

Thursday, August 21

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

10:30 am | Executive Finance Council

Meeting

7:00 pm | Knights of Columbus

Officers Meeting

7:00 pm | OCIA

Friday, August 22

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

10:00 am | Praying Hands

Saturday, August 23

9:00 am | Liturgical Minister Training

10:00 am | Rosary 10:00 am | OCIA

5:30 pm | Mass and Rite of Welcome

Sunday, August 24

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

11:00 am | Mass and Commissioning

of Litugical Ministers

1:00 pm | Faith Formation Parent

Orientation and Book

Distribution



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.

We are happy to announce that the first rebate check has been received. St. Gabriel Community received \$9,148.18 and Good Samaritan, \$3,372.50. Rebate checks differ each quarter and are based on actual



donations received at the diocese.

Thank you to all who donated to the 2025 Diocesan Annual Appeal!



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.



Do you need a Spiritual Break?
Come renew and refresh your faith at the Growth in the Word of God Retreat

Sat. Sept. 6, 9 am - Noon Spiritual growth, both personal,



household, and parish is informed and guided by the Word of God. If you are looking for a time to refresh, renew and move forward in your faith, sign up for the retreat for High School students and adult parishioners. Fr. James will give a talk, have a chance for small group, witness from a fellow parishioner along with time of prayer during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Take the time to focus on your growth and sign up for the retreat either at the Adult Faith Formation Table in the Commons or www.saintgabriel.org/retreat[www.saintgabriel.org/retreat].

Liturgy



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.

Are you expecting, or do you have a child in need of Baptism?



We are excited to celebrate with you! The next parent preparation class is

Saturday, September 13, 9 a.m. to noon, with baptisms to be celebrated on Saturday, October 4 at 10 a.m. For additional class and baptism dates visit: www.saintgabriel.org/baptism. If you have questions, contact Lisa Gorton at 804-639-6712 or email lisa.gorton@ saintgabriel.org.



Anointing of Sick All Masses Sept. 20 and 21

Children and Youth

If you haven't signed your child up for Faith Formation yet, it's not too late, but please don't delay! Due to shipping costs, a \$30 late fee will be applied. We're looking forward to seeing the children and youth in the Fall!





We are all part of a parish family. Family members who share a common heritage, grounded in the same beliefs, values, and traditions. Your challenges are ours.

ROCK – Raising our Catholic Kids - gatherings help you meet those challenges, connect you with other parents in the parish and to the greater community, and support you in the best and most challenging vocation you have – being a parent. This is open to all parents and extends to grandparents, godparents and those special aunts and uncles in our children's lives. REQUIRED FOR ALL PARENTS PREPARING CHILDREN FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST EUCHARIST OR CONFIRMATION.

First and foremost, ROCK is a place to be listened to and to listen. To share about the challenges of living your faith each day in a way that guides your children to relationship with the Way, the Truth and the Life, our Lord and Savior. It is also a non-judgmental place to receive guidance, support and unconditional love, exactly what you want to give to your children. Our goal is for you to walk away with tools to deepen your household's relationship with God and one another. If interested contact the parish office and ask to speak to Lisa Gorton or email lisa.gorton@saintgabriel.org.

Parents of PRE-K- 5th Graders - Mondays, 6 pm, (Sept. 22 -parent orientation for First Sacraments), Sept. 29, Oct. 6, Oct. 13, Oct. 20, Oct. 27

Parents of Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers Tues., 6:30 p.m., (Sept. 9 - parent orientation for Confirmation), Oct. 7, Nov. 11, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 10

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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.



Sun. Sept. 21 at Noon, come to a Couples in Christ Meet and Greet!

Are you a married couple seeking connection with other couples in the parish and spiritual growth for your marriage? It doesn't matter if you are newly married or a "seasoned" couple, with kids or without, both Catholic or not; ALL married couples are welcome. Couples in Christ meets monthly in a host home where 4-7 couples will share a potluck meal and fellowship, followed by spiritual enrichment to aid in their discipleship as a couple. On Sunday, Sept. 21 following the 11 a.m. Mass, we will gather to share about the ministry in more detail and have a "minienrichment" session. Children are welcome to attend and cookies and beverages will be served. You can join Couples in Christ that day or within the weeks that follow. To sign up for the Couples in Christ Meet and Greet, visit www.saintgabriel.org/couples-inchrist or sign up on the clipboard at the Adult Formation Table in the Commons.



Fishermen—Men's Group begins Sept. 9 at 7:30 p.m.

The powerhouse of spirituality known as Fishermen is a dynamic men's group that meets weekly on Tuesday evenings in

the church meeting room (formerly the nursery). They offer DVD/book studies with lively discussions, witness speakers and discussion sessions on key faith topics along with outreach activities to grow in love of Christ and his Church. Feel free to attend the first meeting, no strings attached, to see if Fishermen is right for you. Sign up at the Adult Formation Table in the Commons or online at www.saintgabriel.org/Fishermen.

Centering Prayer Group begins Tues.,

Sept. 9 at 9 a.m. Are you looking for a way to explore or deepen your relationship with God? Through Centering Prayer, you will discover a centuries-old prayer method known as contemplation that consists of simply sitting in



silence with God—beyond thoughts, words, and emotions – and opening your mind, heart and whole being to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This group meets weekly on Tuesdays, 9 a.m.-10 a.m. Sign up at the Adult Formation Table in the Commons or online at www.saintgabriel.org/centering-prayer.



WINGS-Women's Group begins Wed., Sept. 17 at 9:45 a.m. WINGS is a spirituality group open to women of all ages who share fellowship, fun and faith with one another. We feature speakers who encourage our faith and allow us to share our experiences in a supportive

environment. WINGS meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month beginning Sept. 17 from 9:45 - 11:45 a.m. Come see what it is all about! Sign up at the Adult Formation Table in the Commons or online at www.saintgabriel.org/wings.

R&R Wednesday (Reflection and Recreation) begins Wed., Sept.

10th at 9:45 a.m. and is held the second Wednesday of the month through June. We gather for fellowship with some coffee and pastries, then onto a lively spiritual



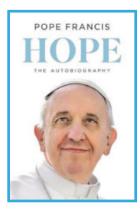
discussion on topics ranging from the Mass to saints and more. Then switch gears in the second half with games like bingo, cards, trivia and more. All this for just \$20 for the year. All are welcome and if you are interested, get a form at the Adult Formation Table and put with payment in the parish mail slot at the Welcome table or sign up online at www.saintgabriel.org/r-and-r-.



Tuesday Evening Lectionary Study begins Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. Don't miss our popular Lectionary study group

that breaks open the readings for the

upcoming weekend Mass, looking at the historical background and how to apply the Holy Word in our daily lives. A great study for those new to bible study and those who find something new in scripture every time they break open the Holy Word. You have the option of meeting in person or on Zoom. Sign up at the Adult Formation Table in the Commons or online at www.saintgabriel.org/centering-prayer.



Book Discussion Group: *Hope* by Pope Francis Sat. Oct. 18, 10 a.m. - Noon

Hope is the first autobiography in history ever to be published by a Pope. Written over six years, this complete autobiography starts in the early years of the twentieth century, with Pope Francis's Italian roots and his ancestors' courageous migration to Latin

America, continuing through his childhood, the enthusiasms and preoccupations of his youth, his vocation, adult life, and the whole of his papacy up to 2025, right before his death. Hope includes a wealth of revelations, anecdotes, and illuminating thoughts. It is a thrilling and very human memoir, moving and sometimes funny, which represents the "story of a life" and, at the same time, a touching moral and spiritual testament that will fascinate readers throughout the world and will be Pope Francis's legacy of hope for future generations.

You can sign up for the group at www.saintgabriel.org/book-discussion-group.

Social Justice

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.

Scripture for the Week of 8/17

Sun: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

Mon: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43-44; Mt 19:16-22

Tues: Jgs 6:11-24; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wed: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thurs: Jgs 11:29-39; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14 **Fri:** Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40 **Sat:** Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 23:1-12 **Next Sun:** Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1-2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk

13:22-30

Diocesan

AFRICAN MASS:

Celebrating the Unity of Catholic Heritage



AUGUST 23RD | 11AM | HOLY ROSARY

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





Interested in Vocations?

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time-August 17, 2025

"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" (Luke 12:49)

Christ's words about setting the earth on fire can inspire married couples to cultivate an enduring love for one another. The fire of love within marriage, when nurtured, grows into a flame that can bring light and warmth to the world. Our hearts should be ablaze with love for our spouse, reflecting God's love through your marital union.



Financial information for the week ending Aug 3 was \$. Mass Intentions at time of publication:

Aug 21: Noon– Luncheon at Chuy's **Aug 23:** 7 pm– Hispanic Rosary

Aug 22: 7 pm– Hispanic Rosary **Aug 30:** 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

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!



20° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

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"Tengo que recibir un bautismo ¡y cómo me angustio mientras llega! ¿Piensan acaso que he venido a traer paz a la tierra? De ningún modo. No he venido a traer la paz, sino la división. De aquí en adelante, de cinco que haya en una familia, estarán divididos tres contra dos y dos contra tres". - Lc 12, 50-52

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Información financiera para las semanas que termina el 3 de augusto es \$.

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

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

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

Vigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario – 17 de agosto de 2025

"He venido a traer fuego a la tierra, ¡y cómo quisiera que ya estuviera ardiendo!" (Lucas 12:49)

Las palabras de Cristo acerca de poner fuego a la tierra pueden inspirar a las parejas casadas a cultivar un amor duradero el uno por el otro. El fuego del amor dentro del matrimonio, cuando se alimenta, crece hasta convertirse en una llama que puede traer luz y calor al mundo. Nuestros corazones deben estar encendidos de amor por nuestro cónyuge, reflejando el amor de Dios a través de su unión matrimonial.

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!





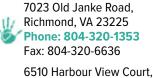
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