



JANUARY 14, 2024 | THE SECOND SUNDAY IN 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

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.

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 Becky Robinson-
bbtsmi@aol.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 8:15-8:45 a.m. and 10:15-10:45 a.m. You may also approach the priest after the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, following the 9 a.m. Masses Wednesday—Friday or call the parish office for an appointment.

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.

PARISH STAFF

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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. You can find out more about the parish on our website, 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...

Sick Parishioners Names will appear for 3 months after notification. Please resubmit if needed.

Florence Black	Julio Pons
John Cimmino	Leah Robinson
Maria Estremera	Patrick Salerno
Tina Shashaty Fuchs	Casey Stemper
Tim Kirkbride	Mary Stump
Mary Kozlowski	Lori Sullivan
Pat Martonik	

Mass Intentions at time of publication

Wed., Jan. 10, 9:00 am	Mass Intention Available
Thurs., Jan. 11, 9:00 am	Mass Intention Available
Fri., Jan. 12, 9:00 am	Mass Intention Available
Sat., Jan. 13, 5:30 pm	John Stemper
Sun., Jan. 14, 9:00 am	Mildred Cifelli
Sun., Jan. 14, 11:00 am	For the parish and the entire universe

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.



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 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 or 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, January 14

10:00 am	Rosary
9:00 am	Mass
11:00 am	Mass
3:00 pm	Chili Cookoff, Knights of Columbus

Monday, January 15—Parish Offices Closed

11:00 am	Rosary
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Tuesday, January 16

9:00 am	Rosary
9:00 am	Centering Prayer
7:00 pm	Healing Circle
7:00 pm	Liturgy Council
7:00 pm	Lectionary Study
7:30 pm	Fishermen

Wednesday, January 17

8:15 am	Rosary
9:00 am	Mass
9:45 am	WINGS
6:00 pm	Cantor/Instrumental Rehearsal
6:00 pm	Prison Ministry
7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 18

8:15 am	Rosary
9:00 am	Mass
7:00 pm	GIFTS Women's Group
7:00 pm	RCIA/Candidates Gathering
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting
7:00 pm	Executive Finance Council

Friday, January 19

7:30 am	Mass for the Unborn
8:00 am	Exposition, Adoration, Benediction
10:00 am	Bible Study
10:00 am	Praying Hands Prayer Shawl Ministry

Saturday, January 20

9:00 am	Baptism Class
10:00 am	Rosary
10:00 am	RCIA Retreat
10:00 am	Book Discussion Group
5:30 pm	Mass with Rite of Welcome

Sunday, January 21

10:00 am	Rosary
9:00 am	Mass
11:00 am	Mass
1:00 pm	PreK-1st Grade Faith Formation
1:00 pm	RCIC
3:00 pm	2nd-5th Grade Faith Formation



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To set up your E-Giving account, use this QR code or visit

www.saintgabriel.org/E-giving.

To set up your recurring donation:

1. under donation click on "recurring"
2. select the fund you would like to give to (offertory, building and growth, social concerns....)
3. input your dollar amount
4. click on the recurrence time (weekly, bi-weekly, monthly)
5. you can do more than one fund by clicking on "+ Add Donation"
6. input how you would like to donate, credit/debit card or bank account
7. input your payment information
8. submit

It's that easy. At any time you can change your donation, do a special one-time donation. You manage your account. Please contact the parish office to let us know to stop sending envelopes. Thank you!



Register your Kroger Plus Card for St. Gabriel

We have **157** 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 \$619.29, bringing our total for fiscal year 2023/24 to \$1,933.71.**



Special Offering – Winter Energy

Winter has arrived.

We all experience an increase in our gas bills during the winter months while we try to stay warm

and the church is no different. As good stewards, please be mindful of the parishes winter needs and help with the increased cost of winter energy. All envelope givers received a special "Winter Energy" envelope in their January packet. E-givers can go onto their account and do a one-time donation to the "Winter Energy Fund" during the month of January and February. 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 2024.



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Interested in Vocations? "Come, and you will see." How are you being called to come and see how you can build up the kingdom of God as His co-worker? Consider the generous service of priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



March for Life Fri, January 19

Join St. Gabriel's parish in support of the Right to Life at the **March for Life**

in Washington, D.C. on **Friday Jan. 19, 2024**. We will start with Mass at 7:30 a.m., followed by Adoration for those not able to make the trip. The bus, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will depart at 8:30 a.m. There is a fee of \$10.00 per person/\$20.00 per family to cover the cost of water and snacks on the bus. Please bring your own lunch. Sign-up sheets and additional details will be available in the Commons after Mass the **weekend of January 13/14**. Please make all checks payable to St. Gabriel Catholic Church. Use the QR code if you would like to register online.



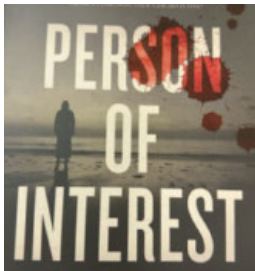
**American
Red Cross**

**The need is constant.
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Give Blood.**

**St. Gabriel Blood Drive
Come Join Us To Save A Life**

Monday, January 22, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: GABRIEL to schedule an appointment. Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients. If you are an eligible type O,B- or A- donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.



Explore "Person of Interest: Why Jesus Still Matters in a World that Rejects the Bible" at the Book Discussion Group on Sat. Jan. 20, 10 a.m. in the Commons
Join cold-case detective, J. Warner Wallace, as he uncovers

the truth about Jesus using the same approach he employs to solve real murder cases. *Wallace describes his own investigative journey from atheism to Christianity as he sifts through the evidence from history alone, without relying on the New Testament.* Sign up on the clipboard at the Adult Formation Table in the Commons or visit www.saintgabriel.org/book-discussion-group to take part.



Jesus is calling us deeper

The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Check out the resources at the Eucharistic Revival Site at saintgabriel.org/eucharistic-revival to see what the parish is offering, and other online resources to build your relationship with Christ in His Holy Eucharist.



Jan. 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024: "You shall love the Lord your God ...and your neighbor as yourself..."

Visit: [World Council of Churches \(oikoumene.org\)](http://WorldCouncilofChurches.org) to find out more. Together we can pray with our Christian brothers and sisters around the globe: *"Lord Jesus, who prayed that we might all be one, we pray to you for the unity of Christians, according to your will, according to your means. May your Spirit enable us to experience the suffering caused by division, to see our sin, and to hope beyond all hope. Amen."*



Uncork a bottle of your favorite vintage and join us as we continue this year of Eucharistic Revival with the Jesus and the Eucharist Series.

We will begin in fellowship with wine and appetizers and then dive into the videos specifically designed for our year of Parish Revival. Don't miss a great opportunity to explore the richness of our Eucharistic faith. Bring a bottle of wine and/or appetizers to share, and prepare to grow closer to Jesus alongside your fellow parishioners. **The Series is offered monthly from 6:30—8 pm on Wed., Jan. 31, Feb. 28, Mar. 20, Apr. 24 and May 22. Sign up online at saintgabriel.org/eucharistic-revival or at the Adult Formation Table in the Commons.**

Epiphany Church Young Adult Group



Friday, January 19

Adoration and Benediction at 6 PM

Bowling at 7:30 PM

All young adults, ages 18 (no longer in high school) to 39, are invited to join us for a Holy Hour of Adoration at Epiphany Church, followed by bowling at Uptown Alley.

A pizza or taco package is covered by Epiphany.

Uptown Alley is located at 6101 Brad McNeer Pkwy, Midlothian



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Check out the Parish Library!

Use this QR code to see by author all of the great materials available to help you grow in your faith. To check out a book, just take the book home and put in one of the baskets on the shelves when you are done.



Winter Warmth Drive for Commonwealth Catholic Charities

Please join our Middle School Faith Formation class in donating **new** wool socks, winter hats, gloves or scarves to Commonwealth Catholic Charities for the homeless in our area. All donations must be new (nothing handmade please). A collection bin will be at the Children & Youth Ministry table in the Commons throughout January. **All donations must be received by January 28th for delivery to CCC on the 29th.** Thank you for sharing the warmth of St. Gabriel with our less fortunate brothers and sisters.



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December 13, 2023

Rev. Dr. Felix Amofa, Pastor
Saint Gabriel Catholic Church
8901 Winterpock Road
Chesterfield, VA 23832

Dear Fr. Amofa,

Saint Francis – Manchester has come alive with sparkling lights, velvet ribbon and tinsel, and the Love that is the very heart of the season! The blessed birth of our Savior moves this community to continuously reach out to elderly adults who need quality affordable assisted care. Shouldn't everyone have a warm loving home during Christmas? Your parish makes this a reality for seniors with limited means through your gift of 92 gift cards (\$2,300.00), for the residents' Christmas gifts, received on December 11, 2023. What a wonderful blessing! The joy and peace of the season extend to each resident because of Saint Gabriel's generosity, giving them a sense of security and love that they desire, and deserve. Thank you for your parishioners' compassion and thoughtfulness!

As we continue to grow with new residents and staff, we hope you know that you are an indispensable part of this family as well. We owe a debt of gratitude to you and all who have strengthened the mission of Saint Francis through financial support, volunteer hours, and countless prayers. Your giving directly impacts the residents' lives in real and tangible ways. Thank you for partnering with us to provide care that meets each individual's needs, and upholds their dignity. God bless you, Saint Gabriel, and your families. Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,

Bruce Slough
Bruce Slough
Executive Director

Saint Gabriel Parish has been so good for so long to the residents - Abundant blessings!

No goods or services were given in whole or in part for this voluntary contribution. Saint Francis - Manchester is a tax-exempt charitable organization as described in section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, TIN 54-0917181. Please use this letter as your receipt for tax purposes.



Luncheon on Wed. Jan. 17, Noon at Angelo's Italian Restaurant on Midlothian Turnpike.

Mass Intentions at time of publication:

January 20 at 4 pm: Mass intention available

January 21 at 4 pm: Mass intention available

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 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!

20 de enero a las 4 pm: Intención de misa disponible

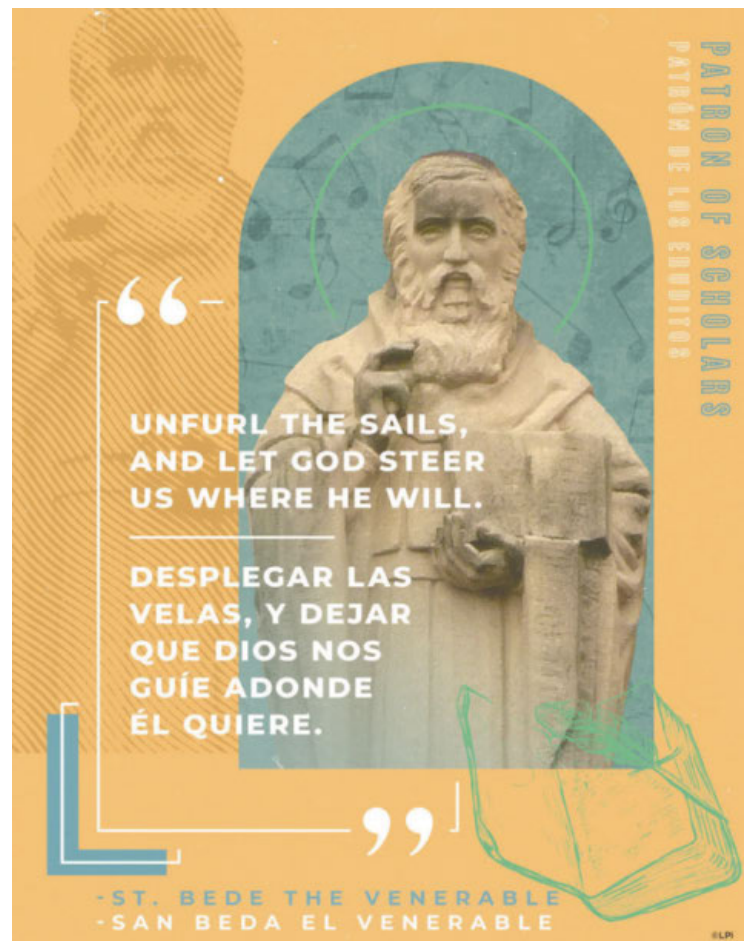
21 de enero a las 4 pm: Intención de misa disponible

14 de enero 2024— ¿Interesado en las vocaciones? "Venid y veréis". ¿Cómo estás siendo llamado a venir y ver cómo puedes edificar el reino de Dios como Su colaborador? Pensemos en el generoso servicio del sacerdocio o de la vida consagrada. Hable con su sacerdote o comuníquese con la Oficina de Vocaciones al (804) 359-5661 o por correo electrónico: vocations@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? 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!



Scripture for the Week of 1/14

Sun: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Mon: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22

Tues: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

Wed: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1-2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

Thurs: 1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-14; Mk 3:7-12

Fri: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19

Sat: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21

Next Sun: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20



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