OCTOBER 29, 2023 | 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME! PARISH OFFICE

804-639-6712 (p) | 804-639-6591 (f) www.saintgabriel.org

Monday-Thursday | 8:30am-3:30pm Friday | 8:30am-1:30pm

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 Robinsonbbtsmi@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.



MASS SCHEDULE

ST. GABRIEL

Wed. 9:00am Thu. 9:00am Fri. 9:00am

Sat. 5:30pm

Sun. 9:00am & 11:00am

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. You can find out more about the parish on our website, www.saintgabriel.org or by calling the parish office at 804-639-6712.

SAINT GABRIEL

8901 Winterpock Road Chesterfield, VA 23832

GOOD SAMARITAN

13441 Patrick Henry Highway Amelia, VA 23002



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 <u>3 months</u> after notification. Please resubmit if needed.

Florence Black
John Cimmino
Maria Estremera
Tina Shashaty Fuchs
Charles Gorton
Tim Kirkbride
Mary Kozlowski
Pat Martonik
Leah Robinson
Patrick Salerno
Robert Salerno
Mary Stump
Lori Sullivan

Mass Intentions at time of publication

Wed., Nov. 1, 9:00 am Mass intention available Thurs., Nov. 2, 9:00 am Mass intention available

Fri., Nov. 3, 9:00 am Repose of the souls of Epanty and

Fonkeng Family

Sat., Nov. 4, 5:30 pm For the parish and the entire universe

Sun., Nov. 5, 9:00 am Dan Gracey

Sun., Nov. 5, 11:00 am John Anthony Larkin Jr. and Flora May

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/



Join Flocknote. With Flocknote, we are able to text everyone who joins or just a specific group. Join Flocknote and keep in touch with us via text and email. Text "GABRIELVA" to 84576

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, October 29

8:00 am | Rosary

9:00 am | Mass with Anointing of the Sick 11:00 am | Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Monday, October 30

11:00 am | Rosary

6:30 pm | First Reconciliation Preparation

Tuesday, October 31

9:00 am | Rosary

9:00 am | Centering Prayer 10:00 am | Arts and Environment 7:00 pm | Lectionary Study 7:30 pm | Fishermen

Wednesday, November 1—All Saints Day

8:15 am | Rosary 9:00 am | Mass 7:00 pm | Mass

Thursday, November 2- All Souls Day

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

10:00 am | Arts and Environment 7:00 pm | RCIA/Candidates Gathering 7:00 pm | Knights of Columbus Meeting

Friday, November 3

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

9:30 am | Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament

9:40 am | Sacrament of Reconciliation until 10:15 am

10:20 am | Benediction of the Blessed

Sacrament

10:30 am | Bible Study

10:30 am | Praying Hands Prayer Shawl Ministry

Saturday, November 4

10:00 am | Rosary

5:30 pm | Mass with Food Pantry Collection

Sunday, November 5

8:00 am | Rosary

9:00 am | Mass with Food Pantry Collection 11:00 am | Mass with Food Pantry Collection

Interested in Vocations?

"Love God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with all your mind." Is Christ calling you to let Him manifest His love in you as a priest or consecrated religious? Call Father Matthew Kiehl 804-359-5661 or e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



@-GIVING Go Green -**Enroll in Electronic Giving**

One way to keep our parish going and growing is by consistent giving. An easy, convenient, secure and environmental friendly way is by using *E-Giving*. When you choose to give online, your donation will transfer directly to the parish. It is a convenience for you as you no longer need to bring your envelope, stop by an ATM or have your checkbook on you. It helps the parish as recurring donations provide consistency and efficiency.

To set up your E-Giving account, use this QR code or visit www.saintgabriel.org/Egiving.

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 con-
- 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!



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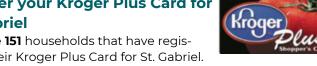
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Register your Kroger Plus Card for St. Gabriel





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 \$642.14, bringing our total for fiscal year 2023/24 to \$1,314.42



Your Parish Needs You... and You Need Your Parish!

By registering at St. Gabriel, you are declaring your desire to be part of a Catholic faith community. If you have recently moved to the area or if you are a long-time resident,

make it official. All information is kept confidential.

Registering is easy!

Just scan this OR code or complete the form at www. saintgabriel.org.

Top Reasons to Register

- A sense of belonging and identity in the community.
- It is a commitment to practice your faith.
- Registration enables our pastor, staff, and community to get to know you better, to welcome and minister to you. This is especially important during a time of crisis so that the pastoral staff can attend to your spiritual needs and the needs of your family.
- For the parish to record sacraments, as required by church law, and faith formation for your household, you need to be registered.
- Registration helps you stay connected with your parish and helps your parish stay connected with you. Providing your contact information is important so that parishes provide you with timely updates via email, direct mail, phone, etc. Also, in supporting your parish, if you use offertory envelopes or online giving, you will also receive a year-end statement of your donations for income tax purposes. Once you are registered, please notify the parish office of any changes in address or phone number.
- Registered active members are eligible for sponsor/godparent validation.
- Census numbers may determine how many priests are assigned to a parish and how many Masses and enrichment programs are planned and scheduled.

Are your Young Adult Children still listed under your parish registration? Have your children moved out of the house and are now on their own? Even if they are members under your household, it is their responsibility to join a church family, participate in the Mass, and to register as a member independent of their parents. Encourage them to register through the website or the QR code above. Please let us know if they have moved for accurate census numbers. Thank-you!







2023 Angel Tree

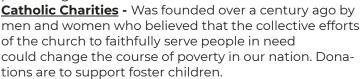
At Christmas we remember - "For God so

loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." (**Jn 3:16**)

If you can, be an "angel" to someone this Christmas season. You may choose one or more of the designated charities listed below. Use the QR code to make your donation or use one of the Angel Tree envelopes located on the Angel Tree table by the library in the commons. Once you have made your donation, please take an angel from the Angel Tree table and hang it on one of the trees in the commons that will be out beginning Nov. 4. You can put your name on it, decorate it, if you so choose, or just hang it as is...we would love to see the trees fully covered in angels. We will be purchasing gift

ered in angels. We will be purchasing gift cards through our scrip program and distributing them to each agency. The last day to donate is Sunday, December 3.

<u>St. Gabriel Families</u> - Reaching out and helping families in our parish who are experiencing difficult times.



Pregnancy Resource Center - Since 1983, the PRC of Metro Richmond has served thousands of women and men in the greater RVA community. It's their goal to provide compassionate care, objective information and practical resources on pregnancy.

<u>St. Francis Home</u> - It's their purpose at the St. Francis Home to offer assisted living services at a rate substantially lower than the industry standard.

St. Joseph Villa - They are dedicated to helping children and youth reach their potential. We create brighter futures for children of all socioeconomic backgrounds faced with developmental disabilities, diverse learning styles, mental health issues, homelessness and other challenges.

<u>Student Support Services</u> - Supports students in need throughout the Chesterfield County Public School System.

Do you or someone you know need a CCHASM Thanksgiving Meal?

The CCHASM Thanksgiving Meal Program helped more than 12,000 adults and children last year.

If you or someone you know is in need this year of a healthy Thanksgiving Meal, please let them know of this amazing program.

Registration for the 2023 Thanksgiving Meal Program is from October 2 to November 1. You can either call the CCHASM office at 804-796-2749 Monday – Thursday from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm or do an online registration at www.cchasm.org/tg2023.

All Saints and All Soul's Day

Tues. Nov. 1 at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. we will celebrate Mass for the Feast of All Saints.



Wed. Nov. 2 at 9 a.m. we will cele-

brate Mass for the Feast of All Souls and with a special emphasis on our family and friends who have passed.

You are also invited to bring photos of your loved ones who have passed for the Table of Remembrance that will be displayed from Nov. 1 until Nov. 20.

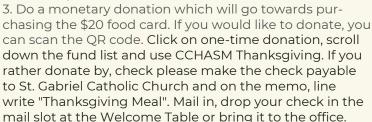
CCHASM Thanksgiving Meal Program



Once again, the parish will be collecting food for CCHASM (Chesterfield, Colonial Heights Alliance for Social Ministry) Thanksgiving Meals. Last year CCHASM distributed over

12,000 meals. Our goal is to donate 75 full meals along with a \$20 Food Lion card. If you would like to be part, you can either:

- 1. Donate a full meal
- 2. Donate part of a meal



You can drop off your food donations to the parish office during normal office hours or bring them to Mass with you the weekend of Nov. 11/12. We can't accept any food donations after Nov. 12.

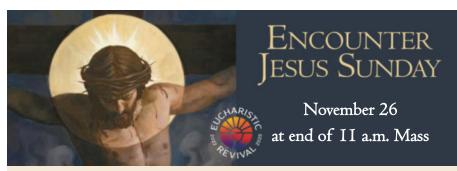
A sample meal is on display back by the library in the commons. We also have cards on the table with the items listed on the back for you to take.

Meal Package Contents: Please NO Bulk items

- 1 40 oz. can of yams/sweet potatoes
- 1 13 oz. box of mashed potatoes
- 1 14 oz. can of cranberry sauce
- 2 15 oz. can of corn
- 2 15 oz. can of green vegetables
- 2 boxes of stove top (no bags of stuffing)
- 2 -cans/packages of gravy (no glass jars)
- 1 box hot chocolate (8 envelopes in a box)
- 1 box of regular flavor tea bags
- 1 box or bag of cookies (large)

Thank you for helping those in need.





As the liturgical year concludes, we crown the year with the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

Encounters with Jesus change us. Join your faith community in worshipping our savior and king in the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, November 26 at the end of 11 a.m. Mass.

(Ending no later than 12:30 p.m.)

During this year of Eucharistic Revival, you are invited to have a personal encounter with the presence of Jesus alive in the Eucharist. Through exposition of the Holy Sacrament, communal praise, reflection, and worship, this 30-minute encounter ends with benediction or blessing by the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Join in this renewal of love for Jesus in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar and come to the Encounter Jesus Sunday.



Food Pantry Weekend of Nov. 4 and 5

Please bring items for the food pantry for both St. Gabriel and Good Samaritan parishes. Donations may be left on the table by the kitchen 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. 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.



Liturgical Ministry Training. Sat. Nov. 11, 1:30-5 pm, 5:30 pm Mass commissioning

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.



Will be held following the 9 a.m. Mass on Fri. **Nov. 3** until 10:30 am. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available following Mass until 10:20 am.

Help out with Knitting November



The Praying Hands Ministry produces prayer shawls, lapghans (some for our Vets), baby blankets, chemo hats, March for Life scarves and countless prayer squares for baptisms, Cursillos and the

military. These gifts equate to nearly \$4,000 in outreach each year and they operate on donation only. Please help support this beautiful ministry beginning **on Nov. 1.**

Donations: PLEASE NO WOOL, and preference is for Caron brand, 1 pound packages but welcome any donations. Donations can be put in the bin located by the library. Financial donations are also welcome – indicate on the envelope the gift is for Praying Hands.

Volunteers: Want to be a part of this beautiful outreach ministry? Contact Becky Robinson at bbtsmi@aol.com or call the parish office. You do not have to attend the weekly Friday morning meetings to participate.

Richmond Friends of the Homeless Bagged Lunches Sun, Nov. 12



Following the 11 a.m. Mass meet us in the kitchen to make 150 peanut butter & jelly sandwich lunches for the homeless in Richmond.

This is a great family activity. Youth can earn community service hours. It is an on-going monthly outreach activity (Sunday before the second Monday of each month.) Many hands make light work.



Thanksgiving Day Mass on Nov. 23,

8 a.m. (Note: new time)

Parish offices will be closed Noon on Wed. Nov. 22—Fri. Nov. 24 in observance of the holiday. Offices reopen on Mon. Nov. 27.



This very popular campaign has provided dozens of coats each year as the generous people of St. Gabriel have donated children's new and gently used coats to be combined with those purchased by the Knights and then donated to those in need through several vetted charities

in the local area. With the colder weather rapidly approaching this campaign is hugely important!

We will have a donation box by the Knights table to collect donations through the weekend of Nov. 11 and 12.

CATHOLIC

27 Words That Matter

One of the quickest things you learn as a parent is how dangerous it is to explain too much, especially when your kid is teetering on the brink of a rebellion. The fewer words you use, the more power they have. A kid who is about to be carried away by their feelings needs to be brought back to earth with a tether made of short, succinct directions.

There are a lot of similarities between the Pharisees of Scripture and a toddler on the edge of a meltdown. Stay with me — this will make sense, I promise. Think about it: both toddlers and Pharisees have lots of feelings and lots of opinions. Both toddlers and Pharisees think you're out to get them. Both toddlers and Pharisees keep trying to trick you to get what they think they want.

A thorough Google search informs me that there are about 80,000 words in the Torah. Eighty-thousand words, and Jesus can boil it all down to 27: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" and "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

It doesn't make the excess words untrue; it doesn't even make them unnecessary. Sometimes I need the long explanation, the full and complete picture.

Because sometimes, as much as I hate to admit it, I act like both a toddler and a Pharisee. I am carried away by my feelings. I don't trust God. I am about to bolt.

When that happens, I need to be told in short and simple terms what my salvation means. I need a tether made of short, succinct directions.

"The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." — Matthew 22:40

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

WANT TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?



Or are you considering be-

coming a Catholic or do you need to complete your initiation

sacraments? Wherever you are, know the Catholic Church welcomes new members of all ages. We would love to hear from you and help you discern the next step on your faith journey. To learn more about Catholicism and the process of joining the faith, you can contact Lisa Gorton at 639-6712 or email lisa.gorton@saintqabriel.org.



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 Sat. Nov. 18. 9 a.m. to Noon

with baptisms to be celebrated on Sat. Dec. 23, at 10 a.m.. For additional class and baptism dates visit: www.saintgabriel.org/baptism. If you have questions, feel free to contact Lisa Gorton at 804-639-6712 or email lisa.gorton@saintgabriel.org.

Scripture for the Week of 10/29

Sun: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c

-10; Mt 22:34-40

Mon: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7, 20-21 **Tues:** Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1-6; Lk 13:18-21 **Wed:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1bc-4b, 5-6; 1 Jn

3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Thurs: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11; Rom

6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40

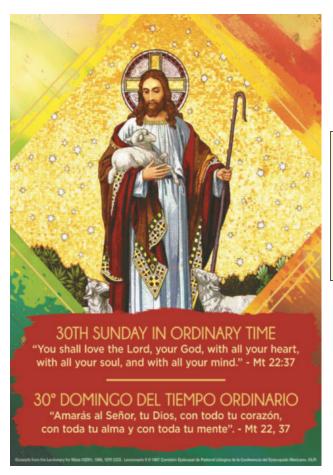
Fri: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6 **Sat:** Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11

15, 17-16, LK 14.1, 7-11

Next Sun: Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1-3; 1

Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12





Mass Intentions:

November 4 at 4 pm: Mass intention available November 5 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.

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!

4 de noviembre a las 4 pm: Intención de misa disponible 5 de noviembre a las 4 pm: Intención de misa disponible

29 de octubre 2023— ¿Interesado en las vocaciones? "Ama a Dios con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma y con toda tu mente". ¿Te está llamando Cristo a que le permitas manifestar su amor en ti como sacerdote o religioso consagrado? Llame al Padre Matthew Kiehl al 804-359-5661 o envíe un correo electrónico a: 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 programadas.

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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