NOVEMBER 19, 2023 | 33RD 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 3 months after notification. Please resubmit if needed.

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

Mass Intentions at time of publication

Wed., Nov. 15, 9:00 am For the special intentions of Jean

Sherman and Karen Herman

Thurs., Nov. 16, 9:00 am Alberto Luv Fri., Nov. 17, 9:00 am Agness Fonkeng Sat., Nov. 18, 5:30 pm Kris Martin

Sun., Nov. 19, 9:00 am Jackie Kelo and for the parish and the

entire universe

Sun., Nov. 19, 11:00 am **Deacon Roy Smith**

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-sexualharassment/



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, November 19

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

1:00 pm | High School Faith Formation 3:30 pm | Middle School Faith Formation

Monday, November 20

11:00 am Rosary

Tuesday, November 21

9:00 am | Rosary

9:00 am | Centering Prayer 7:00 pm | Healing Circle 7:00 pm | Lectionary Study

7:30 pm I Fishermen

Wednesday, November 22—Offices close at Noon

8:15 am Rosary 9:00 am | Mass

10:00 am | Arts and Environment

NOON I Offices close

6:00 pm I Cantor/Musician Practice

| Choir Practice 7:00 pm

Thursday, November 23—Thanksgiving

Parish Offices Closed 8:00 am | Mass

Friday, November 24

Parish Offices Closed/No 9 am Mass

8:15 am | Rosary

Friday, November 25

10:00 am Rosary 5:30 pm | Mass

Sunday, November 26

8:00 am I Rosarv 9:00 am

11:00 am | Mass with Encounter Jesus Sunday at the

end of Mass (concludes no later 12:30 pm)

NOTE: Parish offices will be closed beginning Noon on Wednesday, November 22 and will reopen on Monday, November 27 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

There will be NO Mass on Friday, November 24.





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. 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 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.

<u>Catholic Charities</u> - Was founded over a century ago by men and women who believed that the collective efforts of the church to faithfully serve people in need could change the course of poverty in our nation. Donations are to support foster children.

<u>Pregnancy Resource Center</u> - 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.

St. Francis Home - 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.

Register your Kroger Plus Card for St. Gabriel



We have **151** 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 wour.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



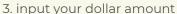
Go Green - Enroll in Electronic Giving

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/E-giving.



- 1. under donation click on "recurring"
- 2. select the fund you would like to give to (offertory, building and growth, social concerns....)



- 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!



Shop with Scrip right from your phone with the RaiseRight app!

1. Download the RaiseRight mobile

app from the app store using your smartphone or tablet 2. Enter the enrollment code to join. Call office for enrollment code.

3. The brand gives back to St. Gabriel the moment you buy a gift card—at no extra cost to you!

Have questions about getting started? Call the ShopWithScrip Customer Support team at 1-800-727-4715 Option 3.





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

Sun., Nov. 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.





Looking for ways to grow this Advent Season?

Visit the parish website page at **www.saintgabriel.org** — **Advent Resources** page to see the many opportunities available for you and for your family.



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.



Food Pantry Weekend, Dec. 2 & 3

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.

Food Pantry Volunteers

We are in need of Food Pantry volunteers. Volunteer time is on Wednesday's from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm to prepare bags of food for those in need and the first full weekend of the month to put food away. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the office, 804-639-6712 or email therese.venti@saintgabriel.org.



Will be held following the 9 a.m. Mass on Fri. **Dec. 1** until 10:30 am. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available following Mass until 10:20 am.



Spiritual Adoption – Babies 1st Birthday

The Respect Life Ministry thanks all those who donated baby gifts for the Spiritual Adoption event. The Pregnancy Resource Center of Richmond greatly appreciates your generosity.





Mark your calendars: Sunday, December 24,

4 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Doors open at 3 p.m., 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. **Monday, December 25,** 10 a.m. Mass

NOTE: There will be a 4th Sunday of Advent Vigil Mass on Sat. Dec. 23, at 5:30 p.m. and 4th Sunday of Advent Dec. 24, 9 a.m. Mass only.



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. **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.

Scripture for the Week of 11/19

Sun: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt

25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Mon: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150,

155, 158; Lk 18:35-43

Tues: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wed: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; Lk 19:11-28 **Thurs:** 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44 or Thanksgiving Day readings: Sir 50: 22-24; Ps 138-1-5; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Fri: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Lk 19: 45-48 **Sat:** 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40

Next Sun: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26,

28; Mt 25:31-46



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 QR 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!

Cardinal Newman Academy Christmas Craft Fair @ Church of the Epiphany

11000 Smoketree Drive, North Chesterfield Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9am-3pm There will be several local Catholic artisans with both religious and non-religious items for sale. For info or vendor application, contact cna.craftfair@gmail.com.

Liturgical Life

CATHOLIC

What Remains

When my grandfather died, my parents, siblings, and I were left with the question: what's to become of the house?

Anyone who has inherited property knows that it's not simply a matter of assuming ownership of a plot of land upon which sits four walls and a roof. Those four walls and a roof usually contain memories and objects — an enormous volume of both, in the case of my grandfather. When they're left to you, you have to sift through them, the memories and the objects, and with each one you have to think: Is it worth it? Do I keep it?

Will I need it?

And slowly, painfully, you disassemble the physical existence of the person who lived here. You accept, with a pang, that most of it must be given away or discarded. You cry when you bag up the clothes to take to Goodwill. You can't even bear to look when they break the piano into a hundred pieces and throw it in a dumpster, realizing that no one wants or has a use for something that was once so precious.

But when you come upon a rosary that was used so many times it has begun to fall apart, you don't even think twice before keeping it, and not because you need the rosary. You need what it means. You need what it reminds you of.

When all is said and done, each of us will be called before our master to settle accounts, just as my grandfather was.

"Where are the gifts I gave you? What remains of the fortune to which I entrusted you?" he will ask us. "What have you done with the peace? What have you done with the love? What have you done with the mercy?"

"You yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night." 1 Thessalonians 5:2

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

If it isn't only for people who are dying, when should someone receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick?

Answer:

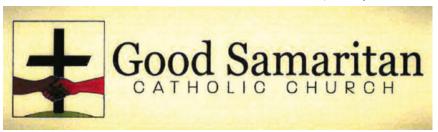
One of the unfortunate realities in the Church today is that so few people understand the meaning and value of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, largely because so many people still mistakenly think of this sacrament as "Last Rites" or "Extreme Unction."

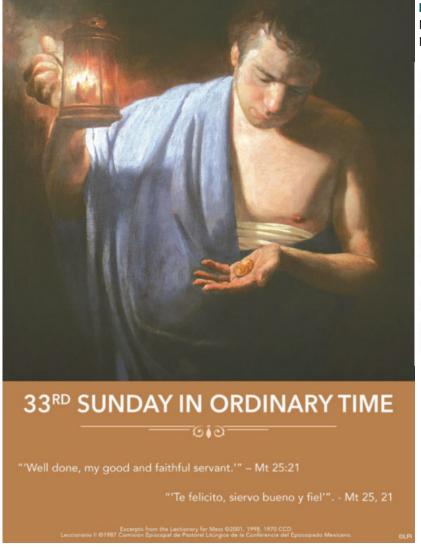
In his life and ministry, Jesus healed the sick. In this sacrament, the Church continues the healing mission of Jesus and, in hope, prays that God will grant healing to the person who is suffering. But even if there is no physical healing, the sacrament offers spiritual healing through the Holy Spirit's gifts of peace and courage. And so, anyone who is living with serious illness (including emotional or psychological illness) and the elderly are encouraged to celebrate this sacrament when it is needed.

The ritual for Anointing of the Sick does also include special prayers and blessings for those who are facing death, including viaticum (communion given to the dying, trusting that the Lord Jesus will be their companion along the way, as they make their final journey).

Interested in Vocations?

"Well done, good and faithful servant...." How are you called to use your talents? Are you being called to love the Lord with an undivided heart as a priest, deacon or the consecrated life? Call Father Matthew Kiehl 804-359-5661 e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.





Mass Intentions:

November 25 at 4 pm: Mass intention available November 26 at 4 pm: Mass intention available

Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Proverbs describes the ideal wife who runs her household with wisdom and grace. How would you describe your household growing up?

Second Reading

Paul reminds the Thessalonians to stay alert and sober for the day when the Lord Jesus will return. Why do you think the date of this event is hidden from us?

Gospel Reading

Jesus teaches about the importance of using our God-given gifts faithfully and prudently in the parable of the talents. What gifts have you used well in your life?

Baptisms: Visit www.saintgabriel.org/qsbaptismform 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!

25 de noviembre a las 4 pm: Intención de misa disponible 26 de noviembre a las 4 pm: Intención de misa disponible

19 de noviembre 2023— ¿Interesado en las vocaciones? "Bien hecho, buen y fiel servidor..." ¿Cómo estás llamado a usar tus talentos? ¿Estás siendo llamado a amar al Señor con un corazón indiviso como sacerdote, diácono o vida consagrada? Llame al Padre Matthew Kiehl al 804-359-5661 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!









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