

NOVEMBER 23, 2025 | OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

# WELCOME! PARISH OFFICE

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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 Lathruphelenlathrop@gmail.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 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)

#### **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. 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.

#### 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...

Jodi Petway Mary Kozlowski Pat Martonik Becky Robinson Julio Pons Amy Caprara Patrick Salerno John DeGiorgio Lilly Grace Moreland Dorothy Hayton Julian Pragle John Paul Macri Abdulbari Hassan Jim McCarthy Mary DeCosta Joanne Johnson Fr. Bob Brownell Lori Sullivan Mary Sasara Eileen Albert Ray Parrott Tina Huev Eileen Albert Bernadette Gallagher

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



## Mass Intentions at time of publication

Wed., Nov 26, 9:00 am Bennett O'Neil on her 7th birthday

Thur., Nov 27, 9:00 am No Mass Fri., Nov 28, 9:00 am No Mass Sat., Nov 29, 5:30 pm Helen DelFavero

Sun., Nov 30, 9:00 am Jenny Litos Sun., Nov 30, 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, November 23

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

1:00 pm | Pre-K-1st grade Faith Formation 3:00 pm | 2nd-5th grade Faith Formation

#### Monday, November 24

11:00 am | Rosary

#### **Tuesday, November 25**

9:00 am | Rosary

9:00 am | Centering Prayer

7:00 pm | Fishermen

7:00 pm | Lectionary Study

## Wednesday, November 26– PARISH OFFICE CLOSES AT NOON

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

6:30 pm | Cantor/Instrumentalist

Rehearsal

7:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, November 27– THANKSGIVING; PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

## Friday, November 28- PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

## Saturday, November 29– FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND

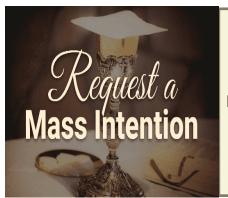
10:00 am | Rosary

10:00 am | Arts and Environment

5:30 pm | Mass

# Sunday, November 30– FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT; FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND

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



The 2026 Mass Intentions book is open. Please visit the office if vou'd like to request a Mass.

## **LOST & FOUND**

Please Check Often and Take What is Yours.



Attention Parishioners: On the first of every month, the lost and found in our vestibule will be emptied. If you think you may have forgotten something

at church, please check. It is currently overflowing with items. Thank you for your attention to this matter!

#### PLEASE NOTE:

For parishioners who are hospitalized, in a rehabilitation or care center: During the admissions process be sure to provide your religion and parish. This will enable you to receive communion from ministers if they come to that particular facility. Only you or a family member can contact the parish to inform of the hospitalization. Health care facilities do not automatically contact your parish unless instructed to do so by you or your family. Friends cannot speak on your behalf.

If you are home to recuperate or become homebound, only you or a family member can reach out to the parish office and request to be added to the prayer list or have communion brought to your home.



#### Parishioners,

Please remain aware of your surroundings while entering and leaving the church. If you notice anything unusual (like a car parked for long periods of

time in the extremities of the lot), please stay in your vehicle or in the church, and call the **Chesterfield County Non-Emergency line:** 804-748-1251. Thank you for doing your part to keep our parish safe.

#### WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Consider signing up for one of the many ministries of the parish. It is a great way to get to know more people, give back and grow in your faith. See the many ways you can serve Christ in the world by visiting www.saintgabriel.org/

## ZONE ZONE

## 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.



#### Shop with Scrip 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? Call the ShopWithScrip Customer Support team at 1-800-727-4715, Option 3.



#### 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 \$428.81. The total for 2025/26 thus far is \$837.87.

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## Liturgy



# Advent and Christmas Schedule

**Dec. 8** Immaculate Conception

Masses: 9 am and 7 pm

**Dec. 11** Advent Reconciliation

Service: 7 pm

**Dec. 12** Christmas Pageant and

Concert: 7 pm

**Dec. 24** Christmas Eve Mass: 4 pm

Carol singing: 9:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass:10 pm

\* Good Samaritan,

Bilingual Mass: 6:30 pm

Dec. 25 Christmas Day Mass: 10 am



# Want to help decorate the Church for the Advent Season?

Contact Lisa Gorton at lisa.gorton@saintgabriel.org or 804-639-6712 to assist with the transformation of the worship space happening THIS Sat. Nov. 29, 10 am.

# Do your children love to sing?

Students in second grade and older can sign up to join our Children's



Choir, which will sing at the Parish Nativity Pageant and the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass.
Rehearsals will be on Mondays in December from 6-7pm. Sign up through the QR code, and contact Emily Rosenberger with questions.

#### Children and Youth

The Diocesan Youth Conference (Feb. 20-22, 2026) is an annual event bringing together 1000+ high school youth to celebrate their Catholic faith!



Open to all 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders, DYC offers Mass with Bishop Knestout,

an opportunity for reconciliation, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, keynote talks, breakout sessions, RISE Against Hunger, inflatables and more!

Registration forms are on the Children and Youth Ministry table in the commons. Registrations are \$225. Fee covers lodging, meals on Saturday and Sunday morning, snacks, and t-shirt! Questions should be directed to Carole Cox in the office.

## Sign up for the Nativity Pageant!

We need lots of children and youth to bring the nativity story to life for our parish family. Angels, shepherds, sheep, wise men, oh my!





Sign up with this QR Code. Rehearsals are on 11/23, 12/7 and 12/10. The pageant and choir concert are on Friday, Dec. 12th at 7 pm! Adult volunteers are needed too! For more information, contact carole.cox@saintgabriel.org

Middle and high school youth join us for a Tacky Light Tour on Saturday, December 13th, 7 - 9 pm. Sign-up at the Children and Youth Ministry table by November 30th. Cost is \$10, plus donation for the food pantry. More details are on the Children and Youth Ministry table.





TODAY is Faith Formation!

1 pm— Pre-K—1st grade
3 pm— 2nd— 5th grade

#### **Social Justice**



"For it is in giving that we receive"

– St. Francis of Assisi

Be an "angel" to someone this Christmas season. You can choose one or more of the designated charities listed below.

Use the QR code at the bottom to make your donation or use one of the Angel Tree envelopes located on the Welcome Table in the commons.

Once you have made your donation, take an angel from one of the Christmas trees in the commons and put it on your tree at home. Please keep the people we are helping this year in your prayers.

We will be purchasing gift cards through our scrip program and distributing them to each agency. Last day to donation is Monday, December 1.

<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.

Mary's Choice RVA - Provides a Christ centered program of guidance and support for women facing a crisis during pregnancy. They provide a nurturing safe home with support services, educational opportunities and access to health services.

**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.

\*Saint Francis Home is fully funded this year, thanks to generous donations from private organizations! Praise God!



### **Christian Care**



## 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 Helen Lathrop at helenlathrop@gmail.com or call the parish office. You do not have to attend the weekly Friday morning meetings to participate.

#### **Diocesan**

Married Couples: Just as we celebrate Thanksgiving by gathering together with family, why not



celebrate your Marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? It's a positive, simple, common sense, private experience between husband and wife that revitalizes your marriage. Space is limited so make your reservation now! Upcoming experiences are:

December 5-7, 2025. - Ocean City, NJ

February 13-15, 2026 - Waynesboro VA

March 6-8, 2026 - Hampton VA

For more information please call 757-690-1369 or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for your desired location.

#### Other



Events to pay attention to this month!



TODAY is the LAST DAY to donate a coat!

Christmas cards are also on sale through November 30, until supplies last!

### Interested in Vocations?

# Solemnity of Christ the King - November 23, 2025

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." (Luke 23:42)

On this Feast of Christ the King, reflect on His reign over your life. Is He calling you to serve His kingdom 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.

## Scripture for the Week of 11/23

**Sun:** 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43 **Mon: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20;** (**Ps) Dn 3:52-56;** Lk **21:1-4 Tues: Dn 2:**31-45; (Ps) Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11

**Wed:** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; (Ps) Dn 3:62-67; Lk

21:12-19

**Thurs:** Dn 6:12-28; (Ps) Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28 **Fri:** Dn 7:2-14; (Ps) Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33 **Sat:** Dn 7:15-17; (Ps) Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36

**Next Sun:** Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-

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# Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Not long ago, I was called to a hospital to anoint a woman in her early 80s. She was dying, and visibly in pain. But what struck me most wasn't her suffering — it was the atmosphere in the room. She had eight children and 30 foster kids, and many of them were gathered around her. You'd expect sorrow, fear, maybe even despair. But the room was filled with something else entirely — a quiet strength, a kind of sweetness. It was as if she was suffering not just with them, but for them. And they, in love, were suffering for her. The pain was real. But so was the peace. I didn't want to run. I felt as if I was in a little paradise, beeping machines and all.

I think of that moment when I hear today's Gospel. Jesus, hanging on the cross, doesn't look like a king. But one of the crucified, dying men beside him sees through the suffering and says, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (Luke 23:42). That word — remember — literally means to make someone a member again. He's asking to be joined to Christ, to become part of his Body. And Jesus says, "Today you will be with me in paradise."

He doesn't say, "I'll take your suffering away." He says, **"You will be with me."** 

That's the strange power of Christ the King. He doesn't rule by avoiding suffering. He reigns by entering into it, and transforming it with love.

What are you suffering right now in your life? Likely you want it to stop. But if we are willing to suffer with him — paradise begins even today.

- Father John Muir



## Financial information for the week ending November 9 was \$. Mass Intentions at time of publication: *Mass intention available*

Nov 22: 7 pm- Hispanic Rosary

Nov 29: Advent Begins; 7 pm-Hispanic Rosary

Nov 27: Thanksgiving Dinner

Nov 30: 2 pm-Youth Formation, Sacrament Prep

Baptisms: Visit <a href="https://www.saintgabriel.org/gsbaptismform">www.saintgabriel.org/gsbaptismform</a> 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!



## Información financiera para las semanas que termina el 9 de noviembre es \$

Sábados 7 p.m. Rosario Hispano

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

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

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

# Solemnidad de Cristo Rey - 23 de noviembre de 2025

"Jesús, acuérdate de mí cuando llegues a tu reino." (Lucas 23:42)

En esta fiesta de Cristo Rey, reflexiona sobre su reinado en tu vida. ¿Te está llamando a servir a su reino 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.

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Le decía a Jesús: "Señor, cuando llegues a tu Reino, acuérdate de mí". Jesús le respondió: "Yo te aseguro que hoy estarás conmigo en el paraíso". - Lc 23, 42-43

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**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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