NOVEMBER 26, 2023 | FEAST OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

## 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.

## Visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ StGabrielCatholicChurch/

#### **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)

#### **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.

#### 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
Tim Kirkbride
Mary Kozlowski
Pat Martonik
Julio Pons
Leah Robinson
Patrick Salerno
Mary Stump
Lori Sullivan

#### Mass Intentions at time of publication

Wed., Nov. 29, 9:00 am Robert Salerno

Thurs., Nov. 30, 9:00 am Mass Intention Available Fri., Dec. 1, 9:00 am Josephine and Cecil Dryden

Sat., Dec. 2, 5:30 pm James Trudeau and for the parish and

the entire universe

Sun., Dec. 3, 9:00 am
Sun., Dec. 3, 11:00 am
John Howe and Myrna Dillon

#### **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, November 26

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

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

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

#### Monday, November 27

10:00 am | Arts and Environment

11:00 am | Rosary

#### Tuesday, November 28

9:00 am | Rosary

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

7:30 pm | Fishermen

#### Wednesday, November 29

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

9:45 am | Children Faith Formation Meeting

6:00 pm | Cantor/Musician Practice

7:00 pm | Choir Practice

#### Thursday, November 30

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

#### Friday, December 1

8:15 am | Rosary

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

4:00 pm | Confirmation Retreat Begins

#### Saturday, December 2

10:00 am | Rosary

10:00 am | Arts and Environment

5:30 pm | Mass and Food Pantry Collection

#### Sunday, December 3

8:00 am | Rosary

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

1:00 pm | Confirmation Reception

#### Interested in Vocations? "I was hungry and

you gave me to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me to drink." Is Christ calling you to serve Him in others as a sister, brother, deacon or priest? Call Father Matthew Kiehl 804-359-5661 or e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



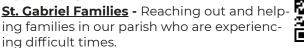


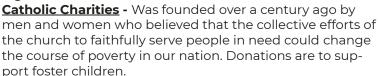
#### Next weekend deadline to give to 2023 Angel Tree

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>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.

<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.

### 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 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



#### 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.

#### 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!



## 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.







Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament

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.

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

TODAY 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.





9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

## 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.



#### 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 <a href="https://www.saintgabriel.org/Food-Pantry">https://www.saintgabriel.org/Food-Pantry</a> 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 <a href="mailto:therese.venti@saintgabriel.org">therese.venti@saintgabriel.org</a>.



Please join us for an Advent Musical Concert on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. This is an opportunity to prepare our hearts for Christmas by hearing Scripture readings, choral and instrumental music provided by parish and other local musicians, and singing some familiar carols. Refreshments will be served afterward. Offered in partnership with music ministry and St. Gabriel Knights of Columbus Council 13170.



#### 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.

## Last Week to 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 <a href="mailto:bbtsmi@aol.com">bbtsmi@aol.com</a> or call the parish office. You do not have to attend the weekly Friday morning meetings to participate.

## MEAN

#### Richmond Friends of the Homeless Bagged Lunches Sun, Dec. 10

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.



New Friday Morning Bible Study begins Fri. Jan. 5

#### David the King with Bishop Robert Barron

David is the paradigm of the good king in the Old Testament. His kingship recalls that of Adam in the Garden of Eden, and yet it points toward the King of kings, Jesus Christ. The video-based study program contains seven 90-minute sessions to explore the Davidic themes of kingship in the Old Testament and their fulfillment in Christ. If interested visit saintgabriel.org/Bible-Studies or contact Lisa Gorton at 804-639-6712 or sign up at the Adult Formation Table in the Commons. Directions will be given on how to purchase your \$20 study guide after you sign up.

# St. Gabriel Catholic Church is seeking a Part-Time Administrative Assistant (16 hrs. a week)

One Sunday a month the Administrative Assistant will supervise the use of the church building and media equipment for Children's Formation and 12 Monday evenings during the year for Sacramental preparation. They will also have office hours to handle production of bulletins, website, emails, parish census records and sacramental records. Maintains safe environment materials, assist with office and church inventories and assist parishioners with general questions. Provides phone coverage while in the office. Related associate/ bachelor's degree preferred, strong computer skills, working knowledge of various computer software, and confidence in learning new software. Must possess effective verbal/written communication skills, planning and organizational skills, interpersonal skills and be able to maintain confidentiality. Please send resume and diocesan application (found on Richomond Diocese website) to St. Gabriel Catholic Church, Therese Venti, 8901 Winterpock Road, Chesterfield, VA 23832; or email to therese.venti@saintgabriel.org.



#### **Advent Reconciliation Services**

Tues., Dec 5, 7 p.m. - Church of the Epiphany

Tues., Dec. 12. Noon – St. John Neumann Catholic Church

Wed., Dec. 13, 7pm – St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

Fr. Felix hears confessions each Sunday from 8:15-8:45a.m. and 10:15-10:45a.m. You may also approach Fr. Felix after the 5:30p.m. Mass on Saturday or after the 11:00a.m. Mass on Sunday, during First Friday Holy Hour or call the parish office for an appointment.

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

#### The King Comes Holding a Mirror

Of all the many wonderful, thorough examinations of conscience I have come across, the one I normally utilize is very simple, and perfectly suited to someone like me who is not capable of profound thought at the end of the day.

It's just one very short question: Which Christs did I not recognize today?

The King always comes in disguise, and I know I miss him in so many ways every single day. I miss him in people ignored or dismissed. I miss him in opportunities avoided and in moments that could have turned into prayer but instead turned into phone-scrolling. I miss him when he is right in front of me, holding up a mirror and calling my name, begging for my conversion of heart.

The Christian life calls us to constant self-scrutiny. It's not a comfortable life, always thinking about what you could do better, but the Lord shepherds us rightly. His pastures have nothing to offer those who are perfect and strong.

He has gone in search of the lost. He has reclaimed those who have strayed, healed those who were injured, given rest to those who were weary.

We can't be followers of Christ if we are not willing to own our sins. God's mercy does not dismiss our sins, as if they never existed and were not important.

No, it does something far, far better — God's mercy absolves our sins. It sets us free from them. But to be truly free, you have to understand the tyranny of what once enslaved you.

"And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats."

Matthew 25:32

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



#### Your Parish Needs You... REGISTER 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 re-

cently 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.





- 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.
- 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.

#### Scripture for the Week of 11/26

**Sun:** Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28;

Mt 25:31-46

**Mon:** Dn 1:1-5, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4 Tues: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11

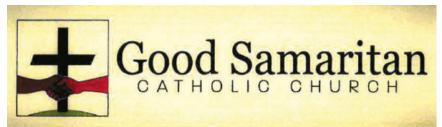
**Wed:** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12

**Thurs:** Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22 Fri: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33 **Sat:** Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36

Next Sun: Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3,15-16, 18-

19, 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37





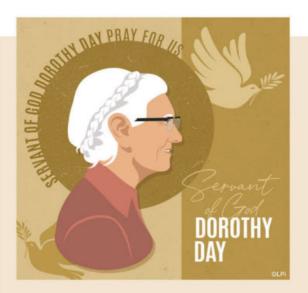
#### **Mass Intentions:**

December 2 at 4 pm: Mass intention available December 3 at 4 pm: Mass intention available

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 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!



#### Saint of the week

Servant of God Dorothy Day was an American journalist, social activist, and Catholic convert who co-founded the Catholic Worker Movement. Her work inspired countless others and earned her recognition as one of the most influential Catholic figures of the 20th century.



#### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

600

"'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." - Mt 25:34

"Vengan, benditos de mi Padre; tomen posesión del Reino preparado para ustedes desde la creación del mundo'". - Mt 25, 34

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2 de diciembre a las 4 pm: Intención de misa disponible 3 de diciembre a las 4 pm: Intención de misa disponible

26 de noviembre 2023— ¿Interesado en las vocaciones? "Tuve hambre y me disteis de comer, tuve sed y me disteis de beber". ¿Cristo te está llamando a servirle en los demás como hermana, hermano, diácono o sacerdote? 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 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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