



NOVEMBER 30, 2025 | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WELCOME!

PARISH OFFICE

804-639-6712

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

Sun. 9:00 am, 11:00 am

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. 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 Lathrup-helenlathrup@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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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.

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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...

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

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



Mass Intentions at time of publication

Wed., Dec 3, 9:00 am	Stan and Karen on their 1st anniversary
Thur., Dec 4, 9:00 am	Myrna Dillon
Fri., Dec 5, 9:00 am	William L. Lincoln
Sat., Dec 6, 5:30 pm	For the parish
Sun., Dec 6, 9:00 am	Linda Bartlett
Sun., Dec 7, 11:00 am	Sandra Leese

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
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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 30– FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT; FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND

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

Monday, December 1

* Church closed for floor waxing.

Tuesday, December 2

* Church closed for floor waxing.

Wednesday, December 3

8:15 am	Rosary
9:00 am	Mass
9:45 am	Wings
6:30 pm	Adult Faith Formation
6:30 pm	Respect Life Ministry
6:30 pm	Cantor/Instrumentalist Rehearsal
7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 4

8:15 am	Rosary
9:00 am	Mass
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus
7:00 pm	Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Friday, December 5

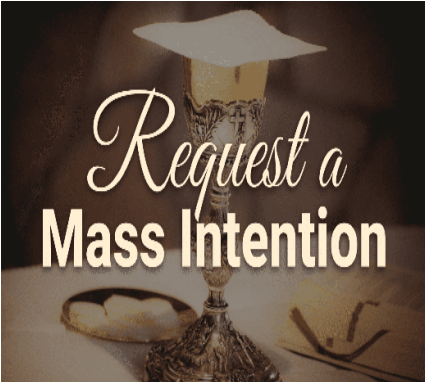
8:15 am	Rosary
9:00 am	Mass
9:30 am	Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction
10:30 am	Bible Study
10:30 am	Praying Hands

Saturday, December 6– FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND

10:00 am	Rosary
5:30 pm	Mass

Sunday, December 7- FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND; SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 am	Rosary
9:00 am	Mass
11:00 am	Mass
12:00 pm	Richmond Friends of the Homeless
1:00 pm	Children's Formation Pre-K—1st
3:00 pm	Children's Formation 2nd—5th



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

IT'S FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND NEXT WEEKEND!

There will be fellowship after all Masses, in the commons. If you'd like to bring a treat to share, please do. We hope you'll stay and enjoy fellowship with our community.



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!

LOST & FOUND

Please Check Often and Take What is Yours.



Join Flocknote

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



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.

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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/Time or call the parish office.



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.**

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 Sam, Bilingual Mass: 6:30 pm
- Dec. 25** Christmas Day Mass: 10 am

Children and Youth

Middle and high school youth - join us for a Tacky Light Tour on Saturday, December 13th, 7 - 9 pm. **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP!** Cost is \$10, plus donation for the food pantry. More details are on the Children and Youth Ministry table.



NEXT WEEK is Faith Formation !

1 pm— Pre-K—1st grade

3 pm— 2nd— 5th grade

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 9th - 12th 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.

Social Justice

Richmond Friends of the Homeless Bagged Lunches NEXT WEEK

11 a.m. Mass, meet us in the kitchen to make 150 peanut butter & jelly sandwich lunches for Richmond's homeless. This is a great family activity. Youth can earn community service hours. It is monthly outreach activity. Many hands make light



Food Pantry Weekend, THIS WEEKEND

Please bring items for the food pantry for both St. Gabriel and Good Samaritan parishes. Donations may be left on the table under the kitchen window or the brown table 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. **Also, please note— you don't have to wait for Food Pantry Weekend to donate. The office can accept food donations at any time.**



The need is currently VERY GREAT.

While all donations are appreciated, **only items listed at <https://www.saintgabriel.org/Food-Pantry> 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. No single bulk items. Thank you so much for supporting those in need in our community.



*"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.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO DONATE!

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

Catholic Charities - 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.

Student Support Services -

Supports students in need throughout the Chesterfield County Public School System.



CCHASM Thanksgiving Thank You

On behalf of all the families who received a Thanksgiving Meal...THANK YOU.



Words can not express how grateful everyone was when they received their meal.

The parish was able to give CCHASM 60 full meals and Food Lion gift cards, plus give 6 full meals to our Wednesday clients. Plus, we already have a great start on Christmas meals for our Wednesday clients.

We hope you and your family had a very blessed, happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

Christian Care

*Prayer Shawl
Ministry*



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.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO DONATE!

Diocesan



Saint Mary's Catholic Church
presents the a cappella group

Voctave

performing their concert
It Feels Like Christmas
Tuesday, December 9, 2025 | 7:00 PM

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Saint Mary's Catholic Church
9505 Gayton Road, Henrico, VA 23229

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ARTISTS

Interested in Vocations?

First Sunday of Advent - November 30, 2025

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." (Matthew 24:42)

God calls us to be vigilant, ready to respond to His invitation. Could He be stirring your heart toward priesthood or consecrated life, to serve His Church with unwavering dedication? Stay awake to His call through prayer. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 804-359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org

Scripture for the Week of 11/30

Sun: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Mon: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tues: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wed: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thurs: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Fri: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Sat: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sun: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A few years ago, my house was broken into on Super Bowl Sunday. Turns out, it's a great day for burglars. If the TV isn't on, people are probably watching the game somewhere else, so ... easy pickins'. I'll never forget walking into my bedroom and realizing someone had been there. My stuff was thrown all over the floor. The closet was torn apart. It was disorienting and disturbing — someone had invaded the space I thought was secure. After that, I bought an alarm system. And every Super Bowl Sunday since, I'm extra careful to lock the doors and keep the lights on. That experience made me more alert. Not scared. Just attentive.

That's much like the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent. He doesn't start the season with soft candlelight and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation.

Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos *will* come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief — not to steal from us, but to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue.

Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance.

This Advent, don't just stay vaguely "awake." Prepare. Build. Watch. The flood will come. But so will he.

— Father John Muir



Good Samaritan
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Financial information for the week ending November 16 was \$.

Mass Intentions at time of publication: *Mass intention available*

Nov 30: 2 pm– Youth Formation, Sacrament Prep

Dec 1: 9 am– Quilters

Dec 2: 7 pm– Steering Meeting

Dec 3: 10:30 am– Rosary

Dec 5: 7 pm– Hispanic Rosary

Dec 6: 7 pm– Hispanic Rosary

Dec 10: 10:30 am– Rosary

Dec 11: 5-11pm– Prep for Guadalupe

Dec 12: 3-7am, 5-11 pm– Guadalupe

Dec 13: 7 pm– Hispanic Rosary

Dec 17: 10:30 am– Rosary

Dec 18: Noon– Luncheon at Angelo's

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 804-639-6712 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!



1ER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

"Velen, pues, y estén preparados, porque no saben qué día va a venir su Señor". - Mt 24, 42

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Información financiera para las semanas que termina el 16 de noviembre es \$

Sábados 7 p.m. **Rosario Hispano**

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

6 de diciembre a las 4 pm: Intención de misa

disponible

7 de diciembre a las 4 pm: Intención de misa

disponible

¿Interesado en las Vocaciones?

Primer Domingo de Adviento - 30 de noviembre de 2025

"Así que, ¡manténganse despiertos! Porque no saben en qué día vendrá su Señor."
(Mateo 24:42)

Dios nos llama a estar atentos, listos para responder a su invitación. ¿Podría Él estar inspirando tu corazón hacia el sacerdocio o la vida consagrada, para servir a su Iglesia con dedicación inquebrantable? Mantente atento a su llamado mediante la oración. Habla con tu sacerdote o comuníquese con la Oficina de Vocaciones al 804-359-5661 o por correo electrónico:

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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