



DECEMBER 7, 2025 | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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 10, 9:00 am	Cait Cedor
Thur., Dec 11, 9:00 am	Rudolph Kindernay
Fri., Dec 12, 9:00 am	For the souls in purgatory
Sat., Dec 13, 5:30 pm	Steven George Peterson
Sun., Dec 14, 9:00 am	Jenny Litos
Sun., Dec 14, 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, 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
5:15 pm	Nativity Rehearsal

Monday, December 8- FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9:00 am	Mass
11:00 am	Rosary
6:00 pm	Children and Youth Christmas Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm	Mass

Tuesday, December 9

9:00 am	Centering Prayer
9:00 am	Rosary
6:30 pm	Confirmation Class
7:00 pm	Fishermen
7:00 pm	Lectionary Study

Wednesday, December 10

8:15 am	Rosary
9:00 am	Mass
9:45 am	Reflection and Recreation
6:30 pm	Cantor/Instrumentalist Rehearsal
6:45 pm	Nativity Dress Rehearsal
7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm	Migrant Ministry Meeting

Thursday, December 11

8:15 am	Rosary
9:00 am	Mass
7:00 pm	Advent Reconciliation Service

Friday, December 12

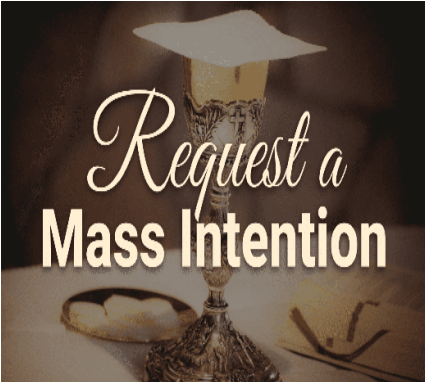
8:15 am	Rosary
9:00 am	Mass
10:00 am	Bible Study
10:00 am	Praying Hands
7:00 pm	Nativity Pageant and Christmas Concert

Saturday, December 13

10:00 am	Rosary
5:30 pm	Mass

Sunday, December 14- THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 am	Rosary
9:00 am	Mass
11:00 am	Mass
1:00 pm	High School Formation
3:30 pm	Middle School Formation



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

IT'S FELLOWSHIP 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. Thank you for your attention to this matter!



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.

The budget is divided evenly over the 12 month fiscal period. Please bear in mind that all donations do not come weekly or monthly. The parish receives quarterly, semi-annual, and annual donations.

Parish Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who responded to the parish survey regarding permanent name tags. 150 families responded, which is the typical amount we receive from surveys (between 10 to 12% of the parish).

The majority of responses (56%) were not in favor name tags and therefore the parish will not be implementing them.

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.



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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.**

Diocesan



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,
*** NOW ALSO 6:30 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



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 **Saturday, January 24, 9 a.m. to noon**, with baptisms to be celebrated on Saturday, February 14 at 10 a.m. For additional class and baptism dates visit: www.saintgabriel.org/baptism. If you have questions, contact Lisa Gorton at 804-639-6712 or email lisa.gorton@saintgabriel.org.

Children and Youth



TODAY is Faith Formation for children!

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, NYC 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.



Liturgical Ministry Training

**Saturday, January 10,
9 am - 1 pm**

Commissioning at the 11:00 Mass on January 11th

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.

We are in great need of Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers. Please consider joining!



NEXT WEEK is Faith Formation for MS/HS!

1 pm— High School

3:30 pm— Middle School

Social Justice

Richmond Friends of the Homeless Bagged Lunches THIS 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 work.



A letter from Mike and Thelma Bryner about our recent donations of Thanksgiving meals to CCHASM:

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

To say "Thank You" simply does not address the heartfelt gratitude that we heard upon delivering the 60 Thanksgiving Meal kits and 60 grocery store gift cards that you, the Saint Gabriel Family, provided to CCHASM at the Chesterfield County Fairgrounds on Wednesday, November 19th. CCHASM stands for Chesterfield Colonial Heights Alliance for Social for Social Ministry.

When told that this delivery was from Saint Gabriel, there was a huge smile on the face of the two staff ladies at the reception table. They both explained that the Saint Gabriel family is near and dear to their hearts as this, our community, shares and supports so many families on a regular basis. They do rely on us to assist those most in need.

Something else they shared was how some individuals we support, due to their individual circumstances, live in a nearby food desert. If it were not for your generosity each month when we have Food Pantry collection, there would be some families struggling more in our local area than we know. Thank you always for your generous support of those in need of food (and prayers) for daily living.

Please remember you don't have to wait for food pantry weekend to make a donation. You can do a monetary donation through E-giving or by using one of our food pantry envelopes on the Welcome Table. You can also drop off food items (please check the list on our website) at the parish office.

MARCH FOR LIFE

Join St. Gabriel's parish in support of the Right to Life at the March for Life in Washington, D.C. on Friday Jan. 23, 2026. We will start with Mass at 7:30 a.m. The bus, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will depart at 8:30 a.m. There is a fee of \$10.00 per person/\$20.00 per family to cover the cost of water and snacks on the bus. Please bring your own lunch. Sign-up sheets and additional details will be available at the Welcome table in the Commons after Mass the weekends of December 13/14, January 2/3, 10/11 and 17/18. Please make checks payable to St. Gabriel's Catholic Church or use the QR code if you would like to register online.



Diocesan

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond, Office of Communications, is seeking a Managing Editor for The Catholic Virginian. For the full ad and how to apply, please visit <https://bit.ly/43lv91L>

For any questions, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist / Recruiter at jobs@richmonddiocese.org



The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is seeking a Full Time Information Technology Specialist to work in the Roanoke area. For the full ad and how to apply, please visit <https://bit.ly/48c4Hz3>. For any questions, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist / Recruiter at jobs@richmonddiocese.org

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is now accepting applications for its Campus Ministry Fellowship Program for the 2026-2028 cycle. For the full ad and how to apply, please visit <https://bit.ly/4p1NEqg> For any questions, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist / Recruiter at jobs@richmonddiocese.org

Other

Saint Francis - Manchester

Please join us at the 4th Annual Community Briefing!

A discussion of issues concerning Richmond's seniors

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Virginia War Memorial

7:30 AM - 8:15AM

Breakfast provided

Businesses, churches, and civic groups can make an impact!

Please RSVP to dcrutchfield@saintfrancisrva.org

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him:
a spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
a spirit of counsel and of strength,
a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD. (Isa 11:2)

Psalm:

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.
(Ps 72)

Second Reading:

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you,
for the glory of God. (Romans 15:7)

Gospel:

"I am baptizing you with water, for repentance,
but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I." (Mt 3:11)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The story of Advent is a story of repentance. John the Baptist held up a mirror to the chosen people. He urged them to look at what they saw there. This Advent, will we look in the mirror? Will we choose repentance?

CELEBRATE ADVENT IDEA 1:

If you need to wait
in a line, don't
immediately pull
out your phone.
Experience the
feeling of waiting
and offer up a
prayer for someone
you know in need!

Interested in Vocations?

Second Sunday of Advent - December 7, 2025

"The kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Matthew 3:2)

John's call to prepare for Christ echoes in every family. In holy matrimony, love and faith creates the foundation where God's kingdom flourishes. Is God calling you to build a holy family? Ask Him to show you His way by praying for your (future) spouse and children.

Scripture for the Week of 12/7

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

Mon: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tues: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wed: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thurs: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Fri: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; (Ps) Jdt 13:18bc, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Sat: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sun: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11



Financial information for the week ending November 23 was unavailable at time of publication. Mass Intentions at time of publication: *Mass intention available*

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

Dec 19: 7 pm– Hispanic Rosary

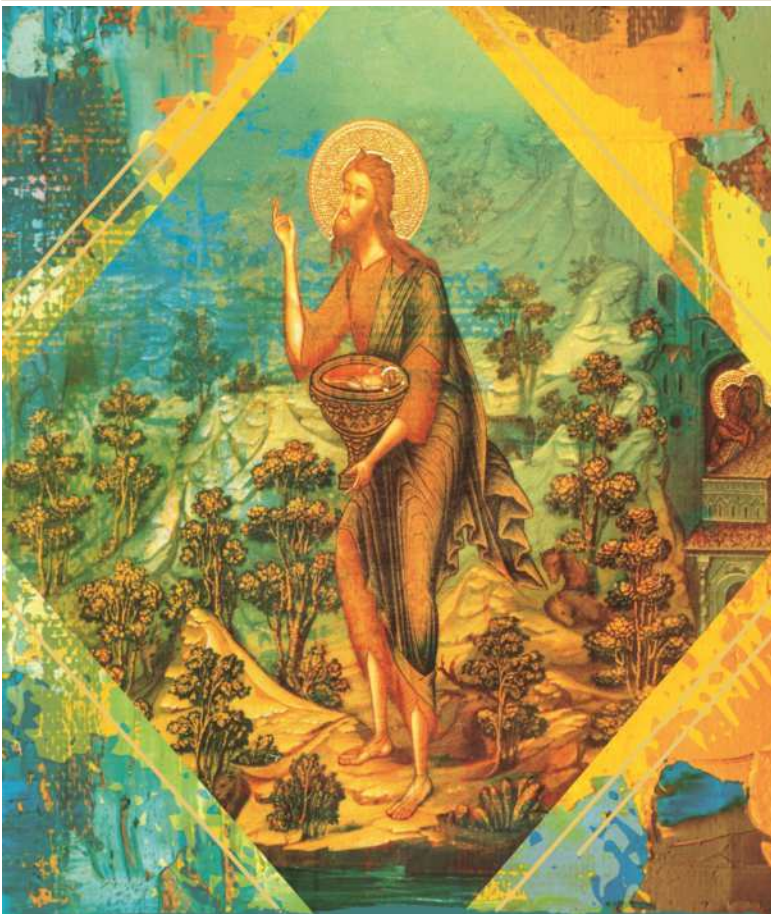
Dec 20: 9 am– Quilters; 5 pm– Ham dinner; 7 pm– Hispanic Rosary

Dec 22: 10 am– Decorate for Christmas

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.

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!



2º DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

Comenzó Juan el Bautista a predicar...diciendo:

"Arrepiéntanse, porque el Reino de los cielos está cerca".

- Mt 3, 1. 2

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Información financiera para las semanas que termina el de noviembre 23 no estaba disponible en el momento de la publicación.

Sábados 7 p.m. **Rosario Hispano**

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

13 de diciembre a las 4 pm: Intención de misa disponible

14 de diciembre a las 4 pm: Intención de misa disponible

¿Interesado en las Vocaciones? Segundo Domingo de Adviento - 7 de diciembre de 2025

"¡El reino de los cielos se ha acercado!" (Mateo 3:2)

El llamado de Juan a prepararse para Cristo resuena en cada familia. En el santo matrimonio, el amor y la fe crean el cimiento donde florece el reino de Dios. ¿Te llama Dios a construir una familia santa? Pídele que te muestre su camino orando por tu (futuro) cónyuge e hijos.

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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