



DECEMBER 21, 2025 | FOURTH 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
	Barbara Moran

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



Mass Intentions at time of publication

Wed., Dec 24, 4:00 pm	Joe Garrity and Bob Cavanaugh
Wed., Dec 24, 6:30 pm	For the parish
Wed., Dec 24, 10:00 pm	Tony and George Homan
Thur., Dec 25, 10:00 am	Alice Reynold-Bosand and Deacon Roy Smith
Fri., Dec 26, 9:00 am	No Mass
Sat., Dec 27, 5:30 pm	Glenn Harbula
Sun., Dec 28, 9:00 am	The special intention of Winnie Linzy
Sun., Dec 28, 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 21– FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Monday, December 22

10:00 am	Arts and Environment
11:00 am	Rosary

Tuesday, December 23– PARISH OFFICE CLOSING AT NOON

9:00 am	Rosary
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Wednesday, December 24– PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

8:15 am	Rosary
4:00 pm	Mass (Children's Choir; no incense)
6:30 pm	Mass (no incense)
9:30 pm	Christmas Carols
10:00 pm	Mass (adult choir; incense)

Thursday, December 25– PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

8:15 am	Rosary
10:00 am	Mass (incense)

Friday, December 26– PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, December 27

10:00 am	Rosary
5:30 pm	Mass

Sunday, December 28

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



An important note about Christmas Masses:

As you're all aware, Christmas is a time when we host many visitors. For that reason, it is very important we are welcoming. Please understand that if you would like to sit with particular people at Mass, you all need to be seated together at the same time; **we ask that you do not save seats.** All people who enter the worship space should be able to quickly and easily find an available seat. We are all looking forward to celebrating the birth of our Savior together and pray that our community will radiate Christ's love to all who join us. Thank you for your cooperation. Be blessed!

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.



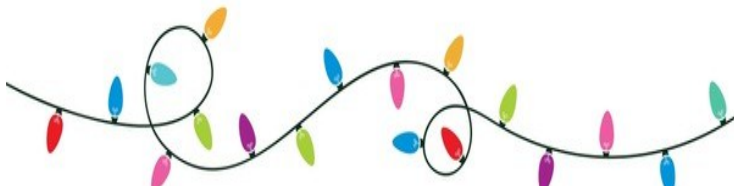
SAFETY FIRST

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.



CHRISTMAS SECOND COLLECTION



Because of your generous gift last Christmas,

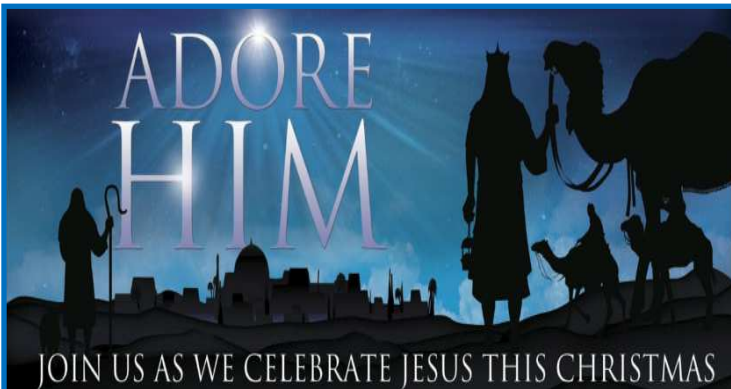
- Over 1,200 refugee newcomers are safe, away from wars and violence. With CCC's support they have the tools to work and attend school, open new businesses, and blend their perspective and culture into the fabric of our communities.
- More than 200 children in foster care found loving homes, and five children received the gift of a forever family through adoption.
- 1,000 individuals went from simply surviving to thriving, moving from homelessness to long-term shelter and permanent housing.
- CCC broke ground on our first affordable housing development to provide safe, stable homes to 56 low-income families when it opens in 2026.

Thank you for remembering CCC again this Christmas.



To learn more, visit www.cccofva.org.

Liturgy



Holiday Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Doors open 50 minutes before, please do not reserve seats.

4 p.m. *(Children's choir, no incense)*

6:30 p.m. *(incense)*

10 p.m. *(Christmas Carols begins at 9:30 p.m. with adult choir, incense)*

Christmas Day

10 a.m. *(incense)*

There will be no Mass on Fri. Dec. 26

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Wed. Dec. 31, 5 p.m. *(Incense)*

Thurs. Jan. 1, 10 am *(Incense)*

There will be no Mass on Fri. Jan. 2



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!**

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.

Social Justice



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 January 3/4, 10/11 and 17/18. Please make checks payable to St. Gabriel Catholic Church or use the QR code if you would like to register online.



Join St. Gabriel's parish in support of the Right to Life at

Join our Prison Ministry Team!

Many people think that prison ministry only means face-to face interaction with those who are incarcerated. However, there are many meaningful ways to serve; each offering compassion, dignity and the love of Jesus to those in need.

Please consider:

- **Supporting the Kairos Weekend**

Kairos is a 4 day spiritual program held twice a year at a local correctional facility. Its mission is to share Jesus' transforming love and forgiveness with inmates. You can also support the program by baking cookies to be shared during the weekend or signing up for a 30 minute prayer slot to prayer for the Kairos team and inmates.

- **Volunteering at Mercy Mall and the Cases of Hope Program**

This program involves packing a suitcase with clothing and toiletries for individuals being released from jail or prison. You can also write an encouraging note or prayer to be included in the suitcase. (This can be given to a Prison Ministry team member) These suitcases and cards offer them love, hope and support as they re-enter society.

- **Cases of Hope Drive**

We are hosting our 3rd annual Cases of Hope during Lent this year. Please consider donating gently used suitcases and full sized toiletries. We are extending the drive this year to support the Imagine the Freedom program that assists recently released inmates with housing. New twin sized sheets, pillows and bedding are greatly needed. Items can be brought to masses during the season of Lent.

- **Forgiveness Class at Chesterfield Jail**

This is an opportunity to meet with inmates and discuss the importance of self forgiveness and the love of Jesus.

- **Write Letters of encouragement to inmates**

Share scripture, uplifting thoughts, prayers, love and hope through handwritten letters to those who are incarcerated

Please contact Anita Schilling (804) 591-5955 or Karen Curtis (804) 334-3099 if you would like to join our Prison Ministry team. Meetings are held at church on the third Wednesday of the month at 6 pm.

"Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them." - Hebrews 13:3

"I needed clothes and you clothed me. I was in prison and you visited me." -Matthew 25:35-36



Christmas Angel Thank you

Like an angel, you answered the call and helped those in need at Christmas. The parish raised \$12,317 for Christmas Angel. Words can't express how thankful we are for your support. You opened your heart, lightened someone's load, and gave them a little peace and love. Thank you for touching the lives of others with the love of Jesus.

May you and your family have a very blessed and merry Christmas!

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 dcutchfield@saintfrancisrva.org

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

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Advent is drawing quickly to a close, and Christmas is coming soon. The change is upon us. Do we rise to accept it, or do we fall on our faces in fear?

The First Transfiguration

I imagine Joseph waking up the morning after the dream, blinking in the dim half-light of the dawn.

One day, decades from now, the baby his wife carries will stand on a mountaintop. His face will shine like the sun, and those who look upon him will fall down upon their own faces in fear.

We call this the transfiguration, and Joseph won't be there to see it. But that doesn't matter. What those men will learn on the mountaintop, Joseph already knows. He learned it last night.

Today, he shrugs off the remnants of slumber and stands up.

"Rise, and do not be afraid." This is what the baby — a baby no longer, but a man now, one in the last days of his life — will say to his companions on the mountain a few decades from now. They will look up to see him standing there the same as he always was, and they will realize that he did not change at all. They did.

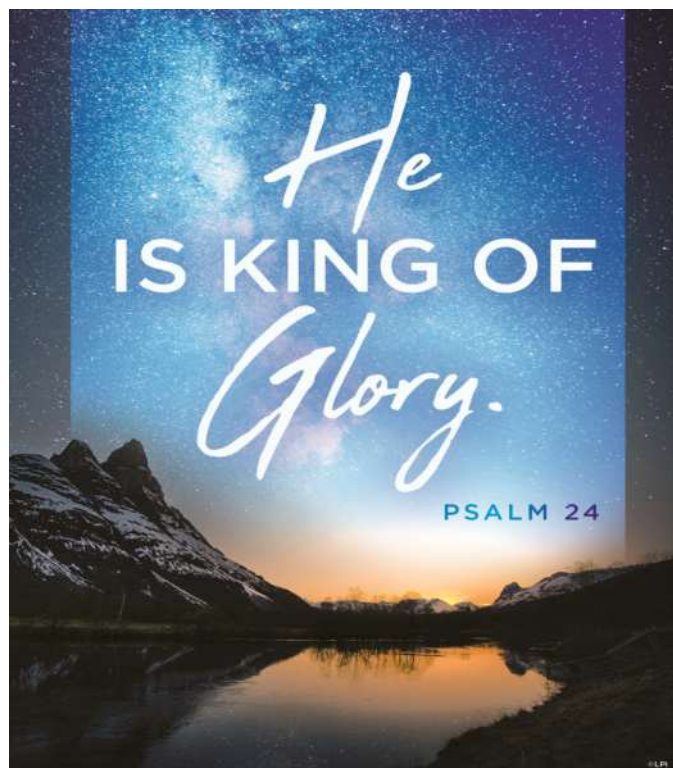
"Do not be afraid." This is what the angel said last night as he revealed to Joseph the will of God: that Joseph take Mary and the Child as his own, despite having so many reasons not to do so. And today Joseph wakes up and the world is the same as it always was: Mary is pregnant, and the Child does not belong to him.

No, the world has not changed. Joseph has.

He rises, and goes to Mary.

Advent is drawing quickly to a close, and Christmas is coming soon. The change is upon us. Do we rise to accept it, or do we fall on our faces in fear?

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



Interested in Vocations?

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 21, 2025

"They shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" (Matthew 1:23)

Mary's trust in God's plan is a model for all vocations. Could God be inviting you to priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony, living fully for Him to bring His presence to others? Embrace His call with courage. 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 12/21

Sun: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Mon: 1 Sm 1:24-28; (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8; Lk 1:46-56

Tues: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Wed: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Wed Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25

Thurs: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

Fri: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc-17; Mt 10:17-22

Sat: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Next Sun: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



Good Samaritan
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Financial information for the week ending December 7 was \$.

Mass Intentions at time of publication: Mass intention available

Dec 20: 9 am– Quilters; 5 pm– Ham dinner, followed by cookie exchange; 7 pm– Hispanic Rosary

Dec 22: 10 am– Decorate for Christmas **Dec 24:** 6:30 pm– Christmas Eve Mass; fellowship after

Dec 26: 7 pm– Hispanic Rosary **Dec 27:** 7 pm– Hispanic Rosary

Dec 31: 5 pm– Liturgy of the Word, followed by New Year's Eve party

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!

Información financiera para las semanas que termina el 7 de diciembre es \$.

Sábados 7 p.m. **Rosario Hispano**

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

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

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

¿Interesado en las Vocaciones? Cuarto Domingo de Adviento - 21 de diciembre de 2025

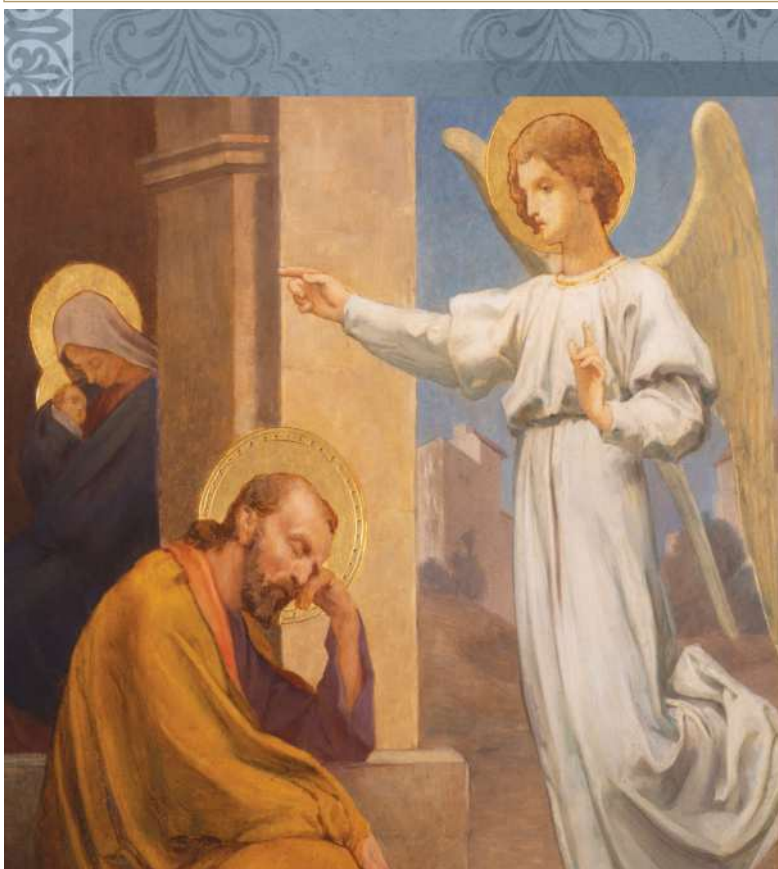
"Le pondrán por nombre Emmanuel, que significa 'Dios con nosotros.'" (Mateo 1:23)

La confianza de María en el plan de Dios es un modelo para todas las vocaciones. ¿Podría Dios invitarte al sacerdocio, a la vida consagrada o al santo matrimonio, a vivir plenamente para Él y llevar su presencia a los demás? Acepta su llamado con valentía. Habla con tu sacerdote o comunícate con la Oficina de Vocaciones al 804-359-5661 o por correo electrónico:

Bautismo: 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!



4º DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

"José, hijo de David, no temas recibir a María, tu esposa, en tu casa". - Mt 1,20

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