The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

LA ASUNCIÓN DE LA SANTÍSIMA VIRGEN MARÍA

St. Gabriel Catholic Church
United in Christ to Worship, Serve, and Grow

Eucharistic Adoration on Mondays from 7 am to 7 pm
this Monday, August 17, in the Daily Chapel
www.stgabrielchurch.org/adoration
FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Elane Blaeser, mother of Eric Blaeser, grandmother of Emily, Joseph and Andrew

Albert Francis Gonsalves, father of Debra, Ricardo Albert, Jr., Denise, Nicholas and Shawn Gonsalves, grandfather of Christian and Jordan Gonsalves

Thelma Gonsalves, mother of Debra, Ricardo Albert, Jr., Denise, Nicholas and Shawn Gonsalves, grandmother of Christian and Jordan Gonsalves

Virginia B. Kolb, wife of Gerald (Jerry) Kolb, mother of Randy and Michael Kolb

Kevin Loyola Maher, husband of Ann Maher, father of Joanne Aitken, Sean, Timothy, Kevin, and Kathleen Maher, grandfather of Patrick Maher

Maryland Pierpont, mother of Frank G. Pierpont, Jr., Julie P. Stahl, and Christopher L. Pierpont

We extend our condolences to these families and all families who have recently experienced the loss of a loved one.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for all who are in the hospital and for all who have asked for our prayers: Kathy Alford, Angela Ashley, Doris Aukamp, Patrice McCarthy Caldera, Rich Carbonara, Robin Carroll, Ted Cormier, Mary Demert, Sean DesNoyer, Daniel Duarte, Ed Eppick, Randy Fazia, Carol Geringer, Margaret Girgenti, Bill Hennessy, Pauline Jackson, Jennifer Kearney, Joan and Jim Kimbell, Dennis Lazarus, Morgan Leary, Fred Lexson, Grace Ly, Sister Bessie McCarthy, John McClintock, Maureen McKenna, Billie McNamara, Lydia McNamara, Fer Mendoza, Eve Mennitt, Katharine Monk, Henry (Skip) Nickels, Elaine Pearce, Bill Pye, Lynn Rhinehardt, Silvia Rojas, Benjamin Roman, Alex Sansone, Jason Saunders, Matthew Schantz, Kristan Graham Seaford, Tim Swarr, Juana Tirado, John Tobben, Judy Tritten, Dot Wenning, Linda Wood, Barbara Zeller.

To submit a name, visit www.stgabrielchurch.org and find the “Prayer List: Bulletin” link under the praying hands icon. Listings run for 4 weeks.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS IS STILL LIFTED FOR EVERYONE

INDOORS - IN THE MAIN CHURCH

Saturday at 5:00 pm
Sunday at 9:00 am, 11:00 am and 5:00 pm and 1:00 pm in Español

Wear a mask and follow CDC guidelines (see left column).

OUTDOORS ON THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

WEATHER-PERMITTING

Saturday at 7:00 pm and Sunday at 8:00 am

Bring your own chair or blanket to sit on.

Check our website homepage if weather is questionable or if it has been raining.
GOSPEL REFLECTION
FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

 THERE IS MORE GOING ON HERE 
 THAN MEETS THE EYE

This Sunday’s Gospel might seem a bit odd - as if Jesus is taunting a poor woman, whose daughter is possessed. But there is more going on here than meets the eye.

Jesus knew his Scriptures, and he understood God’s plan for the salvation of all peoples, not just the Jews. This is the essence of God’s covenant promise to Abraham in Genesis. This promise was the basis for what we read in the other readings this Sunday.

Jesus knows he came to save everyone. But how can he make it clear to his disciples who are watching this exchange? They probably think that the promise to Abraham is only for the natural children of Abraham - the Jews, so he uses rhetorical questions to highlight this to all.

Jesus throws their commonly held assumptions at the woman to reveal the true key to membership in God’s kingdom - faith. While most Jews would not consider this woman to be part of God’s covenant people by nationality, Jesus reveals that it is in fact her faith that allows her to receive the gift of the new covenant, which Jesus will establish on the cross. It is faith that now unites us to God, and this woman indeed has GREAT faith.

REFLECTION:
♦ Am I convinced that God’s gifts are meant for everyone?
♦ Am I convinced that God loves me and extends the gift of faith to me as well?
♦ Do I value my faith?
♦ How much?

The Assumption of Our Lady celebrates our belief that the Blessed Mother was taken up, body and soul, into heaven after her time here on earth. Her body was not subject to any corruption or decay.

Father in heaven,
all creation rightly gives you praise,
for all life and all holiness come from you.

In the plan of your wisdom, she who bore the Christ in her womb was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven.

May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Source: Catholic Org.

From Mary we learn to surrender to God’s will in all things.

From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone.

From Mary we learn to love Christ her Son and the Son of God!

Pope St. John Paul II
Eucharistic Adoration on Mondays Begins this Week
Thank you! Scheduled adorer slots have been filled!

How we have missed Eucharistic Adoration! We are grateful to begin offering this beautiful devotion again, starting this Monday, August 17, and gradually phasing in other days of the week. Come spend time with our Lord!

NEW LOCATION - NEW TIMES
- Weekly on MONDAYS only: 7 am to 7 pm
- St. Gabriel DAILY CHAPEL
- NEW! Visitors and scheduled adorers will sign in on a computer tablet outside the chapel when they arrive.
- Maximum of 10 people in the Daily Chapel at a time.
- Face masks are REQUIRED.
- The Daily Chapel will continue to be open for private prayer all other days of the week 7 am to 7 pm, with Jesus fully present in the Tabernacle.

Learn more at www.stgabrielchurch.org/adoration.

Questions? Contact Aubrey Quintero, Associate Director of Worship, at aubrey@stgabrielchurch.org

Making a Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

St. Alphonsus Liguori - 18th century

Drive up Confessions

Weather Permitting
Friday, August 14 4 - 7 pm
Saturday, August 15 9:30 am - 11:30 am

NOTE MODIFIED TIME FOR THIS SATURDAY

Don't miss this beautiful gift from our Lord! Heal through the sacrament of Reconciliation, available most Fridays and Saturdays near the Marian Grotto. Please check our website for times, as plans depend on weather and our priests' availability. Drive up to the Marian Grotto (side of school parking lot) and remain in your car. The priest remains outside and hears your confession. If family members are with you inside, they may step out of the car if needed. For details, visit www.stgabrielchurch.org.
Ready to Explore Becoming Catholic or Want to Learn More About Your Catholic Faith?

Curious about the Catholic faith? Wondering about joining the Church? Interested in receiving Sacraments (Baptism, Reconciliation, the Eucharist, and Confirmation) as an adult?

Join us beginning this October for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) – a no-strings attached, non-threatening process of introducing adults to the Catholic faith and helping them discern whether God is leading them to join the Church. Those who feel called may also prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Reconciliation, the Eucharist and Confirmation).

We warmly welcome your participation. For more information, contact Dr. David Glasow, Director of Evangelization, at 704-362-5047, ext. 271, or david@stgabrielchurch.org.

¿Estás interesado en explorar la idea de convertirte en católico o quisieras aprender más sobre la fe católica?

¿Tienes curiosidad sobre la fe Católica? ¿Tienes inquietudes sobre si unirte a la Iglesia o no? ¿Estás interesado en recibir los Sacramentos (Bautismo, Reconciliación, Eucaristía, y Confirmación) siendo ya un adulto?

Acompáñanos a partir de octubre a participar en RICA (Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos) – un proceso sin ataduras que te introduce la fe Católica y te ayuda a discernir si Dios te está guiando a unirte a la Iglesia.

Aquellos que sienten el llamado pueden prepararse para recibir los sacramentos de Iniciación (Bautismo, Reconciliación, Eucaristía y Confirmación).

Agradecemos tu participación. Para más información contactarse con Cecilia Arreaza al 731-225-3541.

For Our College Students: Catholic Campus Ministry

Is your son or daughter headed to college? Looking to meet new lifetime friends? Encourage your college student to connect with their school’s Catholic Campus Ministry for social, support, leadership, social justice, and spiritual growth opportunities. For schools in western North Carolina (the Diocese of Charlotte), visit www.catholiconcampus.com.

Pray as You Go: An Ignatian Prayer App Designed for Busy People

Pray as you go is a daily prayer session designed for use on the go - commuting to/from work or school, on your daily run/walk, etc. - or at your computer.

It is produced and written by Jesuits and experts in the spirituality of St. Ignatius and combines music, scripture and reflection questions. It is not a “Thought for the Day”, a sermon or a Bible-study, but rather a framework for your own prayer. Its aim is to help you become more aware of God’s presence in your life, to listen to and reflect on God’s word and to grow in your relationship with God.

Find details and download the App www.pray-as-you-go.org.
Welcome to our Newly Registered Members

Gianni & Courtney Abballe
Joseph Antoszyk & Deborah Weidrick
Adam & Ana Brady
Argelia Cortes
Nicholas & Chelsea Daeger
Matthew & Caroline Frazee
David & Juliette Glasow
Louise Hanford
Cheryl Hansen
Robert & Lauren Henry
Sean Hogan & Caitlin Kwiatkowski
Aaron Koscheski & Samantha Campanaro
Katherine Losier
Robert & Mary Losier
Brian & Carolyn Lux
Coleman & Joanne Lyons
Philip Mattox
Tim McNamara & Tracey Manzi
Nicholas & Fe Patriciu
Adrian & Aubrey Quintero
Daniel Stewart & Kristen Cornelius
Abib Teklehaimanot & Bizen Baird
Jake & Abby Tobin
Michael & Grace Vick

Mary: The Mother of God

She was a humble girl from an ordinary Jewish family. Yet Mary said a simple “yes” and came to be exalted as the daughter of Zion, the Mother of God, and the Queen of Heaven. By discovering the Mary of the Bible, you’ll know and love her Son even more.

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May We Pray for You?

Our priests, deacons, and Prayer Ministry members would welcome the opportunity to pray for you. Please share your prayer requests through our website homepage.

♦ Click on Prayer Requests under the praying hands icon.
♦ Complete the form and submit your request.

Prayer requests are kept confidential.

From the Heart Gift Shop

Visit our parish gift shop for a great assortment of Bibles, Rosaries, books, religious items, and gifts. Located next to the Daily Chapel. Cash and check only. Masks REQUIRED.
During this unsettled time, we are committed to continuing the good work of our parish and the Church. Thank you for the many ways you support our mission. Our parish is dependent upon your weekly financial gifts to continue our ministries in this critical time. As you are able, please continue to support the work of our church. We encourage you to consider transitioning to Online Giving.

Our parish’s Online Giving automatically transfers your contribution from your checking, savings or credit card account to our church. Registering is simple, and hundreds of our parish families already participate.

Learn more about Online Giving and sign up at www.stgabrielchurch.org/online-giving.

Need help setting up your account?
Contact Online Giving Support at:

onlinegiving@osv.com
or
800-348-2886 opt 2

Community and Diocesan News

Lay Ministry Formation Program

Interested in learning more about the faith as an adult, becoming a catechist or religion teacher, or discerning the possibility of becoming a permanent deacon? The diocesan Lay Ministry Office offers a two-year program. Classes will begin this fall, with applications currently being accepted. For details, visit www.charlottediocese.org/ev/adult-education or contact r. Frank Villaronga at 704-370-3274 or favillaronga@charlottediocese.org.

Interested in becoming a Permanent Deacon?

Do you think God may be calling you to serve the Church as a deacon? Would you like to know more about the process involved in becoming a permanent deacon? The Diocese of Charlotte’s Office of the Permanent Diaconate continuously collects names of men who are inquiring into the diaconate. The diocese starts a new formation class every four years. Before being selected for diaconate formation, a man has to complete the two-year Lay Ministry program offered by the diocese (see above).

To learn more, contact Deacon Scott D. Gilfillan at 828-327-7441 or sdgilfillan@catholicconference.org or visit www.charlottediocese.org/permanent-diaconate.

Introduction to Medicare "Understanding the Puzzle"
August 20

Catholic Charities Elder Ministry of the Diocese of Charlotte invites all to a free online webinar designed to explain Medicare, when to sign up, and how to save money on Thursday, August 20, at 2:00 pm. Who should attend? Individuals who are on or plan to apply for Medicare, Caregivers, or anyone with questions. For details and registration contact, Sandra Breakfield at sabreakfield@charlottediocese.org or 704-370-3220.

Job Opportunity:
After School Director

Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools has a position available for an After School Director at St. Matthew Catholic School, 25 hours per week (Monday-Friday). No weekends! If interested, contact Ellen Buening at 704-370-3268 or ehbuening@charlottediocese.org.
**Youth Programs ~ Faith Formation**

**Director of Youth Evangelization**
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**Youth Evangelization Staff**
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**Update on Registration for Faith Formation and First Eucharist/ Sacramental Preparation**

We are hard at work re-imagining our program to provide flexibility given current health concerns and to help students develop a personal and life-long relationship with Jesus. We expect to offer registration in September and launch this year’s program in October. Keep enjoying your summer, stay well, and stay tuned!

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word:**

**Now on Video**

We miss all of the sweet, smiling faces at Children’s Liturgy on Sunday mornings. We are delighted to be back with you by video - posted on our website homepage and our YouTube channel: youtube.com/c/stgabrielcharlotte.

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**KIDS CORNER**

Jesus met a woman who had amazing faith. She was loud. She did not care what anybody else thought. Jesus was the Savior, and she knew he could heal her daughter. Jesus can help you with any problem you have, too. Be brave. Keep asking Jesus for help. God is strong. He can do anything.

**Prayer**

Jesus, help me to be brave. I know you can do anything.

**Mission for the Week**

If you know someone who is sick, be brave and pray about it. Jesus can do anything.
**Mission Statement:** We, the family of St. Gabriel Catholic Church, welcome all to experience God through the Eucharist and to live a Christ-centered life in a community of faith, strengthened by worshiping faithfully, serving willingly and growing spiritually.

**Vision Statement:** United in Christ to Worship, Serve and Grow

**Parishioner Expectations**
- To attend Mass regularly and participate in the sacraments.
- To serve and build the parish using the gifts of our time, talent, and treasure.
- To take advantage of parish opportunities for spiritual growth.

**Clergy and Staff Expectations**
- To assist parishioners in being the best Catholics they can be.
- To meet the spiritual and pastoral needs of parishioners, with emphasis on the sacraments.
- To welcome newcomers and all parishioners seeking assistance, taking ownership in meeting their needs.

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