Outdoor Masses will now be held in the Ministry Center parking lot on Saturdays at 7:00 pm and Sundays at 7:30 am.

YOU ARE PETER AND UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH AND THE GATES OF THE NETHERWORLD SHALL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT.

Matthew 16:18
FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Audrey Carter Attori, mother of Dr. Robert J. Attori and Mark D. Attori
Thelma Gonsalves, mother of Debra, Ricardo, Albert, Jr., Denise, Nicholas and Shawn Gonsalves, grandmother of Christian and Jordan Gonsalves
Kevin Loyola Maher, husband of Ann Maher, father of Joanne Aitken, Sean, Timothy, Kevin, and Kathleen Maher, grandfather of Patrick Maher

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:

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.
**Gospel Reflection for Sunday, August 23**

A Rock, Keys, and a Gift...

In this Sunday’s Gospel, we find Jesus near Caesarea Philippi, a city built into a huge rock cliff named to honor and exalt an earthly ruler of the Roman empire.

In view of this massive display of worldly power, Jesus turns to a small-time fisherman and disciple named Simon - who had no pretensions of being someone important. He tells him that, henceforth, he will be a fisher of men and the bearer of the keys of a new kingdom.

Simon is now to be called “Rock” (Peter, or Petros in Greek) – a word never before used as a name. The new kingdom of Christ will be built upon Peter, not a physical rock like the city nearby, but a chosen disciple. This kingdom will far outlast the Roman empire.

Jesus is giving US a gift here - someone who will carry on His authority, an authority that will not even stop with death. The bearer of the keys will serve as a source of confidence and continuity.

Today we call this successor of Peter “Papa”, or more commonly the Pope. In times that seem to leave truth unhinged and confusing, Jesus remains present in His church. He does not leave us orphans, but continues to offer the strength we need, if we know where to look.

Reflection:
- What are the sources of strength and confidence I lean on?
- Is God and His church one of them?
- Where do I place my trust?

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**Scheduled Adorers Needed on Fridays**

**Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays: Coming Soon**

- Tentatively begins Friday, September 4, if all scheduled adorer slots are filled.
- 7:00 am to 7:00 pm
- Daily Chapel
- Masks required

Sign up at www.stgabrielchurch.org/adoration

We will gradually phase in other days of the week. The Daily Chapel will continue to be open for private prayer all other days of the week 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.

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

**Eucharistic Adoration on Mondays**

- 7:00 am to 7:00 pm
- Daily Chapel
- Masks required
- Limit of 10 people at a time
- All adorers sign in on an iPad outside of the chapel

In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host... It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering.

*Pope Benedict XVI*
**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*

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**Drive up Confessions: Experience God’s Mercy**

**Weather Permitting**

**Fridays** 4 - 7 PM

**Saturdays** 9 AM - 12 PM

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.

Our priests occasionally have last minute emergencies and cannot hear confessions. We post these changes on our website homepage. Thanks for understanding!

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**Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Father, you have given us the mother of your Son to be our Queen and Mother.

With the support of her prayers, may we come to share the glory of your children in the kingdom of heaven.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

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**Why do we have a feast for the Queenship of Mary?**

For many of us, the language of kings and queens may seem like they belong to history or a medieval movie. Royalty have absolute authority over a kingdom and their subjects, a concept that is foreign to many of us today. While Jesus doesn’t rule a political kingdom, we honor and recognize him as the **King of Kings, Lord of Heaven and Earth.** To God alone belongs absolute authority over all of existence.

We may think of queens as the spouse of the king, but there is another key relationship: **the king’s mother.** In Biblical history, we see instances where the mother of the king is given due as a queen herself, complete with a throne! Mary’s guiding influence over her Son is seen most notably in the Wedding Feast at Cana. Mary is not Queen on her own merit. She is “full of grace” and “blessed” in “all ages” because of the reign of her Son.

Source: LPi
OUR STATUES HAVE NEW PLACES IN THE CHURCH

Previously tucked away in the Daily Chapel, the statues of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Archangel Gabriel have been moved to the sanctuary and narthex - beautiful reminders of God's love and protection.

Our statue of the Blessed Mother now has a new base for flowers, installed in time for the Feast of the Assumption.

PRAYERFUL BEST WISHES TO DEACON MARK

As part of the summer clergy reassignments, Deacon Mark Diener (pictured far right) is being transferred to St. John Neumann Catholic Church. In his 14 years of service at St. Gabriel, he has blessed so many through marriage preparation, baptisms, weddings, homilies, and liturgies. We offer him our gratitude and prayerful best wishes.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!
Numbers 6:24

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 CATOLICA?

¿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.

Aquelllos 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.
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.

SCAM ALERT!

Be vigilant! Scammers continue to impersonate our clergy and staff by email and text messages - asking for "help", favors, gift cards, etc. Please simply delete these. Please CALL the church office if you need to verify any request - do not reply to these messages by email or text. Sadly, this scam is common across the globe.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle!
Online Giving:
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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 using 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:
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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.charlottediodeoce.org/ev/adult-education or contact Frank Villaronga at 704-370-3274 or favillaronga@charlottediodeoce.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. Gillfillan at 828-327-7441 or sdgillfillan@catholicconference.org or visit www.charlottediodeoce.org/permanent-diaconate.

Mental Health Counseling for Couples and Adults

Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte is pleased to provide professional mental health counseling for couples and adults. If we can help, please call us at 704-370-3227. Peace is just a phone call away.

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.” John 14:27

Job Opportunities: After School Assistants and St. Gabriel School Cafeteria Manager

Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools has the following positions available:
- After School assistants: 17.5 hours per week, afternoons at many locations
- St. Gabriel Cafeteria Manager: 25 hours per week, Monday-Friday. No cooking involved!

For details contact Ellen Buening at 704-370-3268 or ehbuening@charlottediodeoce.org.
YOUTH PROGRAMS ~ FAITH FORMATION

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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.
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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Parish Information

Parish Registration: Please contact Membership Director, Cheryl Pelletier, at c pelletier@stgabrielchurch.org.

Bulletin deadline: Deadline is Wednesday morning, 10 days prior to the Sunday you would like your article to appear. Please send bulletin articles to bulletin@stgabrielchurch.org.

Accessibility: The church, Parish Center and Ministry Center are handicapped accessible. Equipment for hearing impaired is available upon request from an usher.

Counseling: Provided by Catholic Charities. Please call 704-370-3227 to schedule an appointment.

Facility Rental: Call the Parish Office.

Faith Formation Office: 704-366-2738

From the Heart Gift Shop: Located next to the Daily Chapel. Cash/check only.


Pregnancy Hotline: 1-888-789-4989 or 704-370-3222

Hospitalized/Homebound: Due to COVID restrictions, clergy can only make visits for emergencies. Visits must be authorized by the hospital and a family member should be present. To reach a priest, please call 704-502-4161. For Pastoral Care support, please call 704-362-5047, ext. 212.

Interested in becoming Catholic? Please contact David Glasow at david@stgabrielchurch.org for information on our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program.

Marriage: Arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance. Please visit our website (Worship/Sacraments) for details or email Carolyn Tillman at ctillman@stgabrielchurch.org.

Pre-Baptismal Class: Parents must attend a class prior to the Baptism of their first child. Please contact Jane Dreyer at jdreyer@stgabrielchurch.org.


Cradle Preschool: Kate Stephens, Preschool Director, 704-362-5047 ext. 280, www.st.gabrielchurch.org/cradle

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