Peter said to him in reply, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

Entonces le dijo Pedro: “Señor, si eres tú, mándame ir a ti caminando sobre el agua”. Jesús le contestó: “Ven”. Pedro bajó de la barca y comenzó a caminar sobre el agua hacia Jesús. - Mt 14, 28-29
FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

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

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

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

Rita Losier, sister of Leona (Cookie) Gavin

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, Thelma Gonsalves, Bill Hennessy, Pauline Jackson, Jennifer Kearney, Joan and Jim Kimbell, Dennis Lazarus, Morgan Leary, Fred Lekson, 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
Sunday at 8:00 am

Bring your own chair or blanket to sit on.
This Sunday’s Gospel:
It’s Mind-Blowing!

Americans love disaster movies. I cannot even count how many times I have seen aliens or severe weather wipe out L.A., New York and Washington, D.C. In order to create emotional tension, directors love to spend long moments gazing on the faces of the people witnessing these climactic events. Through them, we experience the emotional impact of these scenes.

I would have loved to have a camera on the faces of the disciples during the events in this week’s gospel. They were not actors - but real down to earth guys, who saw something more than just special effects.

After healing and miraculously feeding the crowds, Jesus sends the apostles on ahead in a boat. Due to the weather, they struggle to make their way across. In one of the most astounding moments – probably in all of human history - they look up and see Jesus walking across the water.

We have heard this story before - but when we stop to think about it, it simply blows the mind. Jesus WALKED ACROSS THE TOP OF THE WATER! And we have not even gotten to the gutsy request of Peter to try, as well. Imagine their expressions! Imagine the sheer power Jesus had in doing what he was doing - and what that revealed to his followers at that moment. It is almost scary. It should shock us - it most certainly shocked the disciples.

Reflection

- What would it have been like to be there? Imagine being there in the dark...the creak of the boat and the smell of the water...and looking out and seeing a figure walking across the top of the waves. Imagine seeing it with your own eyes.

- Have you ever stopped to think about it and wonder? Who was this guy, Jesus? Is there more going on here than I realized before?

By Dr. David Glasow, our Director of Evangelization

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
Fridays 4 - 7PM
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.
Scheduled Adorers Needed for Eucharistic Adoration
Mondays
Tentatively Beginning August 17

How we have missed Eucharistic Adoration! We are grateful to begin offering this beautiful devotion again, starting with Mondays and gradually phasing in other days of the week. Regularly scheduled adorers commit to the same hour every week - currently only on Mondays. Could you spend one hour with the Lord?

NEW LOCATION - NEW TIMES

- Weekly on MONDAYS only: 7 am to 7 pm
- Tentatively beginning August 17 (if all scheduled adorer slots are filled by this date)
- St. Gabriel DAILY CHAPEL
- NEW! Sign up online to be a scheduled adorer. 3 scheduled adorers needed each hour.
- 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.

Sign up to be a scheduled adorer on Mondays at www.stgabrielchurch.org/adoration.

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

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
There is no ONE way to pray a Holy Hour. It is not a rigid prayer, but we know that there are days when we just can’t focus or the words won’t come out as easily. If that’s your case, this guide might help you. Feel free to modify it according to your preferences and needs.

The Lord waits for you!

1. **BEGIN: 00 - :05 FIRST 5 MINUTES**
   Ask the Holy Spirit to help you, then make acts of faith, hope and charity. Tell God how you believe, trust and love him. Ask for more faith, hope and love.
   Tip: Search for prayers to the Holy Spirit that reference acts of faith, hope and love.

2. **ADORATION: 05 - :15 NEXT 10 MINUTES**
   Adore God. He holds the universe like a seed in the palm of his hand. Imagine Christ sitting with you.

3. **CONTRITION: 15 - :25 NEXT 10 MINUTES**
   Offer reparation. It’s not your love for God, but his for you that saves. Examine your conscience. Offer reparation for the sins of the world.
   Tip: Scriptures for contrition: 1Corinthians 13:4-7, Colossians 3:5-10, 1Timothy 1:12-17, James 3:2-12, 1John 1:5-10, Penitential Psalms: 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 142.

4. **MEDITATION: 25 - :40 NEXT 15 MINUTES**
   Contemplate God’s action. You may wish to meditatively pray the Stations of the Cross or the Rosary.
   Tip: Read a brief Gospel passage. Imagine the scene. Notice Christ’s reactions. Think of three ways the passage applies to your own life. Meditate on each line.

5. **THANKSGIVING: 40 - :50 NEXT 10 MINUTES**
   Express gratitude for all God’s gifts. He didn’t just create you, he sustains your existence out of love in every moment.

6. **PETITION: 50 - :55 NEXT 5 MINUTES**
   Ask God for what you and others needs. He is the king of the universe. He’s in control, even when it isn’t obvious.
   Tip: Pray for your family, your friends, classmates, colleagues. Pray for those who suffer, the poor, the sick and those who have lost their faith, the Pope, the Church. Pray for yourself.

7. **SAY GOODBYE: 55 - 1:00 FINAL 5 MINUTES**
   Make a resolution to act on a light of the Holy Spirit you received: something doable and checkable.
   Tip: Ask the Blessed Mother to help you, perhaps with Marian prayers.

Source: How to Pray a Holy Hour www.the gregorian.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 deacongoad@stgabrielchurch.org.

---

**HOM Furniture Drive: August 15**

**Drop-offs preferred**

**9:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

Our Homemakers of Mercy (HOM) Ministry helps the under-served in our community move beyond or avoid homelessness. We will be collecting furniture AND accepting drop-off donations at our storage house at 1835 Sharon Lane (directly behind St. Gabriel Church on Sharon Lane), the third Saturday of the month from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. Drop-offs are greatly appreciated! We will be there to assist you. **Please do not drop off any other time.** For details and to schedule a furniture pick-up on August 15, contact HOMfurniture.donate@gmail.com.

Thank you for supporting our HOM ministry!

---

**Immediate Wish List**

- Dressers
- End tables
- Night stands
- Kitchen and all bath towels (new)
- Detergent
- Toilet tissue
- Kleenex
- Paper towels
- Napkins

**PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF:**

- Bed frames, mattresses, armoires, headboards, large TV cabinets, large mirrors, and entertainment centers.

---

**Introducing to Medicare "Understanding the Puzzle" August 20**

Catholic Charities Elder Ministry of the Diocese of Charlotte invites all to a free webinar on Zoom 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.

---

**Life for Life:** the incredible story of St. Maximilian Kolbe, a Franciscan priest who volunteered to die in place of a stranger in the German death camp of Auschwitz.

---

**FORMED.ORG:**

**STUDY, WATCH, LISTEN, READ!**

**A GIFT FROM OUR PARISH**

Get free, unlimited online access to the best Catholic e-books, talks, videos, and more! Content available for adults and children, in English and Spanish.

Log on at www.formed.org and click on the “Register” link or download the app at app.formed.org. Use our Parish Access Code: JR3HY4

---

**View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com**
STEWARDSHIP AND TREASURE

ONLINE GIVING: A SECURE AND CONVENIENT WAY TO CONTRIBUTE

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.**

ST. GABRIEL QUARTERLY COLLECTION SUMMARY

Our offertory collection reflects the generosity and commitment of our parish family. Offertory represents more than 80% of our operating budget. Our quarterly offertory is below budget, yet our fiscal year offertory is slightly above budget. Your continued support and generosity are important to carrying out our mission and greatly appreciated.

**For it is in giving that we receive. St. Francis of Assisi**
YOUTH PROGRAMS ~ FAITH FORMATION

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH EVANGELIZATION
Adrian Quintero, adrian@stgabrielchurch.org

YOUTH EVANGELIZATION STAFF
Kristen Rivera, ext. 228, krivera@stgabrielchurch.org

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.

Walking on Water!

In today’s Gospel reading, Jesus did an amazing miracle- He walked across the sea! This was a sign that He was more powerful than nature.

Peter knew that he was supposed to follow in Our Lord’s footsteps, so he asked Jesus to call him to come and walk on the water too. When Jesus called him, Peter got out of the boat and started walking on the water too! But soon he noticed how windy it was and got scared. As soon as he got distracted from Jesus, he started to sink, until Jesus took him and helped him up.

We are supposed to follow in Our Lord's footsteps too. When Jesus wants you to do something, He will give you the grace you need to do it, just like He gave Peter the power to walk on the water. If you lose sight of Jesus and only think about how hard it is, you won’t be able to do what God asks, just like Peter when he started to sink. If you realize that you’re having a hard time doing the right thing, it’s time to turn back to Jesus.

The Kids' Bulletin

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel reading, the disciples were out at sea in a boat when they saw something that surprised them.

What was it?

Use the code to find out!

A E H I G J K L N O R S T U W

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com
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.

Parish Staff 704-362-5047
(Ext. # bypasses the Receptionist & goes straight to staff member)
Fr. Richard Sutter rsutter@stgabrielchurch.org  x206
Fr. Mike Mitchell frmike@stgabrielchurch.org
Deacon Mark Diener mdiener@stgabrielchurch.org  x604
Deacon Michael Goad deacongoad@stgabrielchurch.org  x275
Deacon Larry O'Toole lotoole@stgabrielchurch.org  x272
Deacon Chris Vigiotta cvigliotta@stgabrielchurch.org  x600
Lay Parochial Associate: Andy Albritton aalbritton@stgabrielchurch.org  x300
Pastoral Care Director: Ana Lothspeich alotspeich@stgabrielchurch.org  x212
Business Manager: Claudia Goppold cgoppold@stgabrielchurch.org  x211
Facilities Manager: Michael Goad mgoad@stgabrielchurch.org  x275
Director of Evangelization: Dr. David Glasow david@stgabrielchurch.org  x271
Director of Youth Evangelization: Adrian Quintero adrian@stgabrielchurch.org
Director of Communications: Darby McClatchy dmclatchy@stgabrielchurch.org  x217
Associate Director of Worship: Aubrey Quintero aubrey@stgabrielchurch.org
Ministry Leadership & Volunteer Coordinator: Karen Brown kbrown@stgabrielchurch.org  x214

Please visit www.stgabrielchurch.org for a complete staff directory.

Parish Information

Bulletin deadline: The deadline is Wednesday morning, 10 days prior to the Sunday in which 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 704-370-3217 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.


Hospitalized/Homebound: Please notify the Parish Office to receive Anointing of the Sick or Communion.

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 six months in advance. Please visit our website (Worship/Sacraments) for details or call Carolyn Tillman 704-362-5047, ext. 204.

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

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

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

St. Gabriel School: Michele Snoke, Principal, 704-366-2409, www.stgabrielschool.org

St. Gabriel’s Cradle: Kate Stephens, Preschool Director, 704-362-5047 ext. 280, www.stgabrielchurch.org/cradle

Online Givers: Account Help
Have questions or need help with your online giving account? The Our Sunday Visitor Support Team would be happy to assist you. Please call 800-348-2886, Option 2.
Faith for we live by faith, not by sight
2 CORINTHIANS, 5:7

The World’s Most Beautiful Bible
This magnificent family Bible is an extraordinary work of art you and your family will treasure for generations to come.

Comprehensive eye, ear, nose & throat care in your community.

For Information on Advertising
Please Call Greg Duncan at 704-614-2350

© 2020 DIOCESAN