Scheduled Adorers needed for Fridays 7 am to 7 pm

August 30, 2020

“WHOEVER WISHES TO COME AFTER ME MUST DENY HIMSELF, TAKE UP HIS CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME.”
—MT 16:24B

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“EL QUE QUIERA VENIR CONMIGO, QUE RENUNCIE A SÍ MISMO, QUE TOMÉ SU CRUZ Y ME SIGA”. —MT 16, 24B

22º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

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FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Audrey Carter Attorri, mother of Dr. Robert J. Attorri and Mark D. Attorri

Adam McGeein, son of Scott and Lauren McGeein, sister of Adelaide McGeein

Clarice Tavenner, mother of Susan Quigley, grandmother of Rory and Caelin Quigley

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, 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 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, Belle Radenbaugh, 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 IN THE
MINISTRY CENTER PARKING LOT

NEW LOCATION!

WEATHER-PERMITTING

Saturday at 7:00 pm
Sunday at 7:30 am* new time!
Bring your own chair!

Check our website homepage if weather is questionable.
THE VACCINE FOR SIN

What is the ultimate virus to plague humanity? And is there a vaccine for it?

We, as Catholic Christians, are imperfect. We acknowledge our own sinfulness and are called, as St. Augustine said, to “hate the sin, yet love the sinner.”

Original sin has been so much a part of the history of salvation. Baptism takes away original sin, yet the inclination to sin remains.

Systemic sin among the unbaptized and baptized has been the ultimate virus to plague humanity since the fall of our first parents. Sins such as racism, abortion, human trafficking, theft, false witness, slander, etc., have been evils against the dignity of the human person since nearly the beginning of time.

For us as believers in Jesus Christ, “all lives are sacred,” created in the image and likeness of God as our faith teaches us. In these times - with popular slogans emphasizing the value of life - I’d like to share two key passages from the Catechism of the Catholic Church and Sacred Scripture. The Catechism tells us:

“The desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God; and God never ceases to draw man to Himself. Only in God will he find the truth and happiness he never stops searching for:

The dignity of man rests above all on the fact that he is called to communion with God. This invitation to converse with God is addressed to man as soon as he comes into being. For if man exists it is because God has created him through love, and through love continues to hold him in existence. He cannot live fully according to truth unless he freely acknowledges that love and entrusts himself to his creator.” (CCC 27)

And in Jeremiah 1:5, we read again about the dignity of life: “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you.”

There is hope for all humanity! There truly is a vaccine for all sin, prefigured by the snake mounted on the pole in the desert, as we read in Numbers 21:9. The war against sin - including sin against the dignity of the human person - was fought and won by Jesus Christ once and for all.

Jesus Christ is our vaccine - the answer to overcome all sin. Like St. Paul (1 Corinthians 1:23), we proclaim Jesus Christ crucified! We have the Good News and are called to proclaim it: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life” (John 3:16).

Let us continue to pray for each other and all people in these times.

Fr. Richard
GOSPEL REFLECTION
FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 30
FOLLOWING JESUS HIS WAY

In this Sunday’s gospel, Peter (who has recently walked on water and been given the keys to the kingdom) slips - as we all often do. He encourages Jesus to avoid his coming suffering and death. Jesus calls it like it is, telling Peter that he is being a tempter - a Satan. Peter has put the concerns of the world (avoiding suffering and pain) over and above God’s plan (loving obedience even if it costs us).

Jesus’ message to Peter and through Peter to us is simple, but easily ignored. God asks us to follow HIS ways by doing things HIS WAY. We want to follow God, but on our terms, in ways that make sense to us.

It did not make sense to Peter that Jesus needed to die in order to bring about the Kingdom of God, and so he urged Jesus to do it his way. This is why Jesus came down so hard on Peter.

Jesus will never force us to do so, but He invites us to freely live life His way. He uses very clear language to explain it, “If you would follow me, take up your cross and follow me.” In other words, take up the thing that may cause you pain and suffering and possibly even death, and follow me.

Reflection:
- Have I let God tell me Who He is, or have I constructed a comfortable God that I like?
- Have I ever given into the false thinking of “the ends justifies the means?”
- What are the crosses God has given me?
- How can I give the various struggles in my life to Jesus, who walks beside us and knows personally what it is like to carry a cross?

By Dr. David Glasow, our Director of Evangelization

SCHEDULEDADORERS
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

DUST OFF YOUR BIBLE...READ IT!

Is your Bible tucked away on a shelf collecting dust or hidden in a drawer? Bring it out and make it visible! Let the Living Word take root in your home and your life. Spending a few minutes each day reading and reflecting on a passage from the Bible - especially the readings for the upcoming Sunday Mass - are powerful ways to allow God to speak to you.

Source: www.usccb.org “National Bible Week”

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**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.

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**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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**¿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.

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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.

Submit your prayer requests online

Subtract your prayer requests online:

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

We are thankful to join you in praying for your intentions. Although we do not respond to prayer requests, please be assured that our Prayer Ministry, priests, and deacons are praying for your needs and intentions and that all prayer requests are kept confidential. May God bless you.

SUBMIT YOUR BULLETIN PRAYER REQUESTS ONLINE:
(NAMES FOR BULLETIN)

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*These prayer requests are for those who are living and sick, hospitalized, etc.
- Visit www.stgabrielchurch.org,
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**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 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](http://www.stgabrielchurch.org/online-giving).

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**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](http://www.charlottediocese.org/ev/adult-education) or contact Frank Villaronga at 704-370-3274 or favillaronga@charlottediocese.org.

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**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 sgilfillan@catholicconference.org or visit [www.charlottediocese.org/permanent-diaconate](http://www.charlottediocese.org/permanent-diaconate).

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**Stay Safe While Staying at Home**

Catholic Charities Elder Ministry Diocese of Charlotte invites all Seniors to join a free webinar on Thursday, September 17, at 11:00 am to learn about the latest Coronavirus related scams, and how to prevent, recognize and report fraud and scams targeting seniors.

Amalia Mercedes Retucha-Klem, Assistant Attorney General with the Public Protection Section of the North Carolina Department of Justice will be offering tips on how to protect yourself and what to do if you’re being scammed. For details and registration, contact Sandra Breakfield at 704-370-3220 or sabreakfield@charlottediocese.org.

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**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
Youth Programs ~ Faith Formation

Director of Youth Evangelization
Adrian Quintero, ext. 208, adrian@stgabrielchurch.org

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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.

If you want to be my disciple...

What would you think if your best friend told you that you would have to die if you wanted to stay friends? In today’s Gospel reading Jesus told the Apostles that if they wanted to be like Him they would have to take up their crosses and follow Him.

Jesus was teaching them that this world is only a preparation for Heaven. If we make sacrifices for love of God then we will be ready for Heaven. Jesus opened the gates of Heaven to us by dying out of love for God the Father and for us. We get little crosses every day when things make us unhappy. If we offer them to God with love, they are like dying a little bit, and they prepare us for Heaven.

Sometimes we think that we need nice things or to be with fun people if we want to be happy. It’s easy to forget that we will never be completely happy here. Next time you feel unhappy, remember that it’s a cross that can help you get to Heaven.

"Take up Your Cross" Match-up

Jesus began to tell the disciples that He would have to suffer and be killed. How did the disciples react? What did Jesus say then?

Connect the phrases on the left with the ones that follow on the right.

1. Peter said, “God forbid, Lord!”
   A. will find it.

2. Jesus said, “Get behind me, Satan!”
   B. take up his cross and follow me.

3. You are not thinking as God does
   C. You are an obstacle to me.

4. Whoever wishes to come after me
   D. no such thing shall ever happen to You!

5. Whoever wishes to save his life
   E. but as human beings do.

6. and whoever loses his life for my sake
   F. whole world and forfeit his life?

7. For what profit would there be
   G. will lose it

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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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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: During this time, facilities are not available.

Faith Formation Office: 704-366-2738

From the Heart Gift Shop: Located next to the Daily Chapel. Cash/check only. Sundays 3 to 5 pm.


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.

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

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

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