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CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026



BELONG, BELIEVE, BECOME

Here at St. Gabriel, we strive to embrace these values:

Belong (You are loved here) *Believe* (Discover Christ with us)

Become (Be transformed)

Whoever you are, wherever you are in faith or life, if church is new to you, or you've been away – you are always welcome here. When you feel called to make this place your spiritual home, we warmly invite you to join our parish family by visiting, calling, or emailing the parish office.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 5:00pm (Vigil)
Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am
11:30am, 6:00pm*

*6:00pm Mass is not celebrated during the summer months

Weekday Masses

Monday | 9:00am
Tuesday | 6:30am*, 9:00am
Wednesday | 6:30am*, 9:00am
Thursday | 6:30am*, 9:00am
Friday | 9:00am
Saturday | 9:00am
Holy Days | See bulletin for schedule

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FROM FR. FRANK

There's something *funny* about the Gospel parable this weekend. A king is throwing a wedding feast for his son, everything is ready, and the people who were invited can't be bothered to come. One goes off to his farm, another goes off to his business. In other words: they're busy. They have things to do. That's life. I think *most* of us can understand that.

I don't think most people make some big decision that God isn't important anymore. We get busy and life is filled with distractions. After a while everything becomes a big blur. Spiritually, prayer gets pushed off. (I get it, and I still struggle with daily personal prayer, believe it or not!) Mass might become something you fit in if the weekend allows. We want to get back to these things, but there's always something *else* going on.

And meanwhile, the invitation is still there.

What I love about this parable is what the king does when the original invitees can't come. "You know what? Go out and bring in whoever you can find!" And Jesus actually says they brought in "bad and good alike." I love that, because God isn't waiting for people to get their act together before he wants us around. If that were the case, the wedding banquet would be pretty empty!

But there's another part of the story that we shouldn't skip over. One guest comes to the feast without a wedding garment. It's a strange detail. Remember: this guy didn't sneak in. He was invited. He belongs there. And yet, when the king asks him about the garment, the man has nothing to say.

Maybe there's something there for US.

God has already brought us in. He wants us here. That's a given. The feast is his gift. But we can sit at the table (altar) and still keep God at a safe distance. We can spend years around the things of faith without ever really opening ourselves up to what God wants to do in us.

So, how am I being invited to go a little deeper? How receptive am I to the grace God keeps offering me, especially every time I come to the banquet of the Eucharist?

And when I hear about this wedding garment, I can't help but think about another garment. At our Baptism, most of us were too young to remember, but we were clothed in a white garment, put over us mostly likely by our godmother. And these words were spoken over us by the priest: **"You have become a new creation and have clothed yourself in Christ. See in this white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity. Bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven."**

The garment wasn't something we earned! It's something we're freely given. And we spend the rest of our lives growing into. It's got to be stretched!

And you know what? Following Christ will definitely stretch us. He stretches our capacity to love and forgive. He makes room in us for people we might otherwise have no room for. He stretches our generosity, our patience, our priorities. He keeps working on us and drawing us deeper.

And slowly, even Sunday begins to change. The Eucharist, the banquet I'm invited to, becomes something I desperately hunger for. I come to the table because I need Christ. I need him to keep working on me, feeding me, helping me live differently Monday – Saturday.

-Around St. Gabriel's-

A special welcome today to the **St. Gabriel's Knights of Columbus**, who are celebrating together at our **10am Mass**. We're grateful for their presence in our parish and for the many ways the Knights serve the Church and our community.

• **World Mission Sunday | Next Weekend | All Masses**
Next weekend, October 17–18, the Church celebrates **World Mission Sunday**. We'll have a **second collection** to support the Church's missionary work throughout the world. Thank you, as always, for your generosity.

• **Rosary Week | Monday, October 19 – Thursday, October 22 | 7pm | Church**
Join us in church **Monday through Thursday at 7:00pm** for the Rosary. It's just **30 minutes**. Come for one night, a couple of nights, or all four! A simple way to slow down, pray together, and honor Our Lady during this month of the Rosary.

• **Blood Drive | Saturday, October 24 | 9:00am – 3:00pm | Kavin Center**
Our Blood Drive will take place from **9:00am – 3:00pm**. Every donation can make a real difference. Please consider giving!

• **All Saints Day | Sunday, November 1 | Church**
This year All Saints Day falls on a Sunday [including Sat. Eve] and we're going to make the **10am Mass** especially exciting for our kids! All children are invited to come **dressed as their favorite saint** and join the entrance procession. **Come early so we can get everybody lined up!** We'll also have a special children's homily at Mass that morning in place of Children's Church.

• **Mass of Remembrance on All Souls Day | Monday, November 2 | 7:30pm | Church**
We'll remember in a special way those from our parish who have died during the past year, and their families will be invited to join us. **Everyone is invited to come and pray with them and support them.**

And finally…about those envelopes. Ugh. Unfortunately, the envelopes are messed up, again! We've been promised that the problem will be fixed, but I know this has been frustrating, and quite frankly, patience is running a little dry! I did here that some have already received them, but can't say that all of you have. I hope. If you haven't, please use unused envelopes or any envelope with the date, name, and envelope number (if you know it).

With all this, now the fourth time in the past year, this is a great time to consider signing up for **ParishSOFT Giving**, our online giving system. You can set up your regular parish contribution and then you don't have to worry about whether the envelopes arrived, arrived late, or arrived correctly. Of course, if you prefer envelopes, you can absolutely continue using them, and our envelope company promises on getting this corrected. Thank you for your patience!

Friends, know you are loved!
Fr. Frank

THE KNIGHTS CORNER

The next Saint Gabriel's Knights of Columbus **council meeting** is scheduled for Monday, **October 12**, starting with a social gathering at 6:30pm followed by our business meeting at 7:00pm. The officers have made a commitment to do their best to end each business meeting by 8:00pm. We encourage all Brother Knights to attend, especially our newest Knights who have joined over the summer and those Brothers we haven't seen in a while.

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting our 2nd Annual **Community Blood Drive on October 24** between 9am and 3pm**.** We invite you and your family members and friends to give the gift of life by donating blood at our upcoming event. Everyone knows someone that has needed blood and your donation can make a life-saving difference for patients in need. Every pint of blood collected helps **save up to three lives**. Look for the QR code elsewhere in the bulletin to register or pick up a flyer in the church vestibule.

The **top eight reasons** to join the Knights of Columbus:

- Grow in Faith with other men.
- Act with men of the council to be a force for good.
- Live out your vocation as a husband, son, or brother by setting an example for your family.
- Aid your brothers in serving your parish.
- Serve the local community through fund raising activities and volunteer work.
- Stand up for the most vulnerable, including the poor, orphaned, oppressed, and unborn.
- You get to attend the annual Wine & Cheese Social.
- Receive a really cool K of C red polo shirt!!

If you are interested in **joining the St. Gabriel's Knights of Columbus**, contact a current member or send us an email at knights@stgabrielsr.org.

Did you know? October 15 is the Feast Day of **Saint Teresa of Jesus** (also known as Teresa of Avila). She is remembered as a woman of remarkable energy, practical wisdom, humor, and profound love for God and the Church, despite lifelong poor health and frequent opposition. **Her body is preserved incorrupt** in Alba de Tormes; her heart, showing marks associated with the transverberation (look it up!) is also venerated there.

The Sacrament of Baptism
We're delighted to welcome your child into the life of Christ. **Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Saturdays of each month at 12:00pm** *(not celebrated during Lent, except in cases of serious need)*. First-time parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation class.

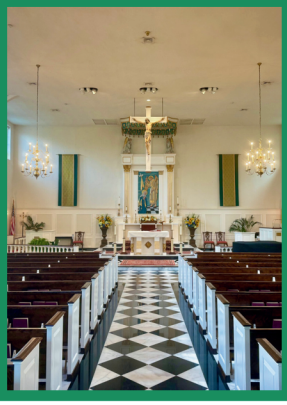
The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)
Adults seeking Baptism, Confirmation, or Eucharist are invited to contact Frances Ferraro.

The Sacrament of Marriage
Congratulations! To begin marriage preparation, contact Fr. Frank Fano.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays 4:00–4:45 PM, or by appointment.

Ministry to the Sick & Homebound
If you or a loved one would like Holy Communion brought to your home, please contact the parish office.

Frances Ferraro: frances.stgabes@gmail.com
Fr. Frank Fano: ffano@stgabrielsr.org



COME PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US!

October is traditionally the month of the Holy Rosary, a beautiful opportunity to come together in prayer and devotion to Mary and Jesus.



Join us in the church at **7:00pm, Monday, October 19 through Thursday, October 22**, as we pray a different set of Rosary mysteries each evening:
Monday: Joyful Mysteries
Tuesday: Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday: Glorious Mysteries
Thursday: Luminous Mysteries

Prayer sheets will be available for anyone new to praying the Rosary. Come for all four evenings or join us for just one! Less than 30 minutes of prayer, together as a parish community. Bring your intentions and join us!



GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!

We've asked for your Time, your Talents, and sometimes your Treasure. Now we want your BLOOD! The Knights of Columbus invite you to their 2nd Annual Community Blood Drive on **Saturday, October 24, from 9:00am–3:00pm** in the Kavin Center. Every donation can help save up to three lives and last year, our community helped save 120 lives!

Appointments are encouraged. **Scan the QR code to reserve your spot.**
Please bring a photo ID and eat a healthy meal before donating.
Snacks and drinks will be provided to all donors.
Bring your family and friends and help make a life-saving difference!
For more information: Frank Weihenig | frankstgabes@gmail.com



There will be no Children's Church this Sunday, October 11, as we follow the school calendar and recognize the long holiday weekend.
We'll be back next Sunday, October 18 at the 10:00am Mass. We hope to see you then!

ST. GABRIEL'S SOCIAL CLUB
INVITES YOU TO A



THURSDAY, OCT 15, 2026

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RSVP to Patti Ross: (201) 310-9660
by October 9th

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THE WOMEN'S COMMUNITY GROUP

The Women's Christian Community Group gathers each month, September - June, for fellowship, faith-sharing, and an opportunity to grow together in faith. All women of the parish are welcome to join this friendly and welcoming group!

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month in the Parish House living room. The next meeting will be *Tuesday, October 13th at 1:00pm*.

We hope you'll consider joining us!

FINANCIAL REPORT

Our October 4th collection totaled $12,943.75.
Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish. May God bless you and your families!

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Visit **www.rcan.org** for the hotline and reporting link.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: October 10, 2026
9:00am † Phillip Ross
5:00pm † Judy and Gordon Howath - r/b Cathy and Pete Howath

Sunday: October 11, 2026
8:00am † Salvatore Mongelli - r/b The Mongelli Family
10:00am † Phyllis Caporicci - r/b Kerri and Evan Dantos
11:30am † Marie Vaccarino - r/b Skip Vaccarino
6:00pm † Ralph Currione, Jr. - r/b The Reynolds Family

Monday: October 12, 2026
9:00am † Mary Llewellyn - r/b David Stuhr

Tuesday: October 13, 2026
6:30am For the people of the parish
9:00am † Frederick Makhoul- r/b Dr and Mrs Gerard Makhoul & Family

Wednesday: October 14, 2026
6:30am † Justine Post - r/b Martha Post
9:00am †John Surless - r/b Chela

Thursday: October 15, 2026
6:30am For the people of the parish
9:00am † Richard V Cancilla - r/b Pat Cancilla

Friday: October 16, 2026
9:00am † Deceased members of the Crupi Family - r/b Susan Taite -Malone

Saturday: October 17, 2026
9:00am † John Surless, JR - r/b John and Roxanne
5:00pm Intentions of the Amorino Family - r/b Susan Taite-Malone

Sunday: October 18, 2026
8:00am † Evelyn M Marron - r/b Ed Marron
10:00am † Kevin Sutliffi - r/b Cathy Sutliff
11:30am † Richard Stefanacci - r/b Carol Stefanacci
6:00pm † Arturo Benemerito - r/b Juliet Benemerito

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

The Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week of October 11th is requested for Marco Minuto requested by Patti Ross & Family.

The Sanctuary Lamp at the Blessed Sacrament and the Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week are available as memorials for loved ones. To arrange, please contact the parish office at (201) 327-5663.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY HOLDS IN PRAYER ALL WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND.

Salvatore Averso
Daniel Castillo
Dawn Conguis
Ada Fields
Meg Gallagher
Grace Gilbert
Bob Kleinknecht
Joan Massotti
Nicole Trotta
Merilyn Wolf
Patrick Scheid Scorese

WHO WILL TAKE ST. GABRIEL HOME?

The winner of the Knights of Columbus **30th Anniversary St. Gabriel statue giveaway** will be announced this Sunday, October 11, following the 10:00am Mass!



Good luck to everyone who entered!

PRESIDERS' SCHEDULE

October 10-11
Sat 5:00pm- Fr. Ron
Sun 8:00am- Fr. Anthony
Sun 10:00am- Fr. Ron
Sun 11:30am- Fr. Ron
Sun 6:00pm- Fr. Ron

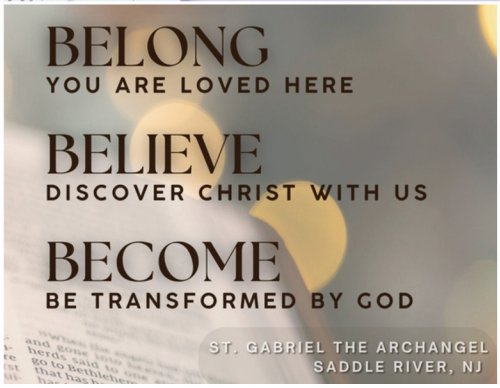
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Sun 8:00am- Fr. Ron
Sun 10:00am- Fr. Frank
Sun 11:30am- Fr. Frank
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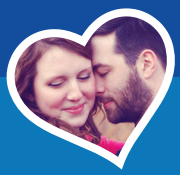
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