

ST. GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

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

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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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
CUT BRANCHES AND
STREWED THEM ON
THE ROAD.

— MATTHEW 21:8 —

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.

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

"I'm so happy you are reading this. That means you are here. Whether you're here every week, or it's been a while; wherever you are in your walk of faith or walk of life – I'm just really glad you're here.

And around here, we talk about the **Three B's**:

- **Belong.** You are already loved, here.
- **Believe.** Discover Christ, with us. (Even if it's just a small spark, or a "maybe" in faith, or flat-out, "No thanks." That's why we say "with us," not "like us.")
- **Become.** Be transformed. (God isn't finished with any of us yet!)

Whoever you are reading this: **YOU BELONG HERE as much as anybody.** And my hope for you today is simple: that you experience something real – a moment of peace, a word that resonates, or even just the sense that you're not alone...that God sees you, knows you, loves you, and is walking with you. Thank you for being here.

PALM SUNDAY (OF THE LORD'S PASSION? WHAT'S THAT?)

Now, if you came to church today expecting something upbeat... you got it. For like *five* minutes. "*Hosanna! Yay!*" And then it *turns*. Suddenly. Right at the Opening Prayer. Palms to Passion. It's a bit jarring, right? Why does the Church do that!? (*So like the church to ruin a good party.*) Why not just stay with the "happy-clappy?"

Short answer: **because the Church refuses to let us stay in a shallow version of the story. Any story.** Palm Sunday (and to that we add "of the Lord's Passion") doesn't allow us to settle for the "highlight reel" version. It gives us a fuller picture. Christ came into Jerusalem knowing how the story would unfold, that the cheers wouldn't last, knowing how quickly things (and people) can change. But he comes in riding on an silly poor donkey, anyway. He goes to the Cross, anyway. He dies, anyway, even when we're inconsistent, when we're unsure, when we're not at our best. *Especially* then, he goes...

So, this is *your* week. Because the Jesus story meets us exactly where we find ourselves. We identify with *his* story because it's *our* story. The Jesus Story is as **real** as it gets. So is yours. This long Passion Gospel today also draws us in to see ourselves in the very human characters we're presented with. I've been in Jesus' shoes at times and 5 minutes later, I'm acting like a "Pilate." You get the picture. Just stay in *this* story, for now. (I know we *know* the ending! Don't skip to it. Wait until next week.)

*Now, allow me to write to our registered parishioners.
If you are a guest, you can tune out.*

DEAR REGULARS...OUR SAINT GABRIEL FAMILY...

...as we're about to enter the most beautiful and meaningful weeks we have all year, one of the greatest things we can do is not just showing up ourselves, but helping others feel like *they* can, too. This time of year, people think about coming back. They're more open than usual, wondering if there's a place for them. **And that's where we come in.**

Our values as a community are about being a place where people can **belong, believe, and become**, and I thank **God** we're *that* community – not some stiff-upper lip "*this is my pew, who are you*" kind of church. Right? *Riiight?*

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So, here's a wonderful challenge – for those of us who are here week after week: think of **one** person who might be waiting for an **invitation. Make it.** And come, *with* them. And especially with the large crowds today, Good Friday, and Easter: if you find yourself next to a human being or an alien from Zeta Reticuli!, don't ignore them! Make eye contact. Say hello. Make space. Smile. Be warm. *It's OK, by the way.* Allow babies to cry and be restless. Let those who aren't regularly with us to feel, genuinely, that they **ARE** welcome and loved here. Let's notice new faces. Let's make room in the pew (yes, *our* pew), in our conversations, in our minds, hearts.

Someone's experience of Church this week might shape how they see God (and Christians, and the Church) for a long time. Not the homily. Not the music. YOU.

We don't just talk about being a welcoming Church.
We **ARE** a welcoming Church.
And this is the week we really get to exercise it.

Know you are loved!

Fr. Frank

→ See next page for full
Holy Week +
Easter schedule



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: fferraro@stgabriel.org
Fr. Frank Fano: ffano@stgabriel.org

THE KNIGHTS CORNER



The Knights are saddened by the passing of our Brother, **Sam Raia**. Sam was a member of the Saint Gabriel Council for nearly 29 years, having joined the

year after our founding. He was instrumental in the growth of the council during its infancy. When in town, Sam often attended the monthly Men's Mass where his insightful contributions will be greatly missed. He also served the parish in a multitude of ways, from finance council member to lector, and much more. He will be sorely missed. Our condolences and prayers go out to the Raia family and to Sam's many friends. **Rest in Peace.**

The next Saint Gabriel's Knights of Columbus council meeting is scheduled for **Monday, April 13**, 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 those we haven't seen in a while.

Applications for **Knights of Columbus scholarships** are open through April 15. Since its earliest days, the Order has placed significant emphasis on supporting higher education, and for the 2025-2026 academic year, the Supreme Council awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships to over 500 new and returning students. Eligibility rules and applications can be found at www.kofc.org/SCHOLARSHIPS.

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

Did you know? The name **Palm Sunday** comes from the fact that, as Jesus entered Jerusalem, the people of the city **waved palm branches and placed palm leaves on the ground** to jubilantly welcome Jesus. By then, many had heard about Jesus' ministry and his many miracles of healing and good deeds. Palm leaves and branches were a **sign of special honor or respect shown publicly to kings and royalty**. It also symbolized victory and goodness.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for March 15 was \$13,799.75. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support.

Thank you for your generosity and God bless you & your families.

Holy Week + Easter at St. Gabriel's

MARCH 29 | PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

SAT. EVE | 5PM

SUN. | 8AM, 10AM, *11:30AM, 6PM

We begin Holy Week remembering Jesus' entry into Jerusalem with the blessing of palms and the proclamation of the Passion.

**Not 12n.*

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

APRIL 2 | 7PM | HOLY THURSDAY – MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

This beautiful liturgy remembers the night Jesus gave us the Eucharist and the Priesthood, and washed the feet of his disciples. We conclude in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Church open until 12am, keeping watch with Christ in the Eucharist.

No morning Mass

APRIL 3 | 3PM | GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

We gather at the traditional hour of the Lord's death to hear the Passion, venerate the Cross, and receive Holy Communion.

No morning Mass.

APRIL 4 | 8PM | EASTER VIGIL – THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

The most beautiful liturgy of the entire year. Beginning in darkness and candlelight, we hear the great story of salvation and celebrate Christ's victory over death.

This Mass "counts" for Easter Sunday.

No morning Mass, no regular 4pm Confessions and no 5pm Mass.

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5 | 8AM, 10AM, *12N | EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

**Please note the time change from 11:30am to 12n. There is no 6pm Mass.*

OTHER CELEBRATIONS DURING HOLY WEEK

APRIL 3 | 7PM | TENEBRAE – SCRIPTURE & CHORAL MEDITATIONS
Good Friday. A powerful and prayerful service led by our choir. Through Scripture, music, and the gradual dimming of the church lights, we reflect on the final hours of Christ. About 35 minutes. *All are encouraged, however, to attend the principal celebration at 3pm.*

APRIL 4 | 9AM | HOLY SATURDAY – BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD
Bring a basket of Easter food to be blessed – a joyful tradition before the Easter celebration at home. Gather in Church.



ANNUAL ²⁰²⁶ APPEAL

Please prayerfully consider participating. You may give online at rcan.org/sharing (select our parish), or scan the QR code.



PRESIDERS' SCHEDULE

March 28- 29

Sat 5:00pm- Fr. Frank

Sun 8:00am- Fr. Frank

Sun 10:00am- Fr. Frank

Sun 11:30am- Fr. Charlie

Sun 6:00pm- Fr. Frank

April 4-5

Sat 8:00pm- Fr. Frank

Sun 8:00am- Bishop Saporito

Sun 10:00am- Fr. Frank

Sun 12:00N- Fr. Frank

No 6:00pm



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

Salvatore Averso

Dawn Conguis

Meg Gallagher

Bill Hamilton

Joan Massotti

Nicole Trotta

Patrick Scheid Scorese

Daniel Castillo

Ada Fields

Grace Gilbert

Bob Kleinknecht

Marco Minuto

Merilyn Wolf

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: March 28, 2026

9:00am † Donald Tarallo - r/b Bruce & Lynn Massey

5:00pm † Robert Re- r/b Sylvia Re

Sunday: March 29, 2026

8:00am † Robert McDonnell Muscarelle - r/b Joe and Sharon Muscarelle

10:00am † The Lynch Family - r/b Cathy Sutliff

11:30am † Eleanor Makhoul - r/b Dr & Mrs Gerard Makhoul and Family

6:00pm † Joseph J. Auriemma - r/b Shea Stevens

Monday: March 30, 2026

6:30am † Mary Lavery - r/b Kristin Malley

9:00am † Dexter Briggs - r/b Dave Stuhr

Tuesday: March 31, 2026

6:30am † Frank DeKoskie - r/b Sandra Alworth

9:00am † Georgi Arendacs - r/b Dave Stuhr

Wednesday: April 1, 2026

6:30am For the people of the parish

9:00am † Carol Lee Crowley - r/b Marco and Margaret Minuto

Thursday: April 2, 2026

7:00pm Mass of the Last Supper

Friday: April 3, 2026

3:00pm Service- Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7:00pm Tenebrae

Saturday: April 4, 2026

9:00am Blessing of Easter Meals

8:00pm Easter Vigil- For the people of the parish

Sunday: April 5, 2026

8:00am For the people of the parish

10:00am For the people of the parish

12:00Noon For the people of the parish

NO 6:00pm Mass

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

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.

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