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SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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PSALM 33

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

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 THE ADMINISTRATOR

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God, have faith also in me." [John 14:1]. You know that you have complete permission to be troubled about things, right? I think sometimes as people of faith, we are expected to pretend that everything's OK; I don't believe that's what Jesus is saying here. What he's challenging us to see is that he stands right in the middle of our concerns, anxieties, and worries: *"have faith in me."*

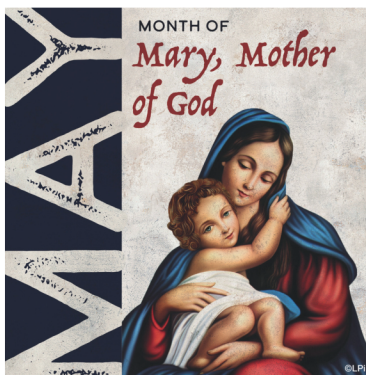
Sounds impossible. Because life gets messed up. People get sick. Marriages struggle. Kids drift. Plans fall apart. Prayers feel unanswered. And when someone says, *"just trust God,"* it can sound so shallow and fake, like a Hallmark card...**Christianese:** it's a language all its own! Phrases church people say that can sound vague, cliché, even frustrating, and while they mostly come from a good place, most of the time, they're not helpful: *"God has a plan... everything happens for a reason...let go and let God...God won't give you more than you can handle..."* Ugh...

But Jesus never asks us to pretend everything is fine. He says these words at the Last Supper: Judas about to betray him, Peter about to deny him...they're all about to abandon him. The Cross is right around the corner.

Faith isn't denial. **Faith is trust in the middle of trouble.**

But trust in what? Christianese, again. True though: things might not work out exactly the way I want. Many times, it doesn't. Christian faith isn't: *"God will give me my preferred outcome."* It's *"even here, in my pain, which is real...even though I don't feel it – I want the conviction that God hasn't abandoned me."*

Friends, not every suffering gets explained. At least not in this life. Every wound won't get wrapped up nice and neatly. If anything, the Cross proves that. God does not stand far away from pain. He enters it. Real faith, then, sounds less like: *"I've got this!"* but more like: *"Jesus, I don't understand this. I don't like this. I don't get this. Give me grace that I won't let fear drive my life."* That's real Christian faith.



MAY: MARY'S MONTH

Today, at the 10am Mass, we honor the Blessed Mother by placing a crown of flowers upon her statue – a simple sign of love and devotion during the month of May. Our children [after Children's Church, before the Offertory] will take a special part in this moment, reminding us of the beauty of that simple faith

Mary so wonderfully exemplifies.

May has always been a month dedicated in a special way to our Blessed Mother, and one of the most powerful ways we honor her is by praying the Rosary. Yes, the Rosary is something we're invited to pray personally: in our homes, on a walk, in the middle of real life. But there is also something beautiful about coming together as a parish family to pray it as one community. We really need prayer: for the world; for peace; for our country; for our families, carrying things perhaps no one sees; for our parish, that we continue to grow in faith,

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unity, and mission; for our own personal intentions – the things that keep us up at night and the hopes we barely know how to put into words.

There's this old image: Mary is like the moon, and Christ is the sun. The moon has no light of its own. It simply reflects the light of the sun. That is Mary.

She never points to herself. She only reflects Christ and she helps us see him more clearly. She takes nothing away from Jesus – she leads us directly to him.

That is why Catholics love Mary. Not because she replaces Christ, but because she brings us closer to him.

At St. Gabriel's, we'll gather in church at **7pm each evening from Monday, May 18 through Thursday, May 21**, to pray the Rosary together as a parish family.

Whether you pray the Rosary every day or haven't picked one up in years: come. Bring your family, your burdens, your blessings, your hopes.

BE A ST. GABRIEL'S CATECHIST FOR THE 2026-2027 YEAR

While our children need information about the Catholic Faith – they need real people who can help them experience Christ. Adults who will show up for them, listen, guide, encourage, and help them understand who Jesus is and why he matters. That is what a "catechist" does.

This fall, students in Grades 1 through 8 will begin Religious Education, and we're looking for catechists who can help walk with them in that journey.

The amazing part is this: while you help shape their faith, your own faith deepens too. We'll provide the training, support, and materials you need. Classes begin mid-September.

If you are called to this, or would like more information, please contact the Religious Education Office at 201-825-0275 or email Amanda Perfetti, Director of Religious Education, at aperfetti@stgabrielssr.org.

You do not need to have all the answers, nor a theology degree, nor be perfect – just a heart for our young friends.

MAY 24, 11AM MASS: COME CELEBRATE WITH CARDINAL TOBIN!

Cardinal Joseph Tobin will be with us at St. Gabriel's to celebrate Mass on **Pentecost Sunday, May 24, at 11:30am**. I'm so grateful for his fatherly guidance and for sending me to this wonderful parish. I know it is Memorial Day Weekend, but if you are in town, please make every effort to be here – and if you usually attend another Mass, consider making the 11:30am Mass your Mass that weekend. Let's pack the church and give our Cardinal a warm St. Gabriel's welcome! After Mass, you'll have an opportunity to meet and speak with him.

Friends, that's all I've got. Looking forward to seeing you next week for Mother's Day. We have a nice little gift for you moms...

Know you are loved!
Happy Easter!

Fr. Frank





THE KNIGHTS CORNER



The Saint Gabriel Council welcomed **three new Brothers** at a recent exemplification ceremony. **Scott Ives, Matthew Barrantes, and Ralph**

Benedict are now third degree Knights! The council continues to grow and adding these three dedicated men of faith to our brotherhood is a real blessing. If you are interested in **joining the St. Gabriel's Knights of Columbus**, contact a current member or send us an email at knights@stgabrielssr.org.

Three new Knights of Columbus were recently welcomed into the Brother-hood.

Pictured are (L to R) new Knight Scott Ives, Olman Barrantes (Director of Religious and Civil Rights), new Knight Matthew Barrantes, new Knight Ralph Benedict, and John Haiduk (Membership Director)



The Knights of Columbus will don their yellow vests and **"shake the can"** after all Masses on the weekend of May 9 & 10. Each year, our Council members collect funds in **support of those with special needs due to cognitive disabilities**. Your past support for this annual event has been outstanding. Please continue to help us support those in need.

The **May coffee social** will be replaced by **Munchkins for Moms** and will be held after all Masses on **Mother's Day, May 10th**. Please join us to celebrate all the St. Gabriel's Moms and those that play a mothering and nurturing role in our lives.

The next Saint Gabriel's Knights of Columbus **council meeting** is scheduled for Monday, May 11, 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.

Did you know? In the Catholic Church, May is dedicated to the **Blessed Virgin Mary**, a tradition designed to honor her as **the Mother of God and the Church**. This month is marked by special devotions, including the **May Crowning** (placing a crown on a statue of Mary, symbolizing her role as Queen of Heaven and Earth), **increased recitation of the rosary**, and focusing on her virtues of faith and service.

Sacrament of Baptism: We joyfully welcome your child into the life of Christ. Baptisms are held the first and third Saturdays at 12:00 PM (not during Lent, except in serious need). First-time parents must attend a preparation class.



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

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

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

Ministry to the Sick & Homebound: To arrange a visit or receive Holy Communion at home, contact the parish office.

Frances Ferraro: fferraro@stgabrielssr.org

Fr. Frank Fano: ffano@stgabrielssr.org

COME PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US!

May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, a special time to grow in faith through prayer. Join us for a parish Rosary as we reflect on the life of Christ through the Mysteries.

We will gather in the church Monday, May 18 through Thursday, May 21 at 7:00 PM, praying a different set of Mysteries each evening. Prayer sheets will be available.

Spend a peaceful half hour in prayer with our parish community. Come for one night or all four! ALL are welcome!



ANNUAL 2026 APPEAL

We've reached our stretch goal! THANK YOU! Even more encouraging, we've seen an increase in donors from this time last year. Together, we've surpassed both our goal of \$78,840 and our stretch goal of \$102,492.

If we keep this momentum through June 30, we may qualify for a 2% reduction in our parish assessment or a rebate—directly supporting future parish projects.



Please prayerfully consider participating.
Online: rcan.org/sharing (select our parish), or scan the QR code.



Children's Church
God's word, Kid-sized
Ages: 4-10



Parents, please invite your children to come forward and make the 10:00am your family Mass.

FLOCKNOTE: NEVER MISS A PARISH EVENT AGAIN

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FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for 4/26 was \$12,687.75.

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



PRESIDERS' SCHEDULE

May 2- 3

Sat 5:00pm- Fr. Frank

Sun 8:00am- Fr. Frank

Sun 10:00am May Crowning- Fr. Frank

Sun 11:30am- Fr. Charlie

Sun 6:00pm- Fr. Frank

May 9- 10

Sat 5:00pm- Fr. Frank

Sun 8:00am- Fr. Anthony

Sun 10:00am- Fr. Frank

Sun 11:30am- Fr. Frank Del Prete

Sun 6:00pm- Fr. Frank Del Prete

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Daniel Castillo
Ada Fields
Grace Gilbert
Bob Kleinknecht
Marco Minuto
Marilyn Wolf



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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: May 2, 2026

9:00am † Joyce MacDonald - r/b Roxanne

5:00pm † Robert Mattessich - r/b Mr and Mrs Robert Zakrzewski

Sunday: May 3, 2026

8:00am † Ronald Sinkovitz - r/b John Bauerlein & Family

10:00am † Sue Tommasino - r/b The Salvitelli Family

11:30am † Richard Stefanacci - r/b The Stefanacci Family

6:00pm † Anthony J. Oliveri - r/b The Gallucci Family

Monday: May 4, 2026

9:00am † Phillip Resch - r/b Dave Stuhr

Tuesday: May 5, 2026

6:30am For the people of the parish

9:00am † Szymanski Family - r/b Family

Wednesday: May 6, 2026

6:30am For the people of the parish

9:00am † Alyssa Scroope - r/b Patricia O'Brien

Thursday: May 7, 2026

6:30am For the people of the parish

9:00am † Carol Lee Crowley - r/b Bill and Denyse Galda

Friday: May 8, 2026

9:00am † Bobby Mattessich - r/b Fr Frank

Saturday: May 9, 2026

9:00am † Robert Mattessich - r/b Lina Mattessich

5:00pm All mothers -Mother's Day

Sunday: May 10, 2026

8:00am All mothers -Mother's Day

10:00am All mothers -Mother's Day

11:30am All mothers -Mother's Day

6:00pm All mothers -Mother's Day



IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

The sanctuary lamp at the Blessed Sacrament will be lit the week of 5/3 for Robert Mattessich requested by Lina Mattessich.

The Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week of 5/3 is requested for Robert Mattessich req by the Tarabocchia Family.



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