



Saint Gabriel the Archangel Parish

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OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY – FRIDAY
9:15 AM – 4:00PM
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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Lord's Day: 5:00 and 6:30 PM (Vigil)
7:30, 8:30, 10:30, 12:00 and 5:30 PM
Weekdays: 7:30 AM (Rosary at 8:00 AM)
Saturday: 7:30 AM
Holy Days: 7:00 PM (Vigil)
8:30 AM and 7:00 PM
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesdays 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays at 4:00 PM or by appointment. Those wishing spiritual direction should phone the Parish Office for an appointment.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

(For Infants) Baptisms can be celebrated during or apart from Sunday Mass. For information concerning our parent and god-parent preparation program, please contact the Parish Office. (For Adults) The R.C.I.A. is for Non-Catholic and Catholic Adults who wish full initiation into the Catholic Church through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The R.C.I.A. is an ongoing process designed to meet individual needs. The R.C.I.A. Faith Sharing Community meets regularly on Tuesday evenings at 7:00.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE : contact Pastor for information at least 6 months prior to designated wedding date

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

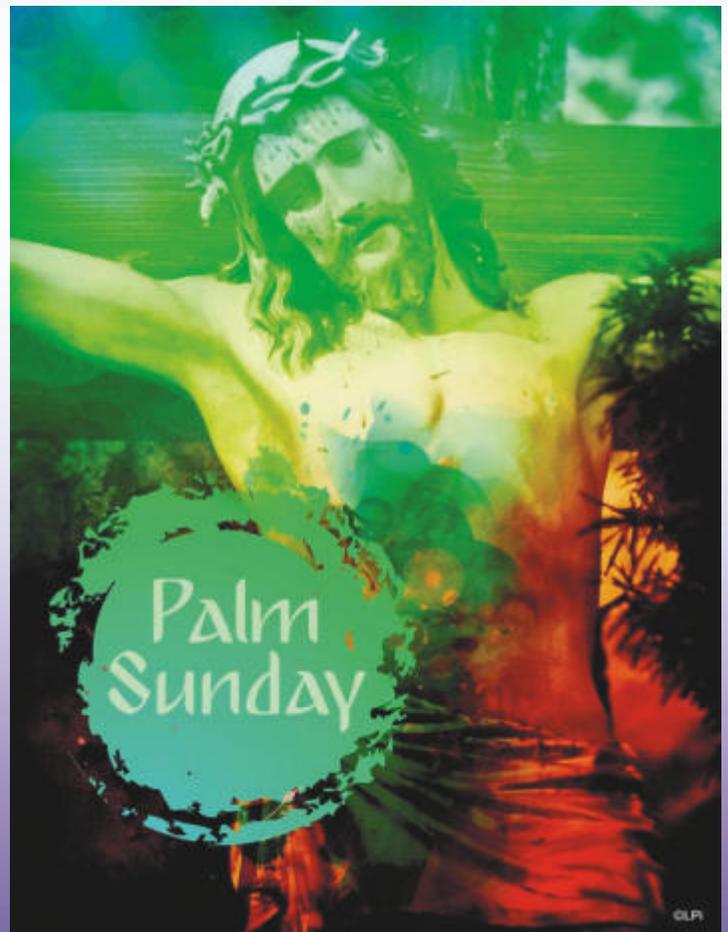
We are always happy to welcome new people into our parish family. If you have discovered our Church and like what you experience, why not become a member? Contact the Parish Office for more information.

PARISH BULLETIN

All items must be e-mailed to crooney@stgabrielma.org or proposed in writing and left at the Parish Office by 9:00 AM Monday or one week early for holidays.

PASTORAL CARE

Arrangements for the reception of the sacraments at home can be made by contacting the Parish Office. Please also notify the Parish Office when a parishioner is in the hospital or otherwise



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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Mar 27	7:30	Dorothy Mehalko, req by Family
	5:00	Thelma Fino, req by Stephanie Fino (21st Anniversary)
	6:30	Ricky Summers, req by Dudley's
Sun., Mar 28	7:30	Ann Wilson, req by Tate Family
	8:30	Scott Bulock, req by Family (15th Anniversary)
	10:30	Paul Couture, req by his Wife
	12:00	Alfred and Carmella Hall, req by Bob and Maria Hall
	5:30	
Mon., Mar 29	7:30	Richard Brault, req by Joan Claflin
	7:00	
Tues Mar 30	7:30	Isabel Moors
	7:00	
Wed., Mar 31	7:30	For all the Holy Souls in Purgatory
	7:00	
Thurs, Apr 01	7:30pm	
Fri., Apr 02	7:30pm	
Sat., Apr 03	7:30pm	Eric Murray
Sun., Apr 04	7:30	Richard Brault, req by Rooney's
	8:30	Eugene Agostini, req by Dan LaBastie
	10:30	Ed Starsiak, req by Rooney's
	12:00	Pauline Laczenski, req by Stephanie Fino
	5:30	

Parish Calendar

CHECK WITH OFFICE TO SEE IF EVENT CANCELLED OR HAS BEEN

RESCHEDULED: *(Make sure to have downloaded St Gabriel's APP and get instant cancellation/ updates)*

Mon., (all)	Bible Study	10:00am
Mon., (all)	Marian Rosary Group	4:00 pm
Thurs.,	3rd of each Month- Grief Group Mtg.	7:00 pm in Parish Hall
Sun.,	3rd of each Mth.—Peace & Social Justice Mtg.	7:00 pm –Virtually.
Thurs. Apr 1	Holy Thursday	7:30pm Mass
Fri. Apr 2	Good Friday	7:30pm Mass
Sat Apr 3	Holy Saturday- Easter Vigil	7:30pm
Sun, Apr 4th	EASTER Sunday—Reg. Mass	Schedule
Sun., Apr 11	Divine Mercy Sunday	
Apr 19-23rd	School Vacation	
Apr 1, 2, 5th	OFFICE CLOSED	

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord:

Many struggle with Jesus. Some who consider themselves faithful hail him in their churches but still struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. The message is somehow more palatable when it echoes pious renderings and sentiments and involves singing hosannas during worship. It becomes a bit trickier when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct the business of our lives, becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor, and marginalized, and living as servants of our Loving Creator. Ultimately, it is a struggle between wanting to be God ourselves and letting God be God as God is. That's why it's so easy to become hypocritical. We, like those who hailed Christ as he arrived in Jerusalem and sent Christ to the cross to die, also talk out of both sides of our mouths. We entertain what suits us at the time and walk away from the rest.

Many neglect God's beautiful creation because they prefer what humans have made instead. Progress isn't seen in preserving and enhancing what God has made but replacing it with something we believe is better and more useful. The earth, flowers, and animals are all expendable if they stand in the way of the "more" we want to achieve. We seek to remove as many obstacles and hurdles as possible in search of the easiest, quickest, and most efficient path we can find. We have created drugs and laws that preserve our free choice, even though it may mean setting aside God's vision and example. Why suffer when we can easily be put to rest? Why endure insult or injury when we can retaliate, eliminate or subdue? Why accept life when it is acceptable to choose otherwise? We want to be God and resist accepting the fact that our real Creator has already given us the blueprints for the life we need to live in the Beatitudes and in the example of his Passion. We don't like being stewards and managers and really want the power to do as we wish and desire. We want to create our own way.

Where has the true, effective Christian voice been through all of the wars and violence, prejudice and unjust conquests, abuse of human beings and attempted extinctions of nationalities, the establishments of procedures and protocols that serve only a few and not the many and all of the injustices and exploitations that are a part of our human history? A few courageous prophets have stood up and out throughout all of the comings and goings of our human journey with many receiving the same fate as the Crucified One we hail this week. Some still walk among us as shining stars showing us how it really can be. How would Jesus' journey have ended if he lived life as we do? Unless we encounter the good with the bad, the just with the unjust, the grace with the sin, the glory with the cross, the death with the life we most certainly risk rendering God obsolete. After all, haven't we already convinced ourselves that we can do better?

PALM SUNDAY

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER:

Anyone looking for the Summer class schedule can find it on our website at www.Stgabrielma.org. Registration forms are also available on our website. Registrations will be mailed out in March.

Confirmation:

Class- Apr 11 3:15-4:15 pm
May 10th 7:00 pm Confirmation Mass
St. Paul's Cathedral, Worcester

Religious Ed schedule for Apr and May:

First Communion Apr 11 + May 2 8:30-10:15 am
Parent Mtg First Communion 4/14 at 10:00am / or
4/15 at 7:00pm
First Communion Mass May 08 10:00 am or / 2:00 pm
Grades 7-11 Apr 5 6-8:00 pm

The Religious Education Summer schedule for the 2021-2022 school year has been posted on St. Gabriel's website as well as registrations mailed out. If you have any questions please contact Simone.

HOLY THURSDAY HOLY HOUR



We will be closing our Holy Thursday Eucharistic Reservation with a Holy Hour from 11:00 p.m. to Midnight. This hour of scripture, reflection and prayer is a beautiful way to meditate upon the place of Eucharist in our lives. We hope many will take advantage of this opportunity for quiet time and prayer. All Eucharistic Ministers are encouraged to attend this Holy Hour.

Peace & Social Justice Ministry

Join us in praying, learning and acting on issues that address the needs of the poor and vulnerable in our community and world. Topics we have discussed include: racial injustices, abortion, living wage, immigration, caring for our environment, and the death penalty. The ministry's March meeting will be via Zoom on Tuesday, March 23rd at 7:30pm. For the link or questions, please contact Sarah Baldiga at sbaldiga@gmail.com or 508-320-8676.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

The Lord invites us personally to spend time with Him during adoration. Let's accept His invitation! Being still and setting aside an hour to adore Him may be a hard

thing to do; but, it may be the most important. The times when you need God the most are when you don't think you need Him. Our next First Friday Adoration will be **May 7th**.

PALM SUNDAY



COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

In this holy season of Lent, the Christian community recalls the mystery of our journey of faith through history. That journey had its beginnings in the Holy Land which has always had a very special place in our hearts. The Holy Land evokes rich memories of the time of Abraham and Moses, as well as the entry of God's people into a place of promise and hope. It was home to the preaching of John the Baptist, the life, death and resurrection of the Lord, the call of the apostles and the establishment of the first Christian communities.

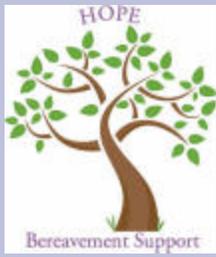
The annual collection for the Holy Land sustains the ministries that are offered at all the Christian shrines that exist and operate within that Land. For over 800 years these shrines have been entrusted to the care of the Franciscan Friars and Christians throughout the world continue to be grateful for the manner in which these shrines have been maintained and made accessible for all pilgrims.

Please be generous in this special collection to be taken at all parishes on Good Friday that assists the Church in the Holy Land.

I ask that you keep the people of the Holy Land in your prayers, and that we join our fellow Catholics in the United States in making a generous contribution to nourish the faith in this land that is sacred for all Christians, as well as Jews and Muslims.

Sincerely yours,
Most Rev. Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

Grief Support Meeting



The next meeting of the grief support group ministry will be **April 15th**. The primary mission of this ministry is to help bring healing to the wounds caused by grief. Meetings consist of listening to a reflective reading followed by optional sharing. All are welcome to attend whether you are grieving the loss of a spouse, child,

sibling or friend and regardless of whether the loss was recent or long ago. For more information please do not hesitate to contact Fr. Larry or Christine Baldiga at Chrisdave12@gmail.com or call 508-320-6654 and feel free to leave a message.

April Second Collections

- Anytime Debt**
- April 11 Haiti**
- April 04 Easter**

Walk Every Step with Christ

Holy Week is a week for being mindful. We must set loose the baggage of Lent, and not be deterred by the dazzling sunrise of Easter morning beckoning in the distance.

It's okay for us to be excited for Easter. We've waited so long, after all. In my opinion it's one of the best feelings there is: the yearning we have in our hearts for the Resurrection as we embark on Palm Sunday. And in a purely logical sense, many of us have Easter celebrations for which we are preparing, and practical considerations to contend with. It's going to be a busy week, one likely full of happy distractions.

But my friends, we simply must keep our feet on the ground. Let's not "skip" Holy Week. Resist the urge to flip to the last page of the book, to fast-forward to the final scene of the movie. Don't rob yourself of the journey. This week is a blessed opportunity. It is this week that teaches us who we are. In the span of the Triduum, we have the birthday of the priesthood, the institution of the Eucharist, the sacrifice on Calvary and so many other vivid and meaningful scenes.

It may sound strange, to advise someone to savor the moments of Holy Week. There are so many violent and heartrending moments, after all. But this is the valley of tears, remember — we are not in Heaven yet. And here, in our fallen, sin-filled world, it is the heartrending moments that seem to matter the most.

These are the moments that define us as Catholics. Live them. Cherish them. Be present for each one.



Charity, Education & Ministries YOUR DONATION COUNTS IF WE DON'T HELP FUND THESE CAUSES, WHO WILL?

Can we pray for you?

We have made it easier for parishioners to send in prayer requests by adding a direct link to our prayerline right on our website at WWW.STGABRIELMA.ORG and clicking on the "MINISTRY" tab. As always you can send your intentions: prayers for the sick, for healing, for thanksgiving by sending an email to stgabrielsprayerline@gmail.com. We are always looking for more volunteers to join us in prayer. The commitment is just your own time in prayer with our list which is distributed bimonthly, no meetings, no hassles. If interested in joining this ministry send an email to our prayer line as well. We hope to hear from you.

Pray the Rosary

Pray the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy -Monday through Friday after our Virtual Mass at 7:30 . Join us knowing we are all saying this powerful prayer together
**Every Monday night the Marian Prayer group gathers at 7:00pm in the Chapel to pray the Rosary
(Contact office to confirm)



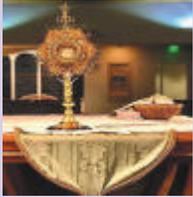
**Even if everything else has failed,
Don't give up hope,
The Rosary can turn your life around.**



ALL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON:
**Thursday, April 1st
Holy Thursday**
**Friday, April 2nd
Good Friday**
Monday, April 5th

PALM SUNDAY

Tuesday Adoration



My friend, an appeal from My Sacred Heart to your loving heart. Would you please take an hour or a half hour of your precious time to come and visit me in the Blessed Sacrament on **Tuesdays from 8:30-6:00pm**. So many are trying to deal with problems alone without me and my help. They seem to have no time for me. I am here for you and want you to come to me. Your friend, Jesus.

BE SURE TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT www.stgabrielma.org for lots of information on our parish including our event calendar, religious education information & scheduled meetings. It is updated weekly.

ST. GABRIELS APP:

<https://www.parihsolutionsco.com/gabrielupton.html>

We are excited to announce the release of a new Mobile App for our parish. This app is available for download in the Android and Apple Stores. The App is a new and effective way for the parish to communicate with you and for you to stay connected with the parish. The App is **PACKED** with prayer resources including Liturgy of the Hours, Daily Mass Readings, the Order of the Mass, Sunday Reading Reflections, the Bible, the Catechism, a digital rosary and on and on. It is also packed with educational resources, parish events, event sign up forms, mass schedules, photo capture tools, discussion boards and more. Best of all, we can alert you of extra special happenings and cancellations via the app's push notifications system.

Go in your APP Store and look for :

St Gabriel Upton - Download and make sure to allow **PUSH NOTIFICATIONS** for all new information.

Great News - Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual"!

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences.

Some are on weekends and some span multiple weeks on a given week-day. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

As we celebrate Palm Sunday, let us be open to the love from our spouse and God by participating in a virtual Worldwide Marriage experience on

Thursdays/Mondays April 8-29

Friday/Saturday/Sunday April 23-25

Watch Mass Live every morning at 7:30 on our FB Page! Search for "St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish" on Facebook and like and follow our Parish's page. Share our page with fellow parishioners to help our online community grow!



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Thank you for helping the individuals and families, who visit our Food Pantry, with your gifts of nonperishable food, paper products, and cleaning supplies. They deeply appreciate your help. Small weekly donations help to keep our shelves well stocked. May God bless you for your kindness and your thoughtfulness.



Wine Distribution

Why haven't Catholic Churches gone the way of disposable cups for wine distribution?

If a Catholic has ever attended a Protestant worship service and saw the communion service that was offered for that community, one of the things that might have stood out was the use of small, disposable cups for distributing the wine or grape juice. This is in stark contrast to the precious metal chalices used in Catholic churches during the Mass.

Although practices for Protestant Christians can vary (ranging from large shared chalices, to personal-use cups, to dipping the bread in the wine/grape juice), the norms governing Catholic practices are fairly direct: "Sacred vessels are to be made from precious metal. If they are made from metal that rusts or from a metal less precious than gold, then ordinarily they should be gilded on the inside. In the Dioceses of the United States of America, sacred vessels may also be made from other solid materials that, according to the common estimation in each region, are precious ... they are to have bowls of nonabsorbent material" (nos. 328-330). Rather than being a commentary on the beliefs or practices of those other communities, these rules are intended to highlight the reverence that Catholics have for the bread and wine consecrated at Mass, which become the Body and Blood the Lord.

Knights of Columbus

If interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus or becoming a member, please contact Don Cook at 1-508-634-8548.



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