



# Saint Gabriel the Archangel Parish

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#### LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

#### 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](mailto: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 confined. Emergency sick **anytime**



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## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Sept. 04	8:00	
	5:00	Ronald Ducharne, req by Family (27th Anniversary)
Sun., Sept. 05	8:00	Lottie Ruggerio, req by Family John and Blanche Mattson, req by Family
	10:30	Marion Despres, req by St Gabriel Family
	12:00	Maurice and Pauline Capistran, req By Family
	5:30	
Mon., Sept 06	8:30	Diane Czjak, req by M. Summers
Tues., Sept. 07	8:30	Health of Fr. Richard Ripperger, req by Chad
Wed., Sept. 08	8:30	Health of Fr Mike Maggiano, req By Chad
Thurs., Sept. 09	8:30	Olivette Carignan, req by Natalie Summers
Fri., Sept. 10	8:30	For all the holy souls in Purgatory.
Sat., Sept 11	8:00	Salvatore and Annie DeSousa, req By Family
	5:00	Annette Wiganowske. req by Skip Wiganowske (25th Anniversary)
Sun., Sept 12	8:00	Thomas Muldoon; and John Kearns, req by his Wife (6th Anniv.)
	10:30	Richard Brault, req by K of C
	12:00	
	5:30	For the Holy Souls in Purgatory, req by DeSouza Family

September 5, 2021: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are “supposed” to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, “be opened!” Be healed and allow your stories to change.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### CHECK WITH OFFICE TO SEE IF EVENT CANCELLED OR HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED:

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 Month	Peace & Social Justice Mtg.	7:00 pm (Will be announced when resuming)
Weds., Sept 8	Haiti Fundraiser and Prayer Vigil	6:30 pm
Sat/Sun Sept 11/12	Parish Anniversary Events	all weekend
	(See article in Bulletin for more information)	
Weds., Sept 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Women's Club Meeting	6:30-9:00pm
Weds., Oct. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Club Meeting	7:00-9:00pm
Weds., Nov. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Club Meeting	7:00-9:00pm

## THE 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER:

The Religious Education schedule for the 2021-2022 school year has been posted on St. Gabriel's web-site., and registration forms have been mailed or can be downloaded from our website.

Teachers are needed for the school year classes:  
Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 meet twice a month on Sundays from 9:05-10:20

Eucharist class will meet once a month from 8:00-10:20

Grades 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 meet twice a month on Mondays from 6:00-8:00

If you are willing to share your faith with any one of these groups, please contact the Religious Ed. Office.

If you have a child entering the First Grade in September, please contact us for a registration form or download a form from our web-site.

If you have any questions please contact Simone.

### *10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FESTIVITIES: (September 11th and 12th)*

#### After 5:00 pm Sat. Evening Mass:

K of C and the Women's Club will sponsor Pizza and a Movie night (starting at 7:00pm)

#### After 8:00 am Mass:

Women's Club will provide coffee and deserts

#### After both the 10:30 and 12:00

#### Masses:

K of C will be serving Hotdogs and Hamburgers

**\*\*\* Please sign-up in the Narthex so they are able to determine quantities to be purchased. Thank you**

**My friend has never heard of Christ and I want to share the Gospel with her but I'm afraid to. How do I share my faith?**

There are a lot of ways to bring up the topic of religion, without being judgmental or pushy. Begin by asking what her thoughts are about religion, or what her experience was growing up. Finding common ground is often easier than you think, because the questions and problems we have about God, the presence of evil, our purpose in life, and our relationship with God are universal concerns.

Why are you afraid? If you do not want to insult or offend someone, don't be pushy or judgmental. If you are uncertain about how to explain your own faith, do a little reading or practice with a friend. If you measure success only by this person converting, focus your attention more on beginning the conversation, not on bringing it to a perfect close! Faith is a journey of many acts of belief, many discussions about God, and many choices about how we practice what we preach. In some we will have great success; in others we will need forgiveness and perseverance. The most important thing to keep in mind is that the Holy Spirit is always at work and our most humble efforts can bear great fruit. Have faith in God because he has faith in you!

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom as the children drew pictures. The teacher would occasionally walk around and see each child's artwork. As she approached one little girl who was working especially hard, she asked what the drawing was.



The little girl told her: "I'm drawing God! " But sweetly," the teacher replied, "no one actually knows what God looks like."

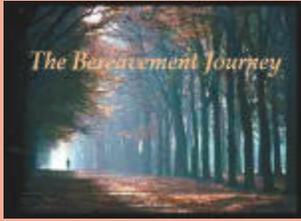
Automatically, the little girl continued drawing and said, "well, they certainly will in a minute!"

### It's Me Again, God

REMEMBER ME, GOD?  
I come every day just to talk with You, Lord.  
And to learn how to pray...  
You make me feel welcome,  
You reach our Your hand,  
I need never explain for YOU understand...  
I come to You frightened  
And burdened with care  
So lonely and lost  
And so filled with despair,  
And suddenly, Lord,  
I'm no longer afraid,  
My burden is lighter  
And the dark shadows fade...  
Oh, God, what a comfort to know when I seek You  
YOU WILL ALWAYS BE THERE!  
Helen Steiner Rice

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**Grief Support Meeting**



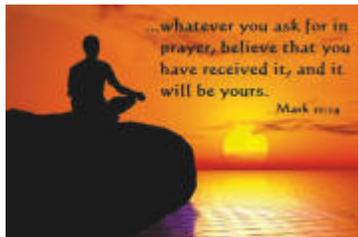
The next meeting of the grief support group ministry will be **Sept. 16th, 7:00 pm Virtually**. The primary mission of this ministry is to help bring healing to the wounds caused by grief. Meetings consist of listening to a reflective reading followed by

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](mailto:Chrisdave12@gmail.com) or call 508-320-6654 and feel free to leave a message.

**Can we pray for you?**

Did you know there are a dedicated group of parishioners that pray for special intentions during the week? (Prayers of thanksgiving, prayers for healing, prayers for the families of the deceased) If you would like a prayer included in our prayer list, please provide your first name only and pray-  
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**line@gmail.com**. We are always looking for more *prayer partners*. To volunteer, send an email to: [dmfupton10@gmail.com](mailto:dmfupton10@gmail.com)



**Do you wish to obtain a prayer shawl?**

If you wish to obtain a prayer shawl for someone who needs a “hug from God” (for loss, comfort, illness, surgery, military, etc.) please fill our a request form found in the entrance of the church. Occasionally the forms will be inserted into the weekly church bulletin. Please send it or take it to the parish office. We will call you when it is ready to be picked up. The shawls are FREE! Donations of yarn and/or money for supplies are very much appreciated. If you would like to join our Prayer Shawl Ministry, just attend their meetings on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel at St. Gabriel’s (will announce when resuming) . All are welcome!

**Marian Prayer**

We encourage any parishioner who so desires to join us for our Marian prayer on Monday’s at 4:00 p.m. This prayer, seeking the intercession of Mother Mary is offered for the continued strength and vibrancy of the faith community here at St. Gabriel’s.

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**REDEMPTION MINISTRY : COVID-19 UPDATE**

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been determined that accepting bottles and cans for redemption would not be a safe practice due to the potential for contamination risks involved in the individual handling of each used bottle and can. These used bottles and cans require repeated handling and individual insertion into tallying receptacle machines an average of 100-200 times weekly. As a result, this suspension will remain in place until a proven, effective vaccine has been widely distributed to the general population.

However, in an effort to fulfill St. Gabriel's parishioners' strong desire to fund continued masses for the Holy Souls in Purgatory in a safe and practical manner, the Redemption Ministry and Fathers Larry and Sagar are asking parishioners to kindly consider redeeming bottles and cans they have accumulated these past many months and going forward from their individual households that have only been used by the members they're living with. (There is a Redemption Center in the Shaw's Plaza in Northbridge and the tally tickets can be cashed in next door with a cashier at Friendly Discount Liquors). Once you have reached the required \$10 Mass donation it can be put in a sealed envelope marked Redemption Ministry and placed in the weekly collection basket in the Narthex.

May God Bless and thank you for your continued understanding, kindness and consideration!

**As we celebrate Labor Day, can you tell me about Catholic teaching regarding labor?**

One of the most important principles of Catholic social teaching is the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Four encyclicals address this foundational social teaching: *Rerum Novarum* (1891) by Leo XIII, *Quadragesimo Anno* (1931) by Pius XI, *Laborem Exercens* (1981), and *Centesimus Annus* (1991) by John Paul II. They address both the theology and dignity of work. In Genesis, God takes the initiative in creating the world, calling forth human beings to be faithful stewards of creation. We are thus formed to share in God’s continuing creative activity by partnering with God in finishing the world and helping bring it to completion and fulfillment. From this perspective, work can be spiritually understood in terms of sharing in God’s ongoing activity to build, create, and transform the world. Human beings are co-creators with God. This vocation demands self-discipline.

Besides an exercise in self-discipline, work is also the means by which we develop and fulfill ourselves. In work, we shape the world and our environment. Through work, we also shape ourselves. Pope John Paul II summarized this point in *Laborem Exercens* #6, “the value of work is not primarily the kind of work being done, but the fact that the one who is doing it is a person.”



## THE 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Tuesday Adoration



My friend an appeal from My Sacred 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 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** 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.

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:



To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. 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://wwwmema.org/>. "Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves." Learn how to have a holy marriage by participating in the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

### Food Pantry



Thank you for your generous gifts to our Food Pantry. They are greatly appreciated. Those in need are always welcome to visit the Food Pantry. Their visits are kept in complete confidence. May God bless you for helping our dear neighbors.

### 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 on **October 1st from 9:00 -11:30 AM.**

### RAFFLE TICKETS / Knights of Columbus



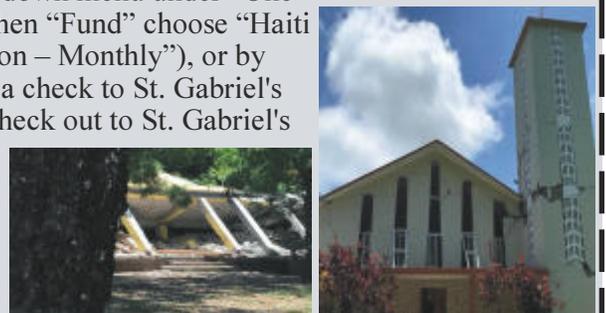
All Raffle tickets must be returned by end of September. The actual drawing will take place on October 1st. Good luck and Thank you!!

### HAITI EARTHQUAKE DEVASTATION:

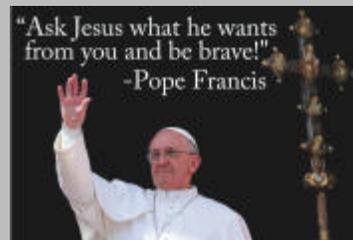
The epicenter of Saturday's earthquake was almost a direct hit to our twin parish St. Anne in Sucrerie Henry. Click the link below for updates we've received from pastor Pere Didier, including photos and videos of damage.

We cannot watch these videos and look at the pictures that follow without wanting to help in any way we can. At this time, Pere Didier and the St. Anne Parish Council are working through their shock and assessing the needs of the parish community. They will report back to us once they can formulate a list. In the meantime, we know there are many immediate medical, housing, food, and sanitation needs. We know the buildings that have been damaged cannot be occupied in their current state.

We are utilizing this post to launch a campaign to raise money for the immediate needs of the St. Anne community. Donations can be made at <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/Giving/stgabrielgiving> (using the dropdown menu under "One Time" then "Fund" choose "Haiti Collection - Monthly"), or by mailing a check to St. Gabriel's (make check out to St. Gabriel's and include "Haiti" in the memo).



### Family Is Family!



We must not fall into the trap of being limited by ideological concepts. The family is an anthropological fact, and consequently a social, cultural fact. We cannot qualify it with ideological concepts which are compelling at only one moment in history and then decline. Today there

can be no talk of the *conservative family* or the *progressive family*: family is family! Do not allow yourselves to be qualified by this, or by other ideological concepts. The family has a force of its own.

#### A Lifelong Covenant of Love

The holiness and indissolubility of Christian matrimony, often disintegrating under tremendous pressure from the secular world, must be deepened by clear doctrine and supported by the witness of committed married couples. Christian matrimony is a lifelong covenant of love between one man and one woman; it entails real sacrifices in order to turn away from illusory notions of sexual freedom and in order to foster conjugal fidelity.

Pope Francis

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