

August 2026						
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Saint Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 2026



WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday/Sábado:

4:00 p.m (Vigil)

English

First Saturday/Primer Sábado:

7:00 a.m

Bilingual

Sunday/Domingo:

8:00 a.m

9:00 a.m (Rosary)

English

10:00 a.m

English

(Also on Facebook Live-Stream)

12:30 p.m

Español

(Also on Facebook Live-Stream)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday/Martes:

7:00 p.m

Bilingual

Wednesday/Miércoles - Friday/Viernes:

12:00 p.m

English

ADORATION

Tuesday/Martes:

5:45 p.m - 6:45 p.m

First Saturday/Primer Sábado:

5:00 p.m - 12:00 a.m

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday/Martes:

5:45 p.m

Saturday/Sábado:

2:30 p.m

Or by appointment with the pastor

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS /

HORAS DE OFICINA

Tuesday/Martes - Friday/Viernes:

10:00 a.m - 2:00 p.m

All other times by appointment

PARISH STAFF

Pastor:

Fr. Romen Acero

Director of Religious Education/Directora de Educacion Religiosa

Director of Hispanic Ministries/Directora de Ministerios Hispanos:

Sr./Hna. Maria Sanchez, HSMG

Music Director/Organista:

Karen Rainey

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BAPTISM: The celebration of Baptism is a moment of grace for those to be Baptized, for their families, as well as for the entire parish community. Please contact Sister Angie to register for preparation classes.

FAITH FORMATION: All children not attending Catholic school should be enrolled in our Faith Formation Program. For more information, please contact Sister Angie.

O.C.I.A.: Adults who would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith or wish to become Catholic should consider enrolling in O.C.I.A. classes. Interested persons should contact Sister Angie.

MARRIAGE: Couples planning to be married must see a priest at least six months prior to the planned marriage. Pre-marriage instruction is required. Please do not set a date in advance until you have spoken to the pastor.

CONFIRMATION: Young adults may be confirmed after a preparation period starting in 9th grade and successful completion of requirements. For more information, please contact Sister Angie.

ANOINTING THE SICK: Please call the parish office if you or a member of your family needs the Sacrament of Anointing.

HOMEBOUND/SHUT-INS: If there is anyone who cannot come to Mass because of illness or age, we ask you to please call the parish office.

PARISH REGISTRATION: If you are new to our parish, you are encouraged to register as soon as possible. Registration in a parish is the norm and is required for registration in religious education, for sacramental preparation, and for sponsorship certificates. Registration forms are available in the parish office, or the ministry table in the Atrium.

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PRAYER LIST

Please keep those who are ill in your prayers, especially: Danielle Dzubay, John & Kay Andrason, Anna Blair Nelson Wall, Tristan Penner, Shirley McGill, Mike Forster, Martin J. Cox, Luis Chavez, Sister Paul Mary Draxler, Max Mault, Virginia & Anna Newby, Maureen Quinn, Jim & Miriam Benn, Mario Efrain Trejo, Ella Marcotte, Kathy May, James Watson, Cindy Mirella, Leann Seelman, Joel, Kaydee, Charity Hemingway, Carol Kulikowski, Tom Glennon, Tom Christopher, Diane Hoehn, Peter Shipe, Dennis Dreblow, Stephanie Tetterton, Linda Cox, Jeffrey Parker, Jessica Cannon, P.J. Lewis, Rosa Sicilia, Jennifer Alexander, Brooke Blake, Lloyd May, Jack Whiteley, Lucy Palmer, Helen Catigan, Phyllis Pope, Gary Taylor, Donna Harris, Charles Gorham, Jeffrey Parker, Lucas Keller, Charlene Woodring, Tim Neal, Ginny West, Brenda Luther, Michelle Mack, Gail Allen, Joan Harris, Montie & Paula Pakowski, Richard Ipri, Dorie Tulis, David Williams, Ellie Sullivan, Wardle Family, Pat Adams, Eva Owens, Glenda Wagner, Hudson Rogers & Linda K. Thompson, Maebry Hartsfield

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servant (N...) for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, he (she) may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SANCTUARY LAMP: The Sanctuary Lamp is available the week of August 2nd. The Sanctuary Lamp burns the week of August 9th, in memory of Anthony Pasquarella. The Sanctuary Lamp is available for the remainder of August.



MASS INTENTIONS

08/01 – 7am	Poor Souls in Purgatory	08/16 – 8am	Paul & Susan MacLeod, by Ken & Gerry MacLeod
4pm	Helen Dziedzic †, by Geri White	10am	Don Curtis †, by Marie Mirella
08/02 – 8am	Mary Donaldson †, by Annette Pasquarella	12:30pm	People of the Parish
10am	Cary Tomes †	08/17 – NO MASS	
12:30pm	People of the Parish	08/18 – 7pm	Thomas Anthony †, by Louise Moussa & John Anthony & Family
08/03 – NO MASS		08/19 – 12pm	Mary Donaldson †, by Joan Ferguson
08/04 – 7pm	William Hieb †	08/20 – 12pm	Tim LeRoy †, by Eleanor & Carolyn
08/05 – 12pm	Tommy MacLeod, by Ken & Gerry MacLeod	08/21 – 12pm	Josefina Ochoa De Velis †, by Sharon Hull
08/06 – 12pm	Romeo Espanneva †	08/22 – 4pm	Dr. John T. Richards, by Ray & Shelley Stein
08/07 – 12pm	Jim Weems, by Ken & Gerry MacLeod	08/23 – 8am	Ken MacLeod, by Gerry MacLeod
08/08 – 4pm	Darleen R. Schick †, by Joan Ferguson	10am	Carolina Rubio Hernandez, by Mia
08/09 – 8am	Shar Borisoff †, by Mary Lake & Ann Borisoff	12:30pm	People of the Parish
10am	Isabella Alfred & Paola Matheus	08/24 – NO MASS	
12:30pm	People of the Parish	08/25 – 7pm	William Bunch †, by Veronica Bunch
08/10 – NO MASS		08/26 – 12pm	Bob's Family, by Ann Dacuyucuy
08/11 – 7pm	Joan Ferguson †	08/27 & 08/28 – NO MASS	
08/12 – 12pm	Betty Forster †, by Sharon Hull	08/29 – 4pm	Frank O. Romero †, by Mia Romero
08/13 – 12pm	Carol LeRoy †, by Sharon Hull	08/30 – 8am	Jonathan Bridgers †, by Mattie Moye Bridgers
08/14 – 12pm	John & Susan Kerian, by Ken & Gerry MacLeod	10am	Midge Olrogge †, by Ruth Ethridge
08/15 – 4pm	People of the Parish	12:30pm	People of the Parish
		08/31 – NO MASS	

2027 DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE
BUDAPEST & KRAKÓW



Peace be with you. It is with great joy that I invite you to join me on a Catholic pilgrimage to Hungary and Poland, October 4–14, 2027, as we journey together through lands rich in faith, history, and witness. This pilgrimage will take us to Budapest and Kraków, along the beautiful Danube, and to sacred sites that have shaped the Church in Central Europe.

DAY 1 – Depart Raleigh
DAY 2 – Arrival in Budapest, Hungary
DAY 3 – Catholic Budapest & Danube Dinner Cruise
DAY 4 – Esztergom, the Danube Bend & Buda Castle
DAY 5 – Marian & Eucharistic Budapest
DAY 6 – Budapest to Kraków

DAY 7 – Kraków & Old Town
DAY 8 – Divine Mercy & St. John Paul II
DAY 9 – Auschwitz & Wadowice
DAY 10 – Wieliczka & Częstochowa
DAY 11 – Return to Raleigh

\$5499 per person from Raleigh, NC / Price Includes:

- Round-trip airfare on international carrier
- International taxes and current fuel charges
- Specially selected hotel accommodations
- Air-conditioned motor coach
- Daily breakfast and Table d'Hôte dinner
- Full-time tour manager
- Medical Insurance while traveling

Scan the QR code or visit www.bit.ly/ZARAMA27



Contact: Belinda Held 724-679 7450 / belinda@ApilgrimsJourney.com or Sara.Edwards@raldioc.org

Reflection on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 15, 2026

The Solemnity of the Assumption celebrates the Blessed Mother's entrance into heavenly glory. Mary's Assumption into heaven reminds us that life on earth is a pilgrimage to our ultimate destination. We prepare in hope for our own passage into eternal life by the choices we make today. When we choose to love and follow God in our daily lives, we strengthen our relationship with Him, and this relationship is the true meaning of heaven.



Reflexión sobre la Solemnidad de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María 15 de agosto de 2026

La Solemnidad de la Asunción celebra la entrada de la Santísima Virgen a la gloria celestial. La Asunción de María al cielo nos recuerda que la vida en la tierra es una peregrinación a nuestro destino final. Nos preparamos con esperanza para pasar a la vida eterna mediante las decisiones que tomamos hoy. Cuando elegimos vivir y seguir a Dios en nuestra vida cotidiana, fortalecemos nuestra relación con Él, y esta relación es el verdadero sentido del cielo.

The Presence of the Human Body

Bishop Robert McManus of Worcester, Massachusetts, issued a decree in May reinforcing the intact burial of cremated remains while emphasizing the Church’s preference for bodily burial. “Although cremation is now permitted by the Church, it does not enjoy the same value as burial of the body,” the decree states. “The Church clearly prefers and urges that the body of the deceased be present for the funeral rites since the presence of the human body better expresses the values which the Church affirms in those rites.” “The Church’s teaching in regard to the human body as well as the Church’s preference for burial of the body should be a regular part of catechesis on all levels,” Bishop McManus writes. All of the cremated remains of a body must be interred following the Rite of Committal in a grave, mausoleum or columbarium, according to the decree. The remains may not be divided and placed in multiple locations or scattered in any location. Neither may they be kept in private homes or placed into jewelry. Interment of cremated remains should not be unduly delayed following the funeral rites. If the Church’s norms concerning cremation are not respected, the bishop says the celebration of public funeral rites may be denied, at the celebrating pastor’s discretion. The decree’s pronouncements are “effective immediately.”

Cemeteries Are ‘Places of Christian Hope’

In the Diocese of Charlotte, North Carolina, Bishop Michael Martin promulgated the decree “Diocesan Norms for the Governance and Stewardship of Cemeteries and Columbaria” on March 19, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, patron of the dying. In a letter accompanying the revisions, Bishop Martin said he was “confident” the new norms would “serve the needs of the faithful as they reverently lay to rest the mortal remains of their loved ones.” The updates set clear eligibility guidelines for interment. While Catholic cemeteries/columbaria are intended primarily for baptized Catholics, the decree states provisions can be made for others, including non-Catholics and even non-Christians. Catholic cemeteries and columbaria are “extensions of the Church’s ministry ... not merely functional places of burial” and are “sacred places set aside by the Church for the corporal work of mercy of burying the dead and for providing a final resting place for the faithful departed as a sign of their hope in the promise of resurrection,” the decree states. Consequently, such places must be maintained and used in a way that reflects “reverence for the dead and care for nature.” Burial costs must also remain affordable and accessible. Parishes within the diocese have six months to align local policies with the new norms, while existing contracts will remain in effect.

‘Prayers After Death’ Revised by USCCB

In a March newsletter, the Committee on Divine Worship of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops announced a revision of the “Prayers after Death,” which occur during the rite of the OCF. According to the committee, the ritual structure, rubrics and individual elements of the revised prayer are “nearly identical” to the previous edition, “with the exception of the concluding prayers at No. 314” in the Order of Christian Funerals. “These prayers have been retranslated after the pattern of the Roman Missal and according to the principles of Liturgiam Authenticam,” the committee wrote. The Liturgiam Authenticam (“Authentic Liturgy”) is a major Vatican instruction issued in 2001 that established precise norms for translating liturgical texts (and Scripture for liturgical use) from the official Latin editions into modern languages, its core principle being fidelity to the original text. Source: <https://www.ncregister.com/cna/us-bishops-tighten-funeral-policies>

OFFERTORY

July Offertory ... \$36,047.67

July - No Second Collections

- August Second Collections
- 8/2 - Building & Maintenance Fund ... \$
- 8/9 - HVAC ... \$
- 8/16 - Assumption of Mary ... \$
- 8/23 - Daughters of Our Lady of Guadalupe Religious Retirement ... \$
- 8/30 - Priest Retirement ... \$

August 4, Feast of St. John Vianney: Patron of Priests

St. John Vianney is the patron saint of parish priests. Join the diocese in praying for an increase in priestly vocations and for the sanctification of our diocese’s priests on this feast day.



Mass Intention Request: Call, email, or come in to request a mass intention with preferred date. Remainder of year 2026 is full.
Solicitud de intención de Misa: Para solicitar con anticipacion una intención de Misa llame, envíe un correo electrónico o acérquese personalmente con la fecha de su preferencia. Para solicitar una intención el mismo día domingo para la Santa Misa de 12:30pm debe llegar antes de las 12pm y acercarse con un ministro de hospitalidad.

Bulletin Announcement Submissions: Email Bulletin@stgabrielgv.info to submit a bulletin announcement. Include a clear headline, dates, and 2-4 sentences about who/what/when/where.
SEPTEMBER FINAL SUBMISSIONS DUE 8/19.
Envío de anuncios para el boletín: Envíe un correo electrónico a Bulletin@stgabrielgv.info para enviar un anuncio para el boletín. Incluir un titular claro, las fechas y entre 2-4 oraciones sobre quién/qué/cuándo/dónde.
FECHA LIMITE PARA SEPTIEMBRE: 19/08.

BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATES

The Bishop’s Annual Appeal is the way our Diocesan family funds over 30 ministries, from our work with those most in need through Catholic Charities, to the formation of those who would lead us as priests in the spiritual and pastoral life. **Prayerfully Consider a Gift to the 2026 BAA** – no gift is too small as together every gift makes all the difference to the whole; Overage from our goal is returned to our parish, as part of the Diocesan sharing formula. Use <http://www.givetobaa.org> to give, or drop a check written to BAA in the offertory. Thank you for your support and inclusion of the BAA among your charitable giving in support of the Mission of Our Lord.

2026 BAA Goal: \$56,026.31
Pledged: \$49,482.72 Received: \$48,041.07

As of 7/23, we are at 86% of our goal.
Thank you to the 105 Families who have donated to The 2026 Bishop’s Annual Appeal

La Campaña Anual del Obispo es el medio por el cual nuestra familia diocesana financia más de 30 ministerios: desde nuestra labor con los más necesitados a través de Caridades Católicas, hasta la formación de aquellos que nos guiarán como sacerdotes en la vida espiritual y pastoral. **Considere en oración hacer una donación a la BAA 2026** – ninguna ofrenda es demasiado pequeña, ya que, juntos, cada donativo marca una diferencia fundamental para el conjunto. Cualquier excedente que supere nuestra meta se devuelve a nuestra parroquia, como parte de la fórmula de distribución diocesana. Utilice el sitio web <http://www.givetobaa.org> para donar, o deposite un cheque a nombre de "BAA" en la colecta. Gracias por su apoyo y por incluir a la BAA entre sus obras de caridad en respaldo a la Misión de Nuestro Señor.

Meta de la BAA 2026: \$56,026.31
Prometido: \$49,482.72 Recibido: \$48,041.07

A partir de 23/07, hemos alcanzado el 86% de nuestra meta.
Gracias a las 105 familias que han donado a la Campaña Anual del Obispo 2026.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board of the Ulster Project of Greenville extends its heartfelt thanks to the parishioners of St. Gabriel for your generous support, prayers, and kindness. Your generosity helps provide young people with an opportunity to build lasting friendships, foster understanding, and experience the spirit of peace and reconciliation. We are deeply grateful for your partnership in making this mission possible.

Columbiettes Santa Shop & Fall Quater Auction: It is time for Christmas in August for Santa's Workshop and the Fall Quarter Auction. We are looking for New or Gently used items for Boys and Men. There will be a box in the Atrium for the month of August for donations. Thank you!

2026 International Festival Raffle Tickets Sales resume August 15 through September after Masses.

Tickets are **\$5 each; Prizes: \$750, \$500, \$250, and \$100** drawing to be held on the day of the festival. Ticket holders need not be present to win.

All proceeds provide seed funds for the Festival helping cover early expenses and ensuring a successful event this fall. Please help promote the festival by buying tickets and selling them to your friends and neighbors. Every ticket sold brings us one step closer to a fantastic celebration for our parish and community!

Paul Gemperline will hold an organizational meeting for the International Festival on **Wednesday, August 19 at 7:00 PM**. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Atrium:
– Parade of Nations – Facilities & Parking
– Publicity – Entertainment – Food vendors
– Food ticket sales on the day of the event

Retreat: Finding God in a New Season of Life. Life is filled with transitions - some joyful, some unexpected, all filled with God's grace. Come to this two-night retreat and discover how God has been guiding you through every season of your life and how God may be inviting you into the next. Enter the next season of your life with greater peace and confidence. September 4-6 at the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory, NC. For more information or to register, visit www.catholicconference.org/new-season, email info@catholicconference.org, or call 828-327-7441.

Human Life & Dignity Events at St. Michael, Cary: The NC Cabrini Collaborative: Catholics for Just Migration & Human Dignity will host two events at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Cary. On Tuesday, August 4, at noon, the Bilingual Immigration NC Rosary Fellowship will lead an in-person prayer gathering. Together, participants will pray for compassion and care for our migrant brothers and sisters. On Sunday, August 9, at noon, Deacon Klickman will present “Catholic Teaching on Immigration & Human Dignity.” The event will open with prayer led by Monsignor John Wall, and Deacon Luis Royo will share his personal story. Participants will encounter Christ in one another and engage in dialogue about their own immigration experiences. For questions, contact Karen Dear at RosaryImmigrationNC@gmail.com. No registration is required.

ANUNCIOS

Venta de comida del Ministerio Hispano: Acompáñenos el 30 de agosto, después de cada misa, y disfrute de deliciosa comida y convivencia.

Festival Internacional 2026: Por favor, apoye el Festival Internacional de St. Gabriel, que se celebrará el 3 de octubre, vendiendo boletos de rifa a sus amigos y familiares. Los boletos están disponibles después de Misa ciertos fines de semana a un precio de **\$5 cada uno**; los talonarios de 5 boletos cuestan \$25. Por favor, consulte el calendario para ver las fechas de venta.

El gran premio es de **\$750**; el segundo premio, de **\$500**; el tercer premio, de **\$250**; y el cuarto premio, de **\$100**. Las probabilidades de ganar por boleto son de 1 entre 375. Los fondos recaudados servirán como capital inicial para el Festival. El excedente de lo recaudado se destinará al fondo de mantenimiento. Para más información, comuníquese con Paul Gemperline por correo electrónico o mensaje de texto: gemperlinep@ecu.edu; 252-341-9167.

También se necesitan voluntarios para ayudar con la logística, los puestos de comida y las presentaciones culturales. Puede inscribirse en el atrio o comuníquese con Paul Gemperline.

Gracias por apoyar a Cross Catholic Outreach y Food For The Poor: el mes de julio, recibimos la visita de Food For The Poor y Cross Catholic Outreach. Gracias por su donación para asistir a familias necesitadas y vulnerables. Su fe en acción genera un cambio duradero que transforma vidas.

US Bishops Tighten Funeral Policies After Growth of ‘Irregular Practices’

EWTN News Article by Amira Abuzeid, July 24, 2026 <https://www.ewtnnews.com/world/us/u-s-bishops-tighten-funeral-policies-after-growth-of-irregular-practices>

The bishops addressed departures from acceptable Church norms regarding the handling of cremated remains and the time and place of eulogies, among other ‘liturgical anomalies’ during funerals.

Praying for the dead according to Church norms is vital.

Several U.S. bishops in recent months have tightened diocesan funeral policies, emphasizing stricter adherence to the Order of Christian Funerals (OCF) amid evolving popular practices at funerals that depart from Church norms and concern visitations, eulogies, and cremated remains, among others.

‘Liturgical Anomalies’

In a video message and accompanying letter, Bishop Thomas Paprocki’s new rules for the Diocese of Springfield, Illinois, which went into effect on July 1, address what he described as “irregular practices” and “liturgical anomalies.”

Bishop Paprocki explained that his goal is to “ensure that Catholic funerals in our diocese will conform to the norms of the Catholic Church” and maintain the integrity of the three parts of the OCF: the Vigil for the Deceased (the night before the funeral liturgy), the funeral liturgy itself (Mass or liturgy outside Mass), and the Rite of Committal.

Among the “anomalies” the bishop addressed and prohibited was the practice of visitations in the church on the day of the funeral liturgy, as the vigil by definition must occur the night before. Priests or deacons will lead vigil prayers even without a public gathering, although family members are strongly encouraged to participate.

Families may still gather at the funeral home for the brief prayers of the transfer of the body to the church or to the place of committal, which can be led by a funeral director, parish staff member, or relative if clergy are unavailable. The procession to the church — whether on foot or by motorcade — is important, he said, as it serves as a “reminder of when the deceased person first entered the church” in baptism.

Bishop Paprocki said eulogies are not permitted during the funeral rite, but “words of remembrance” are, as long as the words “speak about the faith-life of the one who died and give praise to God.” Eulogies make “the person being praised the main focus of attention,” he wrote, while “the homily and the words of remembrance have God as the primary focus.”

Because those speaking at the end of a funeral Mass sometimes say things “that are very inappropriate” or are too overcome with grief, the bishop said all “words of remembrance must be submitted for approval to the pastor ... at least three days prior to the funeral. Only the priest or deacon will then read the words of remembrance” at a time other than during or immediately after the funeral rite.

Families themselves may offer eulogies or remembrances at other gatherings, such as a meal after the Rite of Committal, provided they do not immediately precede or follow the liturgical rites.

On cremation, Bishop Paprocki reaffirmed the Church’s preference for burial of the body while permitting cremation when not chosen to deny the resurrection of the body.

All cremated remains must be interred intact following the Rite of Committal and ordinarily within 30 days.

‘Not ... a Viewing in a Church Building’

Meanwhile, Bishop David Bonnar of Youngstown, Ohio, issued a decree in October 2025 ending funeral visitations in church buildings effective December 2025.

Bishop Bonnar said holding a visitation or viewing in a church compromises the sacred space “by noise and activity unbecoming of the reverence due to the Blessed Sacrament.”

His decree created a uniform policy across the diocese, addressing growing requests for in-church visitations driven by convenience and cost.

The only exception the bishop permitted is for the funerals of priests or religious, where public visitation in the church or chapel continues as a long-standing tradition.

Families may still hold visitations at funeral homes or other appropriate locations.