

December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23 K of C Pancake Breakfast after 8 am & 10 am Mass 8 am Mass 10 am Columbiette Mass 12:30 pm Spanish Mass Emaus W 10-12 Parish Center No Faith Formation Youth Ministry 2-3:30pm, Parish Center	24  All Parish Offices Closed  Spanish Bible Reflection 7pm Rm1	25  Adoration 5:45pm Confession 6 pm  7 pm Mass	26  All Parish Offices Closed  No Mass No OCIA Sessions OLOG Dance Practice Parish Center 7pm	27  10 am Thanksgiving Day Mass Happy Thanksgiving!!	28  All Parish Offices Closed  No Mass	29  No Faith Formation 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm Mass
30  8 am Mass K of C 10 am Mass 12:30 pm Spanish Mass No Faith Formation Youth Ministry 2-3:30pm, Parish Center	1  All Parish Offices Closed  Spanish Bible Reflection 7pm Rm1	2  St. Gabriel Advent Penance Service 7 pm	3  12 pm Mass Bilingual Choir Rehearsal 7pm No OCIA Sessions OLOG Dance Practice Parish Center 7pm	4  12 pm Mass Parish Offices Closed K of C Mtg. 7pm Rm 4 Catholic Charities Circle of Parents 5pm – 8pm, Rm 1	5  12 pm Mass	6 First Saturday 6 am Rorate Caeli Mass No Faith Formation Alvernia Juvenil 10am-4pm, in Parish Center 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm Mass
7  8 am Mass 10 am Mass 12:30 pm Mass Emaus W10-12 Parish Center No Faith Formation  Our Lady of Guadalupe 12:30 pm Multicultural Mass with Celebration to follow in the Parish Center	8  The Immaculate Conception 12 pm & Bilingual Mass 7 pm  All Parish Offices Closed	9  No Mass Advent Penance Service at St. Peter Church 6 pm	10  No Mass No OCIA Sessions Cantor Rehearsal 7pm	11  Our Lady of Guadalupe Vigil Mass 8pm All Parish Offices Closed Columbiette Mtg. Rm 3 & 4, 6:30pm	12  Our Lady of Guadalupe Bilingual Mass 8pm All Parish Offices Closed	13  6 am Rorate Caeli Mass No Faith Formation 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm Mass  Santa Shop after Mass
14 K of C Pancake Breakfast after 8 am & 10 am Mass 8 am Mass 10 am Mass 12:30 pm Spanish Mass No Faith Formation Youth Ministry 2-3:30pm, Parish Center Santa Shop after all Masses	15  All Parish Offices Closed Spanish Bible Reflection 7pm Rm1  Confirmation II Parents Mtg. 7pm, Church	16  Adoration 5:45pm Confession 6 pm  7 pm Mass Anointing of the sick during Mass	17  12 pm Mass Anointing of the sick during Mass Bilingual Choir Rehearsal 7pm No OCIA Sessions	18  12 pm Mass K of C Mtg. 7pm Rm 4	19  12 pm Mass	20  6 am Rorate Caeli Mass No Faith Formation 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm Mass  5pm Posada Christmas Celebration in the Parish Center
21 Stroke Scan Screening 8am—4pm, classrooms 7 & 8 8 am Mass 10 am Mass 12:30 pm Spanish Mass No Faith Formation Youth Ministry 2-3:30pm, Parish Center	22  All Parish Offices Closed  No Bible Reflection	23  No Mass All Parish Offices Closed	24  Christmas Eve 6 pm Mass Cookie Social after Mass 9 pm Bilingual Mass No OCIA Sessions	25  Christmas Day Holy Day of Obligation 10 am Mass  12:30 pm Spanish Mass	26  No Mass All Parish Offices Closed Buildings Closed	27  No Faith Formation 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm Mass
28  8 am Mass 10 am Mass 12:30 pm Spanish Mass No Faith Formation       Revised 11/22/25	29  All Parish Offices Closed No Bible Reflection	30  No Mass All Parish Offices Closed	31  No Mass All Parish Offices Closed Buildings Closed No OCIA Sessions	1 New Year's Day  Solemnity of Mary The Mother of God 10 am Mass 12:30 pm Spanish Mass	2  No Mass All Parish Offices Closed Buildings Closed	3 First Saturday 7 am Mass F.F. Confirmation Sessions 10—11:15am. Pre-Comm.-1st. Comm. Sessions 12—1:30pm Alvernia Juvenil 10 am-1pm, in Parish Center Cursillo Men Rms 3&4, 2pm 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm Mass

St. Gabriel Parish Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday

12 pm—4 pm

Wednesday & Friday

10 am—2 pm

Please call to schedule an appointment for all other times.

ECU HEALTH  
HOSPITAL CHAPEL  
Mass every Thursday  
at 11:30 A.M.  
Celebrated by  
Fr. Gaston

St. Gabriel Website ->



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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday/Domingo...8:00 a.m. English, 9:00 a.m. Rosary, 10:00 a.m.

in English & 12:30 p.m. en Español

Tuesday/Martes.....6:00-7:00 p.m.

Adoration Benediction/Adoración y Bendición

7:00 p.m. Mass/Misa

Wednesday/Miércoles.....12:00 p.m.

Thursday/Jueves.....12:00 p.m.

Friday/Viernes.....12:00 p.m.

Saturday/Sábado.....4:00 p.m. in English

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday: 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday: 5:45 p.m.

By appointment with the pastor

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

Parish Secretary/Secretaria de la Parroquia.....Mia RomeroWashington

Bookkeeper/Contador.....Fatima Zambrano

Music Director/Organista.....Karen Rainey

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS/HORAS DE OFICINA

Tuesday & Thursday/Martes y Jueves 12:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Friday/Miercoles y Viernes10:00 a.m.–2:00p.m.

All other times by appointment.

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.

**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.

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

**CONFIRMATION:** Young adults may be confirmed after a preparation period starting in 10th grade and successful completion of requirements. For more information, please 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.

**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.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Times: December 8th at Noon & 7 P.M. ECU Hospital Chapel at 7 A.M.**

**Mark your calendar and plan to attend our St. Gabriel Advent Penance Service on Tuesday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.**

**Rorate Caeli Masses:** Will be on the Saturdays of Advent: **December 6, 13 and 20, at 6:00 a.m.** We encourage you to join us in this beautiful liturgy and tradition!

**What is the History of Rorate Caeli?** The Rorate Caeli Mass originated in the Middle Ages as one of the many Advent devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Liturgy was very popular among the people, especially in German-speaking areas, and was commonly celebrated on all Saturdays during Advent, with some areas having a Rorate Mass several or even all weekdays in the season.

Our parishioner, Joseph Gondrez, has been traveling back and forth to see his family and friends in Jamaica, following the devastating damage caused by Category 5 Hurricane Melissa on October 28<sup>th</sup>. The southwestern portion of this mountainous island, known as St. Elizabeth parish, was totally submerged by flood waters. And the farmers in the mountain communities lost their homes and crops in the mudslides. The water supply and electricity no longer exist; and even if the people have some money, all the stores have been destroyed.

Joseph has been working with 3 of his friends in Kingston, the capital city, to get urgently needed supplies to the people in Jamaica's mountains. Two of his friends are Catholic Deacons who know the needs of the many families who have lost everything.

Joseph is returning to Jamaica in December. I am encouraging our caring St. Gabriel community to help our brothers and sisters in Christ, by making a donation that Joseph will personally deliver to the Deacons.

Please record on your envelope or on your check: "Jamaica Relief" and make your donation check out to: "St. Gabriel Church." You can drop your donation in the collection basket during Mass or bring it to the church by December 9<sup>th</sup>, so we can prepare the check for Joseph to take when he leaves for Jamaica.

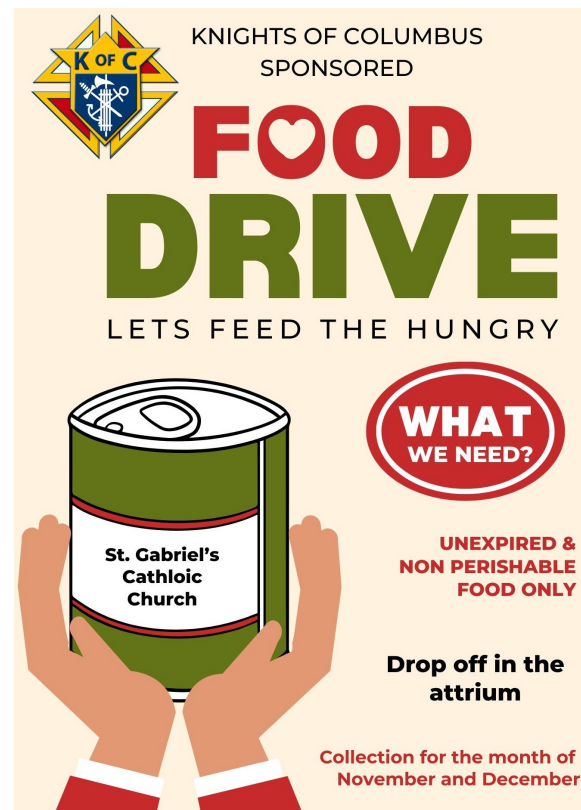
May Our Lord and Mother Mary help the people of Jamaica, and bless everyone who are able to donate or pray for these needy people.

Fr. Romen

**Sanctuary Lamp:** The Sanctuary Lamp burns the week of December 7th, in honor of Andres Acero. The Sanctuary Lamp burns the week of December 14th, in memory of Marie & Frank Mirella. The Sanctuary Lamp burns the week of December 21st, in memory of Joseph Pasquarella. The Sanctuary Lamp burns the week of December 28th, in memory of Lupita Romero.

## PRAYER LIST

**Please keep those who are ill in your prayers, especially;** Tristan Penner, Shirley McGill, Mike Forster, Keith Murtha, Martin J. Cox, Luis Chavez, Sister Paul Mary Draxler, Max Mault, Virginia & Anna Newby, Maureen Quinn, Jim & Miriam Benn, Joan Ferguson, Mario Efrain Trejo, Dick Rankin, Ella Marcotte, Kathy May, Mechthild Schroeter, James Watson, Cindy Mirella, Leann Seelman, Joel, Kaydee, Charity Hemingway, Carol Kulikowski, Tom Glennon, Tom Christopher, Diane Hoehn, Peter Shipe, Dennis Dreblow, John & Kay Andrason, 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, & Linda K. Thompson



## Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Garden



Visit and pray at the Fatima Rosary Garden at JPIL. Dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima, the garden offers a quiet space to pray the Rosary and encounter Christ through Mary.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**  
(during the school year)  
Weekdays: After 3pm  
Saturdays: 9am-12pm  
Sundays: 3pm-8pm  
For more information:  
stulis@jp2chs.com

JOHN PAUL  
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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ECU

**HEALTH  
HOSPITAL  
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Mass every  
Thursday at  
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St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Giving Tree



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Faith,  
First and foremost, the Father Maurice Tew Columbiettes want to extend our deepest gratitude for your previous support of our Giving Tree initiative. Your generosity has been instrumental in helping us make Christmas a little brighter for the residents of Pitt County.

This year, the Columbiettes are collecting gift cards for the various charities that play an important role in making life a little more bearable for those in need of Christ’s love. Gift cards will be distributed among four local Charities:



- Catholic Charities
- Food Bank
- Joy Soup Kitchen
- Homeless Shelter

The Columbiettes are requesting that a **gift card** of your choice in any denomination be purchased, and we will give the cards to the four charities listed. Cards can come from Walmart, Target, Visa, any grocery stores, etc. Gift cards should be placed in the drop box in the artium at St Gabriel. Cards are located on the Giving Tree in the atrium.

**The deadline for delivery of your gift cards is December 13, 2025.**

Thank you once again for your past support. We hope you will consider contributing to our cause once more. As always, the Columbiettes are truly grateful for your generosity at this time of year. May God bless you during this holiday season.

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MASS INTENTIONS

12/3-12:00pm.....Mary Ann Stone  
.....By John & Kay Andrason  
  
12/4-12:00pm.....Happy Birthday Randy LeRoy  
  
12/5-12:00pm.....Mia Romero  
  
12/6-6:00am.....People of the Parish  
4:00pm.....Mia Romero  
  
12/7-8:00am.....Guadalupe de la Caña Estrada  
.....By Angel Hernandez  
  
10:00am.....Frank Dziedzic†  
.....By Geri White  
  
12:30pm.....People of the Parish  
  
12/8-12:00pm.....People of the Parish  
7:00pm.....People of the Parish

12/9 & 12/10 No Mass

12/11-8:00pm.....Thomas M. McLain†  
.....By Betsy McLain  
  
12/12-8:00pm.....People of the Parish  
  
12/13-4:00pm.....Pattie Havermann†  
.....By Judy Havermann  
  
12/14-8:00am.....Gloria Ybarra†  
.....By Mia  
  
10:00am.....Bill Broderick†  
.....By Eleanor Broderick & Family  
  
12:30pm.....People of the Parish  
  
12/16.....Sandy  
.....By Lucy Nguyen  
  
12/17-12:00pm.....Deceased Family & Friends of  
.....the Hernandez Rubio Family  
  
12/18-12:00pm.....Romeo Espanueva†  
  
12/19-12:00pm.....Angela Hernandez  
  
12/20-4:00pm.....Mickey Havermann†  
.....By Judy Havermann

OFFERTORY

November Offertory...\$20,169.59  
November Second Collections  
11/1 - All Saints Day...\$1,253.00  
11/9 - Archdiocese For The Military...\$2,217.36  
11/16 - Campaign for Human Development...\$2,262.00  
11/23 - Christmas Flower Offering...\$  
11/27 - Thanksgiving Offering...\$  
December Second Collections  
12/7 - Building & Maintenance Fund...\$  
12/14 - Retirement Fund For Religious...\$  
12/21 - Pastoral Solidarity Fund For The Church In Africa...\$  
12/25 - Christmas Offering...\$  
12/28 - Priest Retirement Fund...\$

MASS INTENTIONS

12/21-8:00am.....Deceased Family & Friends of  
.....John Stone†  
  
10:00am.....John Stone †  
.....By John & Kay Andrason  
  
12:30pm.....People of the Parish

12/23 No Mass

12/24-6:00pm.....People of the Parish  
9:00pm.....People of the Parish  
12/25-10:00am.....People of the Parish  
12:30pm.....People of the Parish

12/26 No Mass

12/27-4:00pm.....William Heib Sr.†  
12/28-8:00am.....Lucia Phan Linh†  
.....By Lucy Nguyen  
10:00am.....Andres Benicio Camarena  
12:30pm.....People of the Parish

12/30 & 12/31 No Mass



Enjoy Breakfast while your little one shops in Santa's Secret Workshop!

**Sunday, December 14th**  
After 8am & 10am Mass

**Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Coffee, & Juice**

January Bulletin Final Submission Date  
12/16/2025.



DECEMBER 24TH

Christmas Cookie Social

FOLLOWING 6PM MASS

BRING YOUR FAVORITE COOKIES TO SHARE WITH OTHERS

Coffee & Cocoa provided by Knights of Columbus





DIocese of RALEIGH

Office of the Bishop

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November 20, 2025

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Immigration is not merely a matter of public policy or law enforcement; it touches the very heart of our faith. Every person is created in the image of God and deserves dignity, compassion, and care. Jesus Himself knew the experience of being a refugee, and He commands us to welcome the stranger, for in doing so we welcome Him.

A broken immigration system will not be improved through fear. We welcome comprehensive reform of the U.S. immigration system through a dialogue and approach which respects both borders and human dignity.

When one part of the Body of Christ is suffering, we all hurt. To our immigrant sisters and brothers: you are not alone. We see your fear and suffering, and we stand with you in solidarity.

When circumstances beyond your control keep you from Mass, you are dispensed from the obligation; your absence is not a failure but a burden we carry together.

I thank all of you who accompany immigrants with love and call on leaders to seek just and humane solutions. We take heart in knowing that Christ walks with us always, and for all of us, our true homeland is God's Kingdom where we will all dwell together in perfect peace.

In Christ,

*+ Luis R. Zarama*

† Luis Rafael Zarama, J.C.L.  
Bishop of Raleigh

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What is the likelihood you would take a bus from Greenville to the March for Life in Washington D.C. on Friday, January 23, 2026?

Please  
**SCAN**  
to reply



Dear Parishioners:

On Sunday, December 7th, at 12:30 p.m., we will have a Multicultural (English, Tagalog, Spanish) Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent. After Mass, we will have a procession with the statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe towards the Parish Center, where a social gathering will take place. All are invited to wear traditional costumes and enjoy each other's company, as we honor the Patroness of the Americas. I look forward to seeing you at this important event.

Fr. Romen