

March 8, 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

# ST. GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## SACRED LITURGY

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm  
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am,  
12:00pm (Español)  
Monday-Friday 8:00am

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Wednesday 8:45-9:30am.  
Saturday 2:45-3:45pm.  
or anytime with a priest during office  
hours.

Mercy Wednesdays periodically  
scheduled: Confessions begin at 7:30am  
and continue through 5:30pm.

# STEWARDSHIP AND READINGS

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

EX 17:3-7; PS 95:1-2, 6-9; ROM 5:1-2, 5-8; JN 4:5-42 OR JN 4:5-15, 19B-26, 39A, 40-42

Today's readings for this Third Sunday of Lent center on the theme of thirst, reminding us that a stewardship way of life both satisfies our own longing for Christ and helps us respond to Christ's thirst for souls.

In our first reading from Exodus, the Israelites complain in their thirst for water, despite all God has done to free them from slavery. Yet when Moses cries out for help, God provides abundantly, bringing water from the rock to satisfy His people. The Lord's generosity did not end there. He continues to provide for us today, patiently meeting our needs again and again.

In today's Gospel, we hear the powerful encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well, beginning with His simple request: "Give me a drink." He then tells her that He can offer living water — water that truly satisfies.

These words speak directly to us as well. Christ asks us to "give Him a drink" by sharing the gifts we have received with Him and with others for His sake. Yet it is Christ Himself who fills us, offering the living water of His grace.

God invites each of us to play a part in bringing others to Him through a stewardship way of life. This Lent, may we respond to that invitation with renewed commitment, offering our time, talent, and treasure so that many may come to know Christ. In doing so, we help to quench His thirst for souls.



**2026 DIOCESAN MINISTRY APPEAL**  
Parish Goal: \$122,676.00

<b>Readings for the Week of March 9</b>	
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4/ Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/ Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/ Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/ Lk 18:9-14
Sunday:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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## YOUR FAITHFUL TITHE

### February 23—March 1 Offertory

Online Giving: \$12,084.46  
Weekend Collection: \$18,400.30  
Total: \$30,484.76

**Black & Indian Missions: \$1,455.44**

## MONTHLY TITHE RECIPIENTS

### Life Network

The mission of Life Network is to cultivate a community that values life through the love of Christ. At Life Network we walk alongside parents, empowering them to choose life, provides education and counseling to young people that will help them make healthy relationship decisions, and offer a path to healing for those who've experienced abortion through Christ-centered Bible study groups, and sharing the transforming love and grace of Jesus Christ.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is Monday through Wednesday and Friday immediately following the 8:00am Mass until 7:00pm., and every Thursday until 6:00p.m. Please refer to our parish website in the event of inclement weather.

### ADVERTISING DEADLINE

All bulletin submissions are due **12 pm NOON Friday prior to publication.**

\*\*Please send all submissions for bulletin to: [bulletin@saintgabriel.net](mailto:bulletin@saintgabriel.net).

\*\*Please send all Mass announcements to: [massannouncements@saintgabriel.net](mailto:massannouncements@saintgabriel.net)

Please refer to our parish website for a full calendar of current and upcoming events at our parish:  
[www.saintgabriel.net](http://www.saintgabriel.net)

### PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a request for needed prayers, strength, hope, courage or thanksgiving for yourself, family or friends, please email [ncbelanger54@gmail.com](mailto:ncbelanger54@gmail.com).

### Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV

#### For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



### LENTEN SCHEDULE

#### Stations of the Cross

Stations will be held each Friday of Lent at 6pm followed by a Soup Supper at 6:30pm.

Mar 13: Stations followed by soup supper.

Mar 20: Stations followed by soup supper.

Mar 27: Stations followed by soup supper.

### SPECIAL THANK YOU

Our heartfelt thanks to Andy Ziny for sharing his time, talents, and treasure in crafting the two beautiful carrying cases for our Traveling Chalice ministry. We are blessed by his generous stewardship.



## Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

9:00am-4:00pm

Friday

9:00am-12:00pm

Closed Saturday & Sunday

### SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

#### Baptism

Please call the office to schedule the sacrament or to register for the Baptism class. Our Baptism class is offered on the Second Saturday of the month from 8:30am-10:00am and are offered in both English and Spanish.

#### Marriage

Preparation sessions must begin twelve months prior to marriage date. Please contact the office before any arrangements are made regarding the wedding.

#### Permission Letter

If you are in need of a permission letter for a sacrament or to be a Godparent, call or come to the office. Submit permission letter request 1 week prior to pick up.

#### Sick or Homebound

If you are homebound and wish to receive Eucharist please call the office.

#### Funerals

Please call the parish office before scheduling date and time with a funeral home. The parish office schedules presiders, musicians, and servers in consultation with family members.

### LIVING THE VIRTUES:

#### RESPECT #1

The virtue for March is Respect. As Catholics, we look to the fourth commandment as our starting point for understanding this virtue. The *Catechism* tells us the commandment, "Shows us the order of charity... We are obliged to honor and respect all those whom God, for our good, has vested with his authority. This commandment is expressed in positive terms of duties to be fulfilled. It introduces the subsequent commandments which are concerned with particular respect for life, marriage, earthly goods, and speech. It constitutes one of the foundations of the social doctrine of the Church" (2197-2198). Looking at the ten suggestions Fr. Francisco gave us for Lent, how can you argue that respect is at the heart of each one?

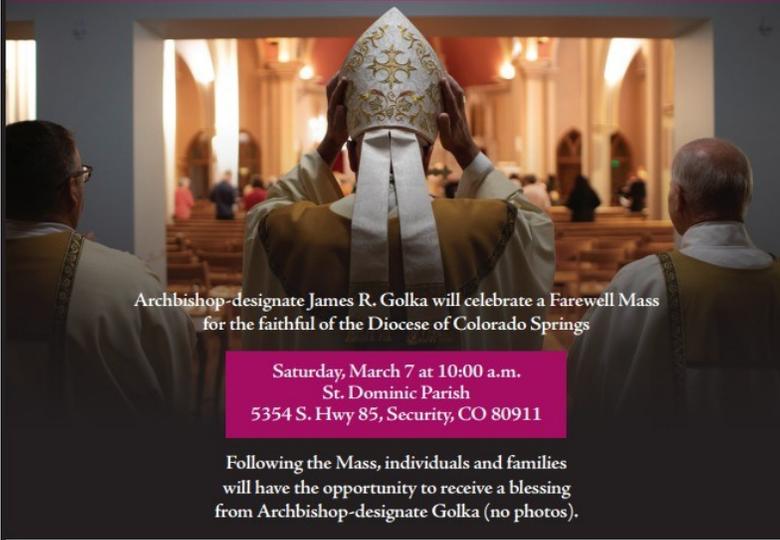
### MERCY'S GATE FOOD COLLECTION

On Tuesday, February 24th, the Knights of Columbus delivered 1,582 pounds of food to Mercy's Gate.

The next food collection for Mercy's Gate is the weekend of March 28/29, 2026.



## Farewell Mass for Archbishop-designate Golka



Archbishop-designate James R. Golka will celebrate a Farewell Mass for the faithful of the Diocese of Colorado Springs

Saturday, March 7 at 10:00 a.m.  
St. Dominic Parish  
5354 S. Hwy 85, Security, CO 80911

Following the Mass, individuals and families will have the opportunity to receive a blessing from Archbishop-designate Golka (no photos).



## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	Mar 7	4:00PM	Veronica Botto (SI)
Sun	Mar 8	8:00AM	Casimer Kubisztal (+)
Sun	Mar 8	10:00AM	Pro Populo
Sun	Mar 8	12:00PM	Deva & Denia Rodriguez (+)
Mon	Mar 9	8:00AM	Kathleen Kropp (+)
Tue	Mar 10	8:00AM	Daniel Lusich (+)
Wed	Mar 11	8:00AM	Nicholas Franchs (+)
Thur	Mar 12	8:00AM	Julieta Hernandez (+)
Fri	Mar 13	8:00AM	Philip Lusich (+)
Sat	Mar 14	4:00PM	Nicholas Franchs (+)
Sun	Mar 15	8:00AM	Pro Populo
Sun	Mar 15	10:00AM	Caroline Helton (SI)
Sun	Mar 15	12:00PM	Jose Santillan (+)

## DIOCESAN MINISTRY APPEAL

We live in one of the wealthiest nations in one of the most prosperous times in the history of the world. Our life is full of convenience and time for leisure. We flip a switch, and a room is illuminated. We can satiate our hunger quickly by popping food in a microwave or hitting a drive-thru on the way home from work. Need water? Turn on the tap. There's no need to go to the well. But we are afflicted with a different kind of poverty, a poverty of spirit.

Good thing for Samaritan woman that she didn't live in our time, or she might have missed her chance for redemption. Jesus speaking to her, let alone asking her for a drink, is unheard of. Samaritans are considered "less than" and not worthy of interaction. But he goes even further. When she says the Messiah is coming, Jesus reveals himself to her: "I am he, the one who is speaking with you." His message is received, and believed, and her life is changed forever. With Jesus, no one is outside the fold—not even Samaritans—and no one is beyond redemption—not even the gravest sinner.

Are our priorities bringing us closer to our Lord? Are we living according to God's plan for us? Are we filling our water jug with Christ? As his disciples, we are called to live lives with heaven in mind, and we are also called to bring as many people as we can with us! The programs and ministries that the Diocesan Ministry Appeal supports unite people with our Lord. This Lent, please consider the DMA as a way of giving alms.

## FROM THE DIOCESES OF COLORADO SPRINGS OFFICE OF STEWARDSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT

We are grateful to you and the people of St. Gabriel the Archangel for reaching your 2025 Diocesan Ministry Appeal parish goal. As you know, St. Gabriel the Archangel is entitled to 50% of any amount above and beyond its goal. This means your parish will be receiving \$22,989.50.

Please extend our gratitude to the people of St. Gabriel the Archangel!

## CALLING ALL MOMS!

Our Magnificat Moms group is still meeting every Thursday this Lent, starting at 9.30 am in the St. Michael room. Come for some Mom's fellowship and time for prayer and reflections from Word on Fire. Children are always welcome!

For any questions please contact:  
[magnificatmomsstgabriel@gmail.com](mailto:magnificatmomsstgabriel@gmail.com)

## DIOCESAN MINISTRY APPEAL 2026

The 2026 Diocesan Ministry Appeal kick-off was held at St. Gabriel on the weekend of February 14-15.

If you missed it, you can watch this year's video in English and Spanish at the website homepage at [WWW.SAINTGABRIEL.NET](http://WWW.SAINTGABRIEL.NET)

*When giving to the annual Diocesan Ministry Appeal, you support the work of 19 diocesan level ministries and programs, transforming the lives of thousands of people.*

*If you did not receive your Diocesan Ministry Appeal letter and donation envelope in the mail at home, you can pick one up at the Parish Office. Questions? Phone Linda at 719-528-8407.*



## LIVING THE VIRTUES: RESPECT #2

As children we are taught to honor our father and our mother. After creating man and woman, God told them to be fruitful and multiply, imbuing the family with inherent dignity. The Catechism tells us that this relationship is the most universal. Paragraph 2215 says, "Respect for parents derives from gratitude for those who, by the gift of life, their love and their work, have brought their children into the world and enabled them to grow in stature, wisdom and grace." How have you modeled respect to your children? How do you ensure they are respectful to you, their teachers, and others in authority?

## Childcare providers wanted

**JOIN OUR TEAM WHERE GOD'S LOVE SHINES HERE.... WE'RE SEEKING CANDIDATES WHO BELIEVE IN 'NURTURING FAITHFUL HEARTS' BY PROVIDING A SAFE AND LOVING ENVIRONMENT DURING MASS FOR OUR KIDS AND OTHER OCCASIONS.**

- Childcare is provided during the 10am Mass each Sunday and for special occasions as needed.
- If you are interested in this paid, flexible position, please contact Kim in the office.
- [kseiler@saintgabriel.net](mailto:kseiler@saintgabriel.net) or 719-528-8407

Please take a tag and commit to donate Easter Basket items for Fostering Hope Sponsored Foster kids.

## Easter Baskets for Foster Kids

Please drop items off no later than March 25.

Our goal is 120 baskets.



ST. GABRIEL  
CLASSICAL ACADEMY



## St. Gabriel Classical Academy Grades PK-8th

**St. Gabriel Classical Academy's mission is to assist parents in their sacred duty as the primary educators of their children.**

## CLASSICAL EDUCATION:

- Focuses on the development of the whole child
- Teaches students the tools necessary for self-education
- Builds a firm foundation of knowledge
- Instills a sense of truth and beauty
- Encourages lifelong exploration, learning, and wonder

Now enrolling PK-8<sup>th</sup> grade for 2026-2027

**Call to set up a tour! 719-418-5670 | [stgclassical.com](http://stgclassical.com)**

## LLAMADO AL MINISTERIO DIOCESANO

Vivimos en una de las naciones más ricas, en una de las épocas más prósperas de la historia. Nuestra vida está llena de comodidades y tiempo libre. Encendemos un interruptor y la habitación se ilumina. Podemos saciar nuestra hambre rápidamente calentando comida en el microondas o pasando por un restaurante de comida rápida de camino a casa. ¿Necesitamos agua? Abrimos el grifo. No hay necesidad de ir al pozo. Pero estamos afligidos por otro tipo de pobreza, una pobreza de espíritu.

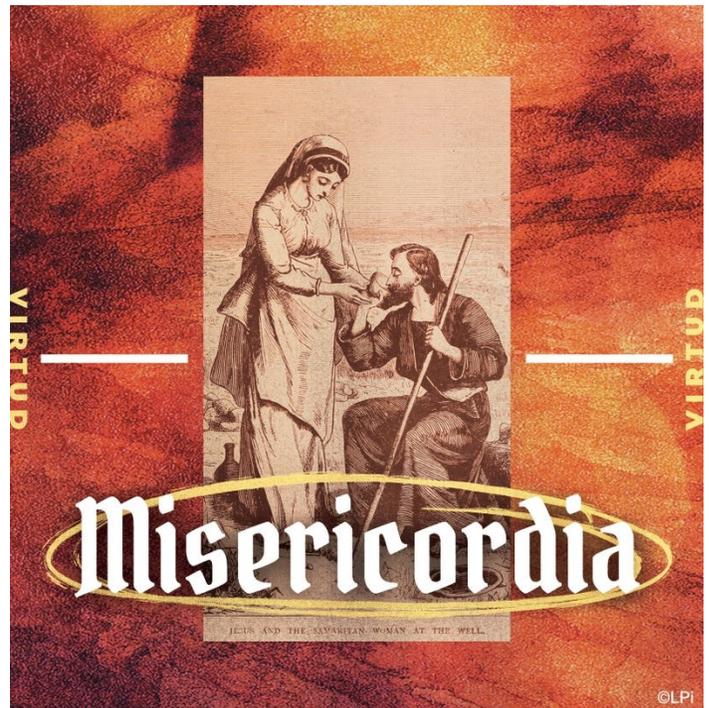
Menos mal que la mujer samaritana no vivió en nuestra época, o podría haber perdido su oportunidad de redención. Que Jesús hablara con ella, y mucho menos que le pidiera de beber, era algo inaudito. Los samaritanos eran considerados inferiores y no dignos de interactuar con ellos. Pero Él va aún más allá. Cuando ella dice que el Mesías está por venir, Jesús se revela a ella: «Yo soy, el que habla contigo». Su mensaje es recibido y creído, y su vida cambia para siempre. Con Jesús, nadie está fuera del rebaño, ni siquiera los samaritanos, y nadie está más allá de la redención, ni siquiera el pecador más grande.

¿Nuestras prioridades nos acercan a Nuestro Señor? ¿Vivimos según el plan de Dios para nosotros? ¿Llenamos nuestra vida con Cristo? Como sus discípulos, estamos llamados a vivir con el cielo en mente, ¡y también estamos llamados a llevar con nosotros a tantas personas como podamos! Los programas y ministerios que apoya la Campaña Ministerial Diocesana unen a las personas con Nuestro Señor. Esta Cuaresma, por favor, considere la Campaña Ministerial Diocesana como una forma de dar limosna.

## FLORES DE MEMORIA

El Padre Francisco se extiende una cordial invitación a participar en los Memoriales de Pascua, una ocasión especial para honrar y recordar a sus seres queridos fallecidos durante esta sagrada temporada.

¡Es una hermosa oportunidad para mantener viva su memoria, mientras nuestra iglesia se viste de celebración para la Pascua!



SACRAMENTO DEL AMOR -- MARCA DE NUESTRA VIDA ETERNA

## JESUS AMADO

**MARZO 12**  
**7:00PM**

San Alfonso Maria de Ligorio

" Oh, que dulce es permanecer con fe delante de un altar y conversar familiarmente con JESUCRISTO, que esta verdaderamente presente en el Santisimo Sacramento!"

AMADO JESUS

## MARIAN HOUSE FOOD KITCHEN AND PANTRY

Everyone is invited to sign up for either the Kitchen or the Food Pantry or both. Catholic Charities is requesting volunteers from St. Gabriel to reach out to the Volunteer Office directly for registration as well as scheduling. Please contact by phone or email the Volunteer & Training Coordinator, at ([Volunteer@ccharitiescc.org](mailto:Volunteer@ccharitiescc.org)) 719-866-6559 or the Helpdesk at 719-866-6286. New volunteers with questions regarding Marian House may contact: Kitty Dalechek ([dalecksr@hotmail.com](mailto:dalecksr@hotmail.com)) 719-344-5560.

## EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Our pastor, Fr. Quezada, invites you to consider an Easter flower Memorial for your deceased loved ones as we prepare to ready the sanctuary décor for Easter. Please approach the tabale after Mass and a fellow parishioner will assist you!

*"When we see a beautiful object, a beautiful garden, or a beautiful flower, let us think that there we behold a ray of the infinite beauty of God, who has given existence to that object."*

~ **St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguor**



## What are indulgences?



### St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church and Classical Academy

Dear St Gabriel family,

At the beginning of Lent, I discovered there is some lack of knowledge about indulgences. For this reason, it's my responsibility as your priest to teach you and give you the information.

What are indulgences?

An indulgence is defined in the Code of Canon Law (can. 992) and in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (n. 1471): "An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints."

Differences between a partial & plenary indulgence: A partial indulgence covers part of the punishment due for sins; a plenary indulgence removes all of it. Both kinds of indulgence come from the merits of Jesus, the Blessed Mother and the saints. To gain indulgences, whether plenary or partial, it is necessary that the faithful be in the state of grace at least at the time the indulgence work is completed.

How to earn a plenary indulgence?

It can be gained only once a day. To obtain it, the faithful must, in addition to being in the state of grace: have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin; have sacramentally confessed their sins; receive the Holy Eucharist (it is certainly better to receive it while participating in Holy Mass, but for the indulgence only Holy Communion is required); pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.

Reception of an indulgence always springs from sincere repentance, the desire to live a holy life, reception of the sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion as soon as possible, and prayer for the Holy Father. An indulgence cannot be bought, nor can one be obtained by going through the motions without sincerity.

In fact, this Lenten season we can have this beautiful and good opportunity to earn plenary indulgence through: Praying the Rosary, Read or Meditate on the Holy Scriptures; Eucharistic Adoration (Minimum 30 mins); and Meditation of the Stations of the Cross.

Wishing you a blessed time to repent, believe, and do penance to grow in your relationship with God.

Fr. Christian Vaca

Parochial Vicar

## PARISHIONERS NEEDED AS COMMUNITY JUDGES

St. Gabriel Classical Academy will host a speech tournament on Saturday, March 28, and we need about 50 parishioners to volunteer to serve as Community Judges. Training is provided (yes, you are qualified!), and snacks and meals for judges are complimentary. The commitment is about 2½-3 hours for one round, including the training, and there are several rounds to choose from throughout the day. To register as a judge, please visit this website:

<https://stoahub.org/tournament/pikespeak-parley-2026/communityjudgeregistration>

...or scan the QR code here:



For questions, contact parishioner and SGCA faculty member Jim Jenista at (719) 200-4757.

Thank you in advance for participating in the development of future saints!

