

March 15, 2026

Fourth 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

1 SM 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A; PS 23:1-6; EPH 5:8-14; JN 9:1-41 or JN 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Today’s readings for this Fourth Sunday of Lent are filled with powerful contrasts — God’s vision versus human vision, the light of Christ versus the darkness of sin, and spiritual blindness versus spiritual sight. Embracing a stewardship way of life frees us from spiritual blindness, helps us see as God sees, and allows us to reflect Christ’s light in our daily lives.

In our Second Reading from Ephesians, St. Paul reminds us, “... You were once in darkness but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.” Through Baptism, the very life and light of the Blessed Trinity dwell within us. Yet amid the busyness and challenges of daily life, it is easy to forget this truth. We may even struggle to recognize whether our actions truly reflect Christ’s light.

A stewardship way of life — with its intentional and grateful use of our time, talent, and treasure — provides a daily guide to help us live as children of the light. It encourages us to make choices that reflect Christ in the way we serve, give, and love others.

In today’s Gospel from John, Jesus restores sight to a man born blind, and the man simply testifies that Christ “opened my eyes.” During these Lenten days, we too can ask Jesus to open our eyes — to help us see areas where spiritual blindness may still linger, especially in how we use the gifts entrusted to us.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us renew our efforts wherever our vision has grown dim, so that by Easter we may truly live as children of the light.



Readings for the Week of March 16

- Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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YOUR FAITHFUL TITHE

March 7–8 Offertory

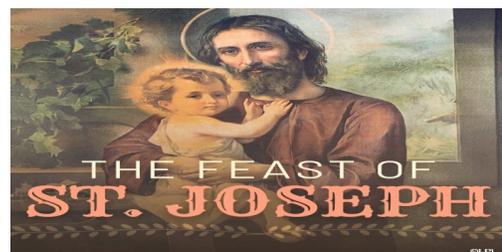
Online Giving: \$17,606.96

Weekend Collection: \$13,685.05

Total: \$31,292.01

2026 DIOCESAN MINISTRY APPEAL

Parish Goal: \$122,676.00



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 **Fridays at 12:00 PM (noon)** • Applies to the **bulletin published the following Sunday** • **Not the same-weekend Sunday**

**Please send all submissions for bulletin to:

bulletin@saintgabriel.net.

**Please send all Mass announcements to:

massannouncements@saintgabriel.net

Please refer to our parish website for a full calendar of current and upcoming events at our parish:

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.

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 27: Stations followed by soup supper.

St. Gabriel
Archangel

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS



March 19
6:30-7:30 PM

8755 Scarborough Dr., Colorado Springs, CO.

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 (#3)

When respect is modeled well in the family, it becomes a natural virtue extended to people in authority. Priests, teachers, employers, and civil authorities are due respect according to their role in forming people for life in Christ Jesus. In a society that seems to take pleasure in denigrating others, Catholics are called to a higher standard. We are to see the dignity of others because all of us are made in God's image and likeness. It is for this reason that we treat people in authority with respect. For those in positions of authority who would do us harm, telling us that it's okay to ignore the laws of God, we are not bound by obedience. How have you modeled respectful obedience to your children? Have you taught them the difference between right and wrong authority?

WHERE THE
ROSARY IS
RECITED
THERE WILL
BE DAYS OF
PEACE AND
TRANQUILITY.
- ST. JOHN BOSCO

Please Welcome OUR NEW MEMBERS

Join St. Gabriel parish! What does parish membership offer?

- Allows us to encounter Jesus by being part of the church community
- Reception of sacraments
- Allows permission letters to be written to be godparents or sponsors
- Gives us a sense of belonging

We welcome the following families to the St. Gabriel family:

Javier Bermudez & Bartola Zamora, Tega-Wendo Nikiema & Audrey Zoure, Tanesha Temple, Randy & Joline Slomka, Natalie Woodward, David Loreda Ramirez, Adam & Rebecca Hoefler, Michael & Izzamar Sparks, Ray & Julie Stacey, James & Agustina Melton, Eric & Danielle Starr, Seth Jenkins, Gavin & Elizabeth Bradley, Ryan & Johana Wiesner, Kumja Hwang, Kevin & Melanie Wikstrom, Dominic Niedzielski, Patrick & Brianna Healy, Alexis Rivera, Rachel & Matthew Boylw, Christian Foseca, Anthony & Diana Bruszewski, Nolan & Franchesca Marcy, Veronica Lucchesi, Jacob & Heather Phelps, Nicholas & Cayley Csicsmann, Richard & Nancy Befort, Michael & Iwona Poblocki, Julio Rivera & Martha Jimenez, Timothy & Jessica Saley, Paul & Joy Kimmins, Gerardo Casas & Cindy Ochoa, Paul Basker & Jean Ross, Patrick & Allison Hernandez, Eduardo Gallegos & Maria Aguilar, Tatiana Torres, Kennon & Stacy Mulholland, Carlos & Irma Flores, Yamile Castillo, Brian & Susan Hills

DIOCESAN MINISTRY APPEAL

It's difficult to wrap our brains around suffering. When bad things happen, we want to know why. Why does a good and faithful servant of the Lord have to suffer a protracted and painful death? Why is an innocent child born with a heart defect or must battle cancer? Why does one neighbor lose his home to a natural disaster while another escapes the storm's wrath? We want to give pain meaning, to understand its purpose.

That's what the disciples are wondering when they ask Jesus why the man in today's Gospel is blind. Is his lack of sight a physical manifestation of his sinfulness? Or his parents'? Is God punishing him for some transgression? No, Jesus says. Our Father is loving. Just as our parents would not wish us ill, neither does our Heavenly Father. Pain and suffering exist, but not because God actively wills it. Sorrows in this life are an opportunity to experience God's grace, to draw closer to Him, to identify with the suffering Christ endured on the cross for us. The man's blindness—and cure—helped advance Jesus' ministry in making God known on earth: "it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him."

Funds raised by the Diocesan Ministry Appeal help ease suffering by making God's love and mercy tangible through the Church's ministries and programs that the Appeal supports. Please prayerfully consider easing others' burdens with a gift to the DMA.

MASS INTENTIONS

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 (+)
Mon	Mar 16	8:00 AM	Robert Sohns (SI)
Tue	Mar 17	8:00 AM	John Pender (+)
Wed	Mar 18	8:00 AM	Nicholas Franchs (+)
Thur	Mar 19	8:00 AM	Cody Slindee (SI)
Fri	Mar 20	8:00 AM	Cesar Gutierrez (+)
Sat	Mar 21	4:00 PM	Christopher Popolano (SI)
Sun	Mar 22	8:00AM	Rafferty Family (SI)
Sun	Mar 22	10:00AM	Pro Populo
Sun	Mar 22	12:00PM	Juana & Benigno Medianero (+)

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**



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

What are *indulgences*?



Dear St Gabriel family,

St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church and Classical Academy

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!



THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS

This devotion is offered to make restitution for the sins of blasphemy against the first three Commandments and profanations/sacrileges against the pilgrim Church on earth. You are joyfully invited to assist in this ongoing



work of reparation, now being offered at St. Gabriel. Voices are lifted in bilingual prayer (English and Spanish) on the first Tuesday each month at 7 p.m. in the Nave, to console our Lord Christ Jesus and intercede for the redemption of souls.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Nave on Wednesday, March 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

This change of location is being made to support our SGCA middle school students as they participate in their retreat that day.

Parishioners are invited to spend time in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day.

LLAMADO AL MINISTERIO DIOCESANO

Es difícil comprender el sufrimiento. Cuando suceden cosas malas, queremos saber por qué. ¿Por qué un siervo bueno y fiel del Señor tiene que sufrir una muerte prolongada y dolorosa? ¿Por qué un niño inocente nace con un defecto cardíaco o tiene que luchar contra el cáncer? ¿Por qué un vecino pierde su casa a causa de un desastre natural mientras que otro escapa de la furia de la tormenta? Queremos darle sentido al dolor, comprender su propósito.

Eso es lo que se preguntan los discípulos cuando le preguntan a Jesús por qué el hombre del Evangelio de hoy es ciego. ¿Es su ceguera una manifestación física de su pecado? ¿O del de sus padres? ¿Lo está castigando Dios por alguna transgresión? No, dice Jesús. Nuestro Padre es amoroso. Así como nuestros padres no nos desearían el mal, tampoco nuestro Padre Celestial. El dolor y el sufrimiento existen, pero no porque Dios lo quiera activamente. Las tristezas de esta vida son una oportunidad para experimentar la gracia de Dios, para acercarnos a Él, para identificarnos con el sufrimiento que Cristo soportó en la cruz por nosotros. La ceguera del hombre —y su curación— ayudaron a impulsar el ministerio de Jesús al dar a conocer a Dios en la tierra: «para que las obras de Dios se manifiesten en él».

Los fondos recaudados por la Campaña Ministerial Diocesana ayudan a aliviar el sufrimiento haciendo tangible el amor y la misericordia de Dios a través de los ministerios y programas de la Iglesia que apoya la Campaña. Por favor, considere en oración aliviar las cargas de los demás con una donación a la Campaña Ministerial Diocesana.

LA DEVOCIÓN AL SANTO ROSTRO DE JESÚS

Esta devoción se ofrece para hacer restitución por los pecados de blasfemia contra los tres primeros Mandamientos y profanaciones / sacrilegios contra la Iglesia peregrina en la tierra. Están felizmente invitados a ayudar en este trabajo continuo de reparación, que ahora se ofrece en San Gabriel. Se alzan voces en oración bilingüe (inglés y español) el primer martes de cada mes a las 7 p. m. en la Nave, para consolar a nuestro Señor Jesucristo e interceder por la redención de las almas.



FLORES DE MEMORIA

El Padre Francisco 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!



Agradecemos a Dios por este fructífero retiro de hombres de nuestra comunidad, el sábado 7 de marzo.



CHILDCARE PROVIDERS WANTED

Do you enjoy working with children? We need childcare providers for Mass childcare and special events. This is a paid position.

MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER

Contact Kim if you are interested or for more information.
719-528-8407
kseiler@saintgabriel.net



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.




Our Lady of Walsingham Scola visited our parish last Sunday and shared their magnificent talent of the Latin tradition, which enhanced our Holy Mass!

SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH

Please join our parish in preparation for the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary on **Thursday March 19th**. We will be praying a Solemn Novena in Honor of Saint Joseph from March 11-19 2026 after the weekday morning and weekend rosary. Let us honor our foster father of Jesus, asking his powerful intercession for our families, our parish, our Diocese and the universal church. If you are unable to join us in prayer, please join us spiritually by praying the following prayer:
O God, Who in Thy divine providence chose blessed Saint Joseph to be the spouse of Thy most Holy Mother; grant we beseech Thee, that he may serve as our intercessor in Heaven, just as he serves as our protector here on Earth. We ask this through your son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Thank you!

Thanks to the generosity of SGCA families and St. Gabriel parishioners, we **surpassed our goal**; we were **able to fill 100 Boxes of Joy!**




SGCA partnered with **Cross Catholic Outreach** to collect and send supplies to underprivileged children overseas. In early March, each K-8 student had the opportunity to stuff a box and pray for its recipient. Completed boxes included toothbrushes and other hygiene items, socks, underwear and other apparel, crayons and coloring books, small toys, religious items, and more!

Thank you to SGCA families, St. Gabriel parishioners, and the Knights of Columbus for your partnership in this project. We wish you a blessed Lenten journey!

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