

July 12, 2026

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SACRED LITURGY

Saturday Vigil 4:30pm

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am,
12:00pm (Español)

Monday-Friday 12:00pm
(*Summer time only*)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Wednesday 11:30 am.

Saturday 3:30 pm.

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

IS 55:10-11; PS 65:10-14; ROM 8:18-23; MT 13:1-23 OR 13:1-9

In today's Gospel from Matthew, Jesus shares the familiar Parable of the Sower. It is a powerful image for the stewardship way of life, demonstrating the gradual but transformative effect that a life centered on God can have on us over time.

In the parable, some seed falls on a path where birds quickly carry it away. Other seed falls on rocky ground, where it begins to grow but cannot develop deep roots. Still more seed falls among thorns that eventually choke the young plants.

Finally, some seed falls on rich, fertile soil and produces an abundant harvest. Jesus explains that the seed is the Word of God, generously scattered for all to receive. The question is whether our hearts are prepared to receive it and allow it to take root. This is where the stewardship way of life comes in. When we offer our time, talent, and treasure to God and place Him first in our lives, we help create the "good soil" needed for the Kingdom to flourish within us.

Stewardship removes the "rocks" of mistrust as we grow in confidence that God will provide for our needs. It clears away the "thorns" of worldly concerns that can distract us from what matters most. Through prayer, the sacraments, and generous service, the soil of our lives is continually nourished and renewed.

Let us deepen our commitment to this way of life, allowing the Divine Sower to do His work within us. In time, He will produce an abundant harvest through our lives.

Readings for the Week of July 13

Monday:	Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/ Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday:	Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/ Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday:	Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday:	Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30
Friday:	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 12abcd, 16/ Mt 12:1-8
Saturday:	Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/ Mt 12:14-21
Sunday:	Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/ Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

GABRIEL'S GIFTS DELIVERY

On Tuesday, June 2nd, the Knights of Columbus delivered 1,695 pounds of food and personal items, along with \$50.00 in cash, to Mercy's Gate. The Mercy's Gate staff expressed their gratitude to the parishioners of St. Gabriel's for their ongoing support. Your donations make a significant difference to families in crisis throughout El Paso County. The next collection for food and personal items benefiting Mercy's Gate will take place the weekend of July 29th.

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YOUR FAITHFUL TITHE

June 27—28 Offertory

Online Giving: \$10,385.46

Collection: \$12,839.41

Total: \$23,224.87

2nd Collection (Peter's Pence) \$850.00

July 4—5 Offertory

Online Giving: \$15,211.51

Collection: \$10,704.78

Total: \$25,916.29

2026 DIOCESAN MINISTRY APPEAL

Parish Goal: \$122,676.00

Total Given: \$116,796.56

% of goal: 95%

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during the Summer is Monday through Friday at 9:00am (suspended from 11:00am to 12:30pm) and immediately following the 12:00pm 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 respect for human life.

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.



SIGN UP TO BRING OUR PRIESTS A MEAL!

We have openings on Mondays and Wednesdays for parishioners to volunteer to make our priests a healthy dinner. Suggestion is to make a protein, salad, and vegetable. Drop off your completed meal at the church office between 9-4pm or at the rectory from 4-5pm.

If you have any questions, please call Dorothy Burke at 618-222-2200.

Sign up at this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30EoD4BAFA62EA6F49-60191231-bring#/>



Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

9:00am-4:00pm

Friday

9:00am-12:00pm

Closed Saturday & Sunday

Fri Sept 11th 2026 | Flying W Ranch | Gates Open: 4:45p



★ RESPECT ★
LIFE
ROUND ★ UP

Honoring Lives Lost
with keynote Lauren Castillo

Tickets on sale June 15th

\$95 adult/\$30 under 12/free under 3

Table purchase discount

(16, 18, 20 seats)

Sponsorships, Donations

& Questions:

BRLD@diocs.org

or 719-866-6478

<https://RLR2026.givesmart.com> or text RLR2026 to 76278

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	Jul 11	4:30PM	MaryJo, Joseph & Barbara Vercellino (+)
Sun	Jul12	8:00AM	Casey Kubisztal (+)
Sun	Jul 12	10:00AM	Pro Populo
Sun	Jul12	12:00PM	Adam Work Nona & Rick Schreck (SI)
Mon	Jul13	12:00PM	Lolita Cortes (+)
Tue	Jul 14	12:00PM	Betty Marsh (+)
Wed	Jul 15	12:00PM	Betty Concannon (+)
Thur	Jul 16	12:00PM	Miguel & Margarita Garcia (+)
Fri	Jul 17	12:00PM	Betty Concannon (+)
Sat	Jul 18	4:30PM	Nicholas Franchs (+)
Sun	Jul 19	8:00AM	Pro Populo
Sul	Jul19	10:00AM	Gail Sohns (SI)
Sun	Jul19	12:00PM	Magdaleno H.Tapia, Margarita Tapia Cortez, Jose A.Carrion Tapia(+)

Father Quezada wishes to share the following excerpt from an article featured in **Source & Summit** digital platform resource for liturgy. The link to the full article can be found here: <https://www.sourceandsummit.com/blog/sacred-art-and-the-work-of-beauty-a-conversation-with-ruth-stricklin>
This will be a multi-part series to be shared with us discussing: **“Sacred Art and the Work of Beauty: A conversation with Ruth Stricklin”**

Sacred Art and the Work of Beauty: A Conversation with Ruth Stricklin
Source & Summit

Apr 20, 2026 (part 2)

PG: What a gift, indeed! Many of us here at Source & Summit can describe similar personal moments when it comes to music. Now, in our work at Source & Summit, we always keep in mind the distinction between devotional music and true liturgical music, which is an integral part of the liturgy itself. When it comes to visual media, what distinguishes liturgical or sacred art from religious art more broadly, and how does that difference impact your work?

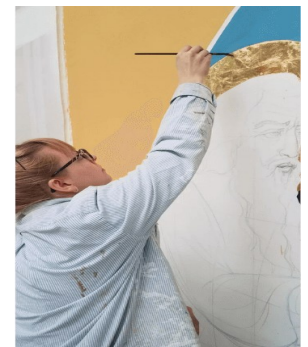
RS: This is a topic I encounter frequently. I would respectfully suggest that there seems to be a confusion of terms, even among the faithful. Many different styles and genres of art fit within the category of Religious Art. But there can be further classifications within that structure to help us decide what is appropriate for certain uses. Devotional images are useful for private or communal prayer outside of the liturgy. This is good and necessary to grow our faith. Even art genres such as expressionism can be a type of prayer to God, useful for personal exploration and therapeutic processes, and could be considered Religious Art if this was the inspiration and intention. In her official teachings, the Church also tells us that the devotions are a way to prepare us for Christ’s action in the liturgy. So there is an integral relationship between devotional prayer and liturgy.

As I hinted at just above, sacred art is something unique. The word “sacred” originates from the Latin “sacrare,” meaning to set apart or consecrate for worship. We have sacred objects—vessels, vestments, furnishings, buildings—and sacred music, all of which are created for and reserved exclusively for one purpose, the liturgy. Over the millennia, the Church has developed music and art that is set apart from that of the world, specifically to serve the action of the liturgy. It sounds different, it looks different, because its ultimate end is profoundly different—to reveal the heavenly banquet, the eternal sacrifice of Christ to the Father, integrating the entirety of creation and the Mystical Body of Christ. Its purpose is not to entertain, but to reveal our present celebration of this glorious event and our ultimate end, when we are fully restored and united to Christ in heaven.

The Second Vatican Council clarified that the purpose of the liturgy is the glorification of God and the sanctification of man (See Sacrosanctum Concilium §10). Sacred art, which serves the liturgy, does this through specific principles. It must be beautiful—a radiant expression of the true and the good. It must be clear and legible, so the truth can be revealed and not hidden or distorted. It must be in proper proportion to its noble purpose, yet also not overwhelm the action of the liturgy, which is primary. “It must be naturalistic enough to be legible, abstracted enough to be universal, and divinely idealized enough to be eschatological,” to quote Denis McNamara, from Catholic Church Architecture and the Spirit of the Liturgy. These are a few examples of the parameters that guide the sacred artist. Sacred art shares many such principles with sacred music and church architecture. On a more personal note, sacred art should be a visual revelation of the Glory of God—not the glory of the artist. The artist must cast aside any need to be praised, recognized, or personally understood. Attempts at self-expression or manipulating the emotion of the viewer through the artwork are not useful, and they can even hinder the work of the Holy Spirit.

The high calling of the sacred artist is to reveal the intelligence, grandeur, and proper praise of the Almighty so the viewer can encounter the Love of God and be transformed. Images of the saints must show their lives glorified and restored in God, no longer subject to the Fall. The style, subject matter, and composition of the work must be elevated beyond the everyday. It must remind us of our littleness and our need for redemption, but also of how we are infinitely loved and have been given the promise of heaven.

It should call us to conversion, but also be so radiantly beautiful that it gives us joy and enthralls us for the hard work of this conversion process.





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL PEACH SALE

* Please stop by our table in the Narthex to place your peach order. Sales at the Narthex will be on July 11 - 12 and July 18 -19 . This year we are offering scrumptious Palisade, Colorado grown peaches. All weights are approximate. Peaches: 18 lbs. cost \$40/box; 09 lbs. cost \$28/box. Orders can be placed after Masses and paid by credit card, check, or cash. Pick-up for the peaches is on 8 August. Fruit sales benefit Council 12335 charitable works.



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WHAT: FIAT FAMILY FEST

WHEN: SEPT 4-6, 2026

WHERE: ST. GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH AND CLASSICAL ACADEMY

WHY: CHRIST NEEDS FAMILIES STRENGTHENED!

HOW: www.FiatFamilyFest.org



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have a passion for sharing faith, values, and spiritual knowledge? We are looking for dedicated volunteers to help teach and assist with catechism classes and make a positive impact in our family of faith.

**PRAYERFULLY
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OUR TEAM**

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KSEILER@SAINTGABRIEL.NET
OR CALL 719-528-8407**

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BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

Our annual Back-to-School Drive, coordinated through St. Gabriel's Saint Teresa of Calcutta Ministry, supports children and teens in foster care served by Fostering Hope. We invite you to donate Walmart gift cards in any amount so these young people can choose the school supplies they need with dignity and joy. Gift cards may be dropped off at the Back-to-School Drive table in the Narthex from July 11–19, or placed anytime in the white mailbox near the parish office entrance. Thank you for helping these children begin the school year with confidence, encouragement, and the loving prayers of our parish family.



FATHERING SONS: A MODERN RITE OF INITIATION

with author and veteran firefighter Dominic Polito is coming to Colorado this July. Dominic will share practical wisdom on fatherhood, masculine formation, and helping boys become faithful Catholic men.

Join him at one of three events:

July 21, 6:15 AM – Men's Breakfast Forum, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Colorado Springs

July 21, 7:00 PM – Couples Forum with Dominic and **Christine Polito**, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Castle Rock

July 22, 6:30 AM – Men's Breakfast Forum, Most Precious Blood Parish, Denver

The first 50 donors will receive a free copy of *Fathering Sons*. Register at **InfernoMen.com**.

QUARTERLY BLOOD DRIVE, FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2026

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the Quarterly Blood Drive on **Friday, July 31, 2026**. Appointments are **from 1:00 pm to 4:45 pm**. There are a large number of appointment available and we need your help filling the appointments to reach our goal of donating enough blood to help save 600 or more lives in 2026 (in 2025, 510 lives were helped by the donations from St Gabriel). To sign up to donate on July 31, go to donors.vitalant.org and search using **Blood Drive Code 20001** or scan the QR code. The blood drive will be in the Annunciation Hall. The Knights will be in the Narthex after the masses on July 18/19 and July 25/26 to answer any questions and help you schedule available appointments.

If you have questions or would like us to schedule an appointment for you (include name & phone number), please contact Tim Kearns, tgkearns@gmail.com.



Praying Prodigals Home August 27, 2026 – Feast of St. Monica

MASS AT 6:00 PM

Followed by Dickey's BBQ Dinner and Dcn. Mike McGrady's Talk:
"Trusting the Shepherd with Your Lost Sheep"

St. Patrick Catholic Church
6455 Brook Park Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80918

This event is for anyone experiencing the pain of a loved one who is away from the Church. We offer prayer, encouragement, and helpful ways to share the Faith - join a community engaged in better reflecting Christ to our loved ones!

There is no charge to attend. But if you'd like dinner, cost is \$15.
To order the meal, please RSVP using the QR code or by calling
719-866-6293 by August 17.



YOUTH St. Gabriel

FAITH • WORSHIP • COMMUNITY

JULY 20TH
6:30-8:00 PM

Parish Hall
Age 13-18

Hey guys, St. Gabriel is having its first YOUTH NIGHT and Welcoming **Andy** as our new youth minister.

We encourage all of you to come and check it out.

YOU CAN EXPECT SOME FAITH FORMATION, A PARTY GAME, PIZZA, AND A PRIZE FOR THE WINNER.



Things to do

- Register children for catechesis class

**Registration for 2026-2027
catechesis class is open!**

**Registration can be done online on
our website**

**www.saintgabriel.net
or in the office**



Introibo Ad Altare Dei:

Altar Server Summer Retreat

Thursday, July 30th
3:30 pm – 7:30 pm

We will:

- Welcome all new servers
- Thank those transition out of this ministry
- Reinforce basics of Altar Serving

Pizza to follow. Please RSVP at
st.gabe.altar.server@gmail.com

HELP WARM COLORADO'S CHILDREN — COATS FOR KIDS 2026

As winter approaches, many Colorado families face the hardship of keeping their children warm. The Knights of Columbus Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapter, in partnership with Catholic Charities of Central Colorado, is expanding the Coats for Kids program in 2026 to provide brand-new coats for children in need across urban, mountain, and rural communities.

A gift of just \$25 provides one new coat. Donations are tax-deductible, and 100% of funds go directly toward purchasing coats.

Please donate by September 1 to allow time for ordering and distribution. When giving through the Colorado Knights of Columbus State website, indicate "Coats for Kids."

Your kindness can help surround a child with warmth, dignity, and hope this winter.

Scan the QR code to donate.

