

ST. GABRIEL'S † SAN GABRIEL
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 7, 2022

WELCOME TO ST. GABRIEL'S~SAN GABRIEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We are glad that you have joined us as we encounter God in our worship together. If today is your first visit, we want you to know that St. Gabriel's is a welcoming and authentically inclusive faith community, which means that you are welcome just as you are – wholly made in the image of God. Whoever you are, and wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome here! We'd like to get to know you, so please share your contact info by filling out a blue information card, they are on the info table at the entrance. You can place it in the collection plate, send an email to the office, or text the clergy for coffee or tea!

Faith formation is important for the spiritual development of us all. Special attention is given to our children, it's the Jesus way! A Children's Story is provided at the beginning of the service and child care is provided for children up to kindergarten age. Sunday school will resume in September. The children attend classes after the Children's story and before the Peace. Because Eucharist is essential to our faith journey please bring your children for Communion!

Coffee hour is like a second communion at St. Gabriel's, it builds community! We invite you to bring a treat if you can and regardless, visit with one another for awhile after service! While our in-person services and gatherings are mask-optional, you will not feel uncomfortable wearing one at St. Gabriel's because we recognize that there are people who have diverse reasons for taking every necessary health precaution possible. God bless you and thank you for being part of our faith community!

MINISTERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

*Servers are not currently being preassigned. Please arrive at least ten minutes early if you can assist and tell a clergy person that you can help!
Liturgical volunteers are welcome for the following roles:*

ACOLYTE

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

LECTOR: 1ST READING/PSALM

LECTOR: 2ND READING

USHERS/GREETERS

TELLERS (Vestry Member+Volunteer)



The Rev. Daniel Vélez Rivera
Celebrant

Ms. Anica Lee
Accompanist

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

— HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II —

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

SEEK YE FIRST

1

Seek ye— first the king - dom of God
Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,

and its right-eous - ness, and all these things shall be
seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be

add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain

2

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Blessed be God: ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open,
all desires known and from you no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration
of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy Name: through Christ our Lord.
People **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

GLORIFY THY NAME



1. Fa - ther, we love Thee,
2. Je - sus, we love Thee, we wor - ship and a - dore Thee,
3. Spir - it, we love Thee,



glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth. _____



Glo - ri - fy Thy name, glo - ri - fy Thy name,



glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth. _____

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Grant to us, Lord, we pray,
the spirit to think and do always those things that are right,
that we, who cannot exist without you,
may by you be enabled to live according to your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

KNOW THE STORY, HEAR THE STORY

Children are invited for a Biblical message related to the lessons of the day. Children up to Pre-K age can join Mildred and Nellie in the nursery after the story; they return for the Peace and Eucharist.





THE READINGS

THE FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 15:1-6

Lector A reading from the book of Genesis .

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir."

But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE**PSALM 33:12-22***Read responsively by the whole verse*

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

**13 The Lord looks down from heaven, *
and beholds all the people in the world.**

14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *
on all who dwell on the earth.

**15 He fashions all the hearts of them *
and understands all their works.**

16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

**17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
for all its strength it cannot save.**

18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love,

**19 To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.**

20 Our soul waits for the Lord; *
he is our help and our shield.

**21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.**

22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.

THE SECOND LESSON**HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-16**

Lector A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand if you are comfortable doing so for the hymn and the reading of the Gospel

SEQUENCE HYMN

O MASTER, LET ME WALK WITH THEE

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clos - er,
 4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 12:32-40

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Daniel Vélez Rivera
Vicar of St. Gabriel's~San Gabriel

THE NICENE CREED

People We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
Who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

People of every age are invited to choose one of the prayers and read it aloud

Lector Father, we pray for your holy catholic church;

People **That we all may be one.**

Lector Grant that every member of the Church may be enlightened by your Spirit to serve you with humility.

People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Lector We pray for all bishops, priests, deacons, and persons in formation;

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Lector We pray for our country and those who govern here and in the world; we also pray for those who for centuries have suffered from prejudice, racism, and discrimination. May change come through the loving power of Christ to heal the world with his mercy.

People **Grant us a spirit of tolerance to give dignity to all of God's children.**

Lector We pray for greater love in the world and to remember Bishop Curry's words, "if it's not about love, it's not about God."

People **That we may always welcome the unconditional gifts of God.**

Lector We pray for the victims of war in Ukraine and Russia, for the victims of the ongoing gun violence in our country, and for all women who are denied agency over their bodies.

People **That they may be delivered from their grief and their distress.**

Lector We thank you for the mission of the Borderland Ministries and for St. Gabriel's partnership with the Diocese of the Rio Grande; we give you thanks for the English language tutors volunteering with the Afghan refugees temporarily housed in Lansdowne.

People **May their work bring healing and reconciliation in our time.**

Lector We remember your saints who have entered into glory, may they rest in peace and rise in glory.

People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Celebrant Let us pray for our own needs, and for the needs of others.

Your prayers of intercession and petition may be offered now, either aloud or in the silence of your heart. Please pray for those on our Prayer List on pg 22-23.

People **Hear our prayers, Holy God. Breathe your Spirit over us and all the earth, that barriers would crumble, and divisions cease. Make us more fully your co-healers of this broken world. Unite us with all people in bonds of love, that the whole earth and all its peoples may be at peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Take a moment and talk to God in the spirit of confession before we pray together

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, ✠ forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYER AND BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN

AS THE DEER



1. As the deer pants for the wa - ter, so my
2. I want You more than gold or sil - ver, On - ly
3. You're my friend and You are my bro - ther, e - ven



soul longs af - ter You. You a - lone are my
You can sat - is - fy; You a - lone are the
though You are a King. I love You more that



heart's de - sire, and I love to wor - ship You.
real joy giv - er, and the ap - ple of my eye.
an - y oth - er, so much more than an - y - thing.



You a - lone are my strength, my shield; To



You a - lone may my spi - rit yield. You a - lone are my



heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship You.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Celebrant All things come of thee, Oh Lord,
People **and of thine own have we given thee.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dors you! My
cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

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Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Celebrant All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:
By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,
Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

<i>Celebrant</i>	And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, let us pray,
Our Father, who art in heaven,	Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
hallowed be thy Name,	santificado sea tu Nombre,
thy kingdom come,	venga a nosotros tu reino,
thy will be done,	hágase tu voluntad,
on earth as it is in heaven.	en la tierra como en el cielo.
Give us this day our daily bread.	Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día;
And forgive us our trespasses,	perdona nuestras ofensas,
as we forgive those	como también nosotros perdonamos
who trespass against us.	a los que nos ofenden.
And lead us not into temptation,	No nos dejes caer en tentación
but deliver us from evil.	y líbranos del mal.
For thine is the kingdom,	Porque tuyo es el reino,
and the power, and the glory,	tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,
for ever and ever. Amen.	ahora y por siempre. Amén.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

FRACTION ANTHEM**SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD**

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, move a - mong us all;



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:



Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
hum - ble, car - ing, self - less, shar - ing,



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fill our lives with love.

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts, by faith with thanksgiving.



WELCOME TO THE TABLE OF THE LORD *Where all are welcome!*

The Church affirms the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine. Believers of all denominations are invited to receive the Sacrament. To receive the bread extend your hands forward. We are unable to share a common cup at this time due to Covid restrictions, so the celebrant will instinct (dip) the bread into the wine before giving it to you. If you do not wish to receive Communion today but would like a blessing, come forward during Communion, cross your arms over your chest, and you will be given a blessing in the name of God.

COMMUNION HYMN

I LOVE YOU, LORD

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to
 wor-ship You; O my soul, re-joice! Take
 joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a
 sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

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COMMUNION HYMN

UBI CARITAS ET AMOR

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
 Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,
 Don - de hay a - mor y ca - ri - dad,
 u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
 God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.
 don - de hay a - mor Dios a - llí es - ta.

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PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION HONORING VIRTUAL PARTICIPANTS

People **In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of the Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we offer to you praise and thanksgiving for those who cannot partake in the physical Communion of your Body and Blood. Together with them, we remember your death, proclaim your resurrection; and await your coming in glory.**

And since they cannot physically receive you today in the Holy Sacrament, we beseech you to come spiritually into their hearts. Cleanse and strengthen them with your grace, Lord Jesus, and may they never be separated from you. May we all live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Please stand if you are able*

Celebrant Let us Pray.

People **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant May God give you the grace never to sell yourself short,
grace to do something big for something good,
grace to remember that the world is too dangerous now
for anything but truth, and too small for anything but love.

And the blessing of God Almighty:
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
be with you now and forever more.

People **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

SHOUT TO THE LORD



- er I'll stand, noth - ing com - pares to the prom -
- ise I have in You.

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THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia, alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers...

THE CHURCH

We pray for the Most Rev. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Presiding Bishop Michael Curry; The Bishops of the Diocese of Virginia: +Susan Goff and +Jennifer Brooke-Davidson, and for Bishop-elect Mark Stevenson; for our clergy: Fr. Daniel+ and Deacon Holly.

In our parish, we pray for Kim Maxwell.

In our Diocese, we pray for all Ushers, Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers and Lay Readers.

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Church in the Province of the West Indies.

ST. GABRIEL'S COMMUNITY

All members of Saint Gabriel's ~ San Gabriel, St. Gabriel's @ Ashby Ponds, Saint James', and the students and staff of the Belmont Ridge Middle School.

St. Gabriel's Lay Leaders & Staff David (Dj) Gunning, Susan McGlohn, Abi Hernández Cruz, and Eva María Torres.

St. Gabriel's Music Ministers Peter Schweitzer, Anica Lee, Carmelo Saavedra, and members of our church choirs.

St. Gabriel's Sunday School Teachers, Child Care Providers & Helpers
A special thanks to our teachers for inspiring our children with creative and heartfelt Christian formation lessons.

All volunteers of St. Gabriel's Social Justice Ministries

For the multigenerational community education ministry volunteers, for the Prayer Shawl and Prayer Square ministry participants, for the ESL volunteers, for the spiritual companions of the Alliance of Women with Love participants; for the Educando con Amor volunteers providing summer camp opportunities, and for volunteers providing English language literacy to Afghan refugees temporarily residing in Leesburg.

St. Gabriel's Vestry Rob Buchanan (*Senior Warden/2024*), Carla Rhoads (*Junior Warden/2024*), Steve Rice (*Treasurer/2023*), Dj Gunning (*Clerk*), Karen

Ballesteros (2023), Paula Callaghan Morató (2024), César Frías (2024), José Mejía (2024), Isamar Ortega (2025), Sue Schweitzer (2023), Eileen Shaffer (2025), and Eva María Torres Herrera (2024).

We pray for the New Vision Task Force charged by the congregation to explore options for St. Gabriel's to move under one roof: Janet Taliaferro & Parker Gallagher (co-chairs), Peter Schweitzer, Jennifer Smith, John Jacobs, Octavio Somuano, Bruce LeLacheur, Chuck Mitchell, Carla Rhoads, and Rob Buchanan.

We pray for the healing, wholeness, comfort, guidance, and safe travel of the following people in our faith community: Deacon Ema Rosero-Nordalm; Victoria Delgado; Nina Frymoyer; María Miller; The Abernethy family; Dainise Patterson; Aura Mojica; Lorena Thompson; María Flores; Máximo Vélez; Laura Argueta vda. de López; George Dyson; Anthony Holley; Rob Buchanan; Sheri Muilenburg; Katherine Clayton; Tony and Lesina Visgaitis and family; Mario Roberto Mejía Arias; Juanita Gardner; Michael and Laura Smith & family; Worrall family; Cindy LoSasso; Rob Schwartzman; John Shook; Kelly Wilkinson and family; Rigoberto Somuano and Concepción Rojas; Griselda Frías; Phyllis Simpson; Shelly Rodriguez; Janice Queen; Peter Schweitzer and family; Gonzalo Mendoza; Myrta Mercado; Jack Cusack; Ethan Newland and family; Ruth Brown; Molly Mitchell; Jack and Betty Barden; Gideon Darden.

We pray for our college students: Grace Shaffer; Aidan Baron, Lindsey Thompson; Isabella Ballesteros, Samara Umanzor Ortega, Brad Mejía, Zane Knowlton, McKayla Shaffer, Preston Newland, Jacob Denzin, Avera Worrall, Abi Hernandez-Cruz, Annie Cusack, Michelle Balderrama Burgoa, Danny Costanza, Conor Rice, Eddie Queen, Nina Costanza, Leslie Lewis, Marie Victoria Frías Pomárez, and Elinore McLain.

We pray for our parishioners serving in the Armed Forces: Jamaal A. Boyd (U.S. Army), Joseph Castillejos (U.S. Army), Karyna Beatriz Saavedra (U.S. Marines) and Roger Castillo Niquén (Peruvian Army).

THE WORLD

Our prayers for President Biden, Vice President Harris, members of the United States Congress, Governor Youngkin, Mayor Burke, and the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors, and for elected officials throughout the world.

For the victims of hunger, human trafficking, substance abuse, and natural disasters in the United States and around the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AN INVITATION TO TEACH SUNDAY SCHOOL

You are invited to consider teaching or assisting to teach Sunday school beginning in September. Anyone from age 15 to adults are welcome to discern this ministry of Christian formation. Sunday school helps children form their belief in the Trinitarian God and affirms the values they learn at home, at school, with friends, and everywhere. Pray about this opportunity and contact Fr. Daniel for more information. Our Sunday school uses a wonderful curriculum called Hearts Alive which helps planning Sunday school in a practical and straightforward manner!

HUMP DAY BIBLE STUDY:

A WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY FOR PARENTS, WEDNESDAYS AT 1PM

Being a parent comes with blessings and challenges at every age and stage of life. What guidance can we get from the Bible to help us parent with the Holy Spirit? Come, listen, share, and pray. No advanced study or reading is required, the passage for the day will be presented and discussed with Jim Lockett and Jennifer Smith! Wednesday's at 1pm.

Zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/HumpDayBibleStudy>

Meeting ID: 883 7914 7464 **Passcode:** 12345

SAVE THE DATE FOR PARISH BBQ: OCTOBER 1

Save the date for a time to gather and celebrate the Feast of Saint Gabriel with great food, entertainment, fun events, and the joy of being with our parish family! Stay tuned for more information and thanks to Cindy LoSasso the volunteer BBQ coordinator! Time: 12-3pm, Place: St. James parking lot

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Jeremiah 23:23-29; Psalm 82; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

PRAYER FOR THE NEW VISION TASK FORCE

charged by our parishioners to explore options for us to move together under one roof

Blessed Lord we ask that you guide the New Vision Task Force members and our faith community as we discern and seek a center for mission and ministry; a place where we can worship you and from where we can do the ministries that Christ commanded on behalf of the community around us and the world. May we hear the Spirit of God on our journey. Amen

PARISH CALENDAR

Aug 10	Wed	1:00p	Hump Day Bible Study, <i>Zoom</i>
Aug 20	Sat	5:00p	Bilingual Service <i>Chapel in the Woods</i>
Sep 17	Sat	5:00p	Bilingual Service <i>Chapel in the Woods</i>
Oct 1	Sat	12pm	St. Gabriel's BBQ <i>St. James' Parking lot</i>

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BLESSINGS FROM ST. GABRIEL'S~SAN GABRIEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church started public worship in the Spring of 2003 to share the good news of Jesus Christ with the growing communities of Leesburg, Lansdowne, and Ashburn in Loudoun County, Virginia. Our mission is to "Encounter God, Build Meaningful Relationships, and Make a Difference in the World" through inspiring worship, faith-building discipleship, warm fellowship, heartfelt pastoral care, active evangelism, outreach, and service. We live into our mission statement through word and deed, with God's help!

St. Gabriel's is a welcoming, hospitable, and inclusive faith community, open to people at any stage in their faith journey with Christ. We value human diversity and seek to be a church that reflects the breadth of those who live in our community. We have life-long Christians as well as spiritual seekers and we welcome you just as God made you, , without conditions or barriers. In our worship services you can dress up or dress down, God doesn't care what you wear, nor do we! We extend an invitation to get to know you so that you can develop your faith and we hope that you will invite others to share the spiritual gifts that you find here!

St. Gabriel's is the first bilingual (English-Spanish), multicultural and multiethnic Episcopal congregation in Loudoun County. Worship takes place in four locations and in two languages: the English-language services are at the Belmont Ridge Middle School each Sunday and at Ashby Ponds on the third Tuesday of every month. The Spanish-language service is at Saint James' in Leesburg, and in warm months we worship one Saturday a month at the Chapel in the Woods. We invite you to help us continue building the kingdom of God in this corner of Leesburg through prayer, love, commitment to God and community, joyful worship, and Christian service. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, know that this is a loving community. Blessings and peace!

WORSHIP

10:00 am Sunday Mass in English

*Belmont Ridge Middle School
19045 Upper Belmont Place, Leesburg*

St. Gabriel's @ Ashby Ponds Chapel

*Third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am
21170 Ashby Ponds Blvd. Ashburn, VA 20147*

3:00 pm Misa Dominical en español

*San Gabriel en St. James'
14 Cornwall Street NW, Leesburg*

The Chapel in the Woods

*Open any time you wish to pray
Corner of Battlefield Pkwy/Ft. Evans Rd.*

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