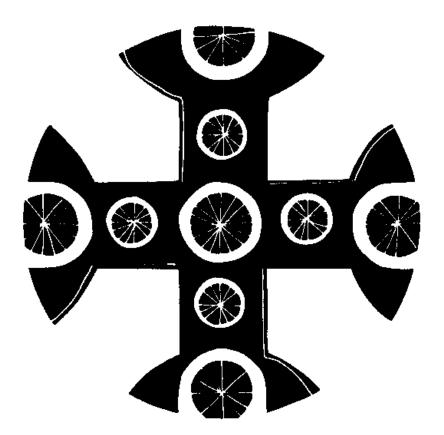
ST. GABRIEL'S † SAN GABRIEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH





THE 14^{TH} SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 29, 2021

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 at St. Gabriel's!

F aith formation is important for our spiritual development and we pay special attention to the care of our children. The Children's Story at the beginning of every service is part of the liturgy and it is provided before children typically go to Sunday school and child care. Given ongoing Covid restrictions we are not offering Sunday school or child care until further notice. The Eucharist is an essential part of worship, we invite you to please bring your child to the Altar for Communion regardless of their age.

Offee hour is like a second communion at St. Gabriel's. Again, for the safety and security of all parishioners due to Covid we are refraining from sharing food until further notice. That said, feel free to invite a friend or a newcomer to share coffee or lunch after the service to remain connected! In the spirit of being connected, we remind you to please share your contact information, there is a card you can fill out and put it into the collection basket or hand to the clergy; this way you can learn more about St. Gabriel's and we can connect with you. God bless you and thank you for worshiping with the St. Gabriel's faith community!

The Rev. Daniel Vélez Rivera *Celebrant*

Mr. Peter Schweitzer Director of Music

Ms. Susannah Harding Postulant to the Diaconate

The Ven. Holly Hanback Deacon

Ms. Anica Lee *Director of the Choir*

Mr. David L.M. Gunning, Jr. *Aspirant to Holy Orders*

MINISTERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

During the summer servers are not 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

ACOLYTES

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

LECTOR: 1ST READING/PSALM, LECTOR: 2ND READING

USHERS/GREETERS

TELLERS (Vestry Member + a Volunteer)

THE 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II -



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant

Blessed be God: ▼ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

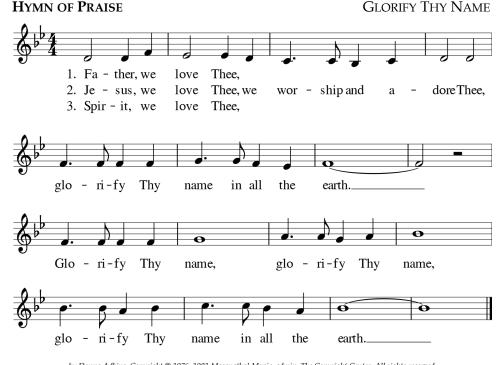
People

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 hidden: 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. **Amen**.





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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY remain standing

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good

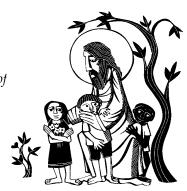
things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever

and ever. Amen.

KNOW THE STORY, HEAR THE STORY

Children are invited to the front for the children's Biblical message.

Given the Covid restrictions for the care and safety of all we will not provide Sunday school or child care until further notice.



THE READINGS

THE FIRST READING

DEUTERONOMY 4:1-2, 6-9

Lector A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Lector The Word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE PSALM 15

Read responsively by the whole verse

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? * who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, * who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; * he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, * but he honors those who fear the Lord.

- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong * and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, * nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things * shall never be overthrown.

THE SECOND READING

JAMES 1:17-27

Lector A reading from the letter of James.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act-they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

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



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THE HOLY GOSPEL

MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?"

He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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

Any person is invited to choose one of the prayers and read it aloud

Lector We ask your prayers for all of God's creation; for our Bishops:

Michael, Susan, Jennifer, and Porter; for our clergy: Fr. Daniel and Deacon Holly; for Susie – postulant to the diaconate, and for Dj – aspirant to Holy Orders. We pray for the parishioners of

St. Gabriel's ~ San Gabriel and all faith communities.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector We pray for those who host our places of worship and office: the

students and staff of Belmont Ridge Middle School, the

congregation of St. James', and for the Ashby Ponds community. We pray for all those who seek God and a deeper knowledge of God, especially those who do not yet know that Saint Gabriel's

will be their church home.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector We ask your prayers for peace, goodwill among nations, and the

well-being of all people. Let us pray for all who live, study, and work in Leesburg and in the surrounding cities and towns. We pray for our local, state, and federal elected officials; we pray

for all first responders. Pray for justice and peace.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector We pray for the good earth that God has given us, and for the

wisdom to conserve it. We pray for those affected by natural disasters, especially for our Haitian sisters and brothers.

Pray for the Earth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector We ask your prayers for those infected and affected by COVID

and other diseases and for their caretakers. We pray for the hungry, the oppressed, for those in jails and prisons, and for the

safety and wellbeing of the Afghan people.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector We pray for the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and

dignity grow in our nation and among all peoples. We

commend to you the immigrant and refugee families here and

around the world.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector We ask your prayers for all who have died,

may they rest in peace and rise in glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector We ask your prayers for those on our prayer list and for those

who may have nobody to pray for them.

Your own 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 page 20.

People Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask,

help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son 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. **Amen**.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN

PRESENTATION HYMN

ther,

Son,

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE

D. Gokey

Love is patient, love is kind Rescues hearts and changes lives Love is all we need to make things right Gotta keep it real simple

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow: Praise Him, all Praise cre - atures here be low; Him a - bove Praise ye 'nly host; heav

ly

Ghost!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to

give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious

resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

People Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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.

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

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray,

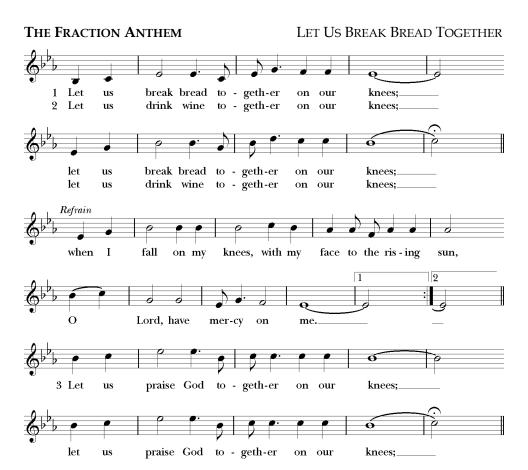
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre, venga a nosotros tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día; perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.



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 consecrated wine will be poured into individual cups for you to take. Receptacles will be available for you to dispose of the cups after consuming the sacrament.

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

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.

Hide it under a bushell - no!, I'm gonna let it shine. Hide it under a bushell - no!, I'm gonna let it shine. Hide it under a bushell - no!, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.

Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine. Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine. Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine. let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.

COMMUNION HYMN

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE



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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

Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do remember me, Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do remember me, Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do remember me, Look away beyond the blue.

I've got a home in glory land, that outshines the sun I've got a home in glory land, that outshines the sun I've got a home in glory land, that outshines the sun Look away beyond the blue.

Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do remember me, Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do remember me, Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do remember me, Look away beyond the blue.

I took Jesus as my Savior, you take Him too, I took Jesus as my Savior, you take Him too, I took Jesus as my Savior, you take Him too, Look away beyond the blue.

Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do remember me, Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do remember me, Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do remember me, Look away beyond the blue.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers...

THE CHURCH

The Archbishop of Canterbury; The Most Rev. Justin Welby; Presiding Bishop Michael Curry; The Bishops of the Diocese of Virginia: +Susan Goff, +Jennifer Brooke-Davidson, and +Porter Taylor; for our clergy: Fr. Daniel and Deacon Holly; for Susie, postulant to the diaconate, and for Dj, aspirant to Holy Orders.

In our parish, we pray for Jack and Betty Barden.

In our Diocese, we pray for all Sunday School teachers and Youth leaders.

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

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 Belmont Ridge Middle School.

- **St. Gabriel's Lay Leaders & Staff** David (Dj) Gunning, Susan McGlohn, Abi Hernández Cruz, Sarah Ali, and Eva María Torres, and Patricia Pomárez.
- **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:

Food insecurity, kids programs, adult literacies, rental assistance, and immigration ministries.

St. Gabriel's Vestry Anne Donohue (*Senior Warden*/2021), Rob Buchanan (*Junior Warden*/2024), Steve Rice (*Treasurer*/2023), Dj Gunning (*Clerk*), Karen Ballesteros (2023), Paula Callaghan Morató (2022), César Frías (2024), José Mejía (2024), Carla Rhoads (2024), Sue Schweitzer (2021), and Eva María Torres Herrera (2024).

We pray for the healing, wholeness, comfort, guidance, and safe travel of the following people in our faith community: Phyllis Simpson; Tom Wilkinson; Dave Powell; Page Bradley; Eulalia Argelia Vásquez; Shelly Rodriguez; Rosa Ramírez; Janice Queen; Anne Edgar; Cindy LoSasso; Amaya Family; Isabel Sagastume; María Balcázar and family; Nathan; María Miranda and Ernesto López; Jassil, Karen & Freddy Baltazar; José Ortega; Rossil, Kaylee Martínez; Blanca Lidia Hernández; Mary Brenda Joyner; Medardo Morales; Elizabeth

Bulger; Andrea Palmer; Mario Quintanilla; Agostini Family; Cathy Benedict; Nila Aguilar; Alberto Ramos Lucas; Stephanie Modzelesky; Janet Spielman; Bonnie Klem-Barnes; José Mateo Corro; Barbara Ewell; Bobbie Wilkinson; José Isaac Hernández; Paul Chin; John Cummings; María Eugenia Corro; Bob Cusack; The Mejía-Medina family; Peter Schweitzer and family; Erlis Hernandez; Russ and Lula Bailey; Gonzalo Mendoza; Hennessey Family; Myrta Mercado; Jean Leonard, The Philip Family, Louise Jones; Daisy Rivera; Jack Cusack; Raul Castillejos; Tom Johnson and Family; Mike Newland; Ruthie Rice; Sheri Muilenburg; Leslie Furtick; Ruth Elhafdi; Luis Franco; Patricia Newton; Carmen María Feliz; José Manuel Sinisterra; George Rimmert; Mary Janello; Angela Wells; Ruth Brown; Eugenia Espinoza Fernández; Carol Adams; Molly Mitchell; Paula Milton; Katy Blumberg; Tommy Hal; Kai Pijenburg; Rafael Parés Cruz; Brian Clark; Margaret and Dave Mason; Nancy Burghardt and family; Rev. Kathryn & Mr. Bob Thomas; Semeraro family; Myrna Ruiz; Glenda Blake; Mark DuPuis; David DeCoste; Jack and Betty Barden; César and Melissa Garcia; Agustín Lazo; Deborah Devonshire; Isabel and Sergio Mercado; Celaya family; Brian Call; Nichols family; Worrall family; Carlene Garrigan; Frank Shelton; Tom and Anne Carey; Bill and Cathy Arnold; Andrea Palmer; Karen Strid; Earl Hargis; Cassandra Wynder; Gideon Darden; Edna, Brian and family; James Herd and family; Lana Orem.

We pray for our college students 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, and Marie Victoria Frías.

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 Northam, 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.

DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI



On Saturday, August 14, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck the southwest portion of Haiti. This devastating earthquake was followed by Tropical Storm Grace on Monday night and much of Tuesday. More than 1 million people, including more than half a million children, have been impacted by the back-to-back disasters, and the death toll is close to 2000. Episcopal Relief & Development and its partners are responding immediately with direct assistance to vulnerable households in the region, as partners plan long-term recovery. Your generous gift can provide assistance to help people in the wake of these disasters.

To assist in these efforts, visit

episcopalrelief.org/haiti-relief

PRAYER FOR HAITI FROM PRESIDING BISHOP MICHAEL CURRY

Eternal God, send forth your Sprit to encourage and strengthen the people of Haiti in these difficult times. We pray especially for those impacted by the recent earthquake. Encourage and strengthen those who help and support others. In your mercy, receive the souls of those who have died; comfort their families and loved ones. Surround with your presence the sick and suffering. Aid the work of those who still search and rescue. Empower the medical and aid workers and all who labor to heal.

Likewise, inspire and empower the resolve of the nations and peoples of the world to be your instruments of help and healing. Stir up the might of your love and compassion among the nations to rally resources and stay the course until the humanitarian job is accomplished.

Lastly, enfold and uphold the people of Haiti—from the youngest newly born to the oldest among us—in the arms of your love and the strength of your might. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry Presiding Bishop and Primate The Episcopal Church



ANNOUNCEMENTS

INQUIRER'S CLASS FOR ALL AT STARBUCKS

All are invited to a four-week conversation on Sundays after the 10 am service beginning September 5th. We will learn more about the Episcopal Church, the Prayer Book, and have the opportunity to talk about our lives as Christians and how we serve the people of God through St. Gabriel's. Sundays at noon from September 5 to September 26 at the new Starbucks next to CVS in Lansdowne Town Center: 19310 Front St, Leesburg, VA 20176.

5 WEEK VIRTUAL CONFIRMATION CLASSES, INVITATION TO SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION

A virtual five-week Confirmation class for youth ages 15 and older is underway. We invite your prayers for those who will be confirmed.

Additionally, there will be parishioners of St. Gabriel's received at this service officiated by the Rt. Rev. Susan Goff on **Saturday, September 18th at 10:30am at the Falls Church Episcopal**, in Falls Church, VA. All are welcome to join our confirmands and those being received into the Episcopal Church at this bilingual service. The Falls Church Episcopal is located at 115 E Fairfax St, Falls Church, VA 22046

NEW CHURCH MAILING ADDRESS

We have a new address! St. James' recently relocated their offices to another building on campus, and the address for both St. James' and St. Gabriel's has changed. Please update your records with our new mailing address:

St. Gabriel's~San Gabriel Episcopal Church 8 Cornwall Street NW, Leesburg, VA 20176

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-17; Mark 7:24-37

ADULT FORMATION

Adult formation returns with a focus on **PRAYER**. All are welcome and invited to join us for Book Club, Movie Club, Bible Study — we invite you to participate in all three! The Zoom links for these events can be found on the church calendar, by clicking on the link from the calendar it will take you directly to the Zoom meeting. The calendar can be found on the parish website: https://www.saintgabriels.net/calendar

Book Club: How to Pray We begin with reading C.S. Lewis' book How to Pray. Gathered together for the first time, How to Pray selects from the best of beloved bestselling author C.S. Lewis's works on the transformative power of prayer. How to Pray: Reflections and Essays can be purchased at https://tinyurl.com/CSLewisHowToPray. We will gather via zoom starting Tuesday, August 31 at 7:00 pm. The Zoom link is on the parish calendar: https://www.saintgabriels.net/calendar.

Movie Club: Pray The story of Fr Patrick Peyton is an award-winning documentary film about the priest that inspired millions of families to pray together and who coined the phrase, "The family that prays together stays together." A virtual discussion will take place on Tuesday, September 14 at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Watch the free documentary here: https://www.praythefilm.com. Zoom link for the meeting is on the parish calendar: https://www.saintgabriels.net/calendar.

Bible Study A 6-week Bible study focusing on prayer will use the 1st and 2nd Books of Chronicles as the biblical source to explore ways in which we might develop a passionate love for God through our "conversations with God", otherwise known as prayer! This six-session study looks at how we can live up to our potential, experience God's presence, and learn more about listening and talking to God . From September 30th — Nov. 4th, 8:00 am to 8:30am.

PARISH CALENDAR

| Aug 31 Tue | 7:00p | Book Club: "How to Pray" by C.S. Lewis For link visit: https://www.saintgabriels.net/calendar |
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| Sep 5 Sun | 12:00p | Inquirer's Class for All Starbucks Lansdowne |
| Sep 14 Tue | 7:00p | Movie Club: "Pray (the story of Fr. Patrick Peyton)" For link visit: https://www.saintgabriels.net/calendar |
| Sep 18 Sat | 10:30a | Confirmation & Reception bilingual service The Falls Church Episcopal |
| Sep 25 Sat | 4:00p | Outdoor Holy Eucharist (Bilingual) St. Gabriel's Chapel in the Woods |
| Sep 30 Thu | 8:00a | 6-week morning Bible study through Nov. 4th For link visit: https://www.saintgabriels.net/calendar |
| Oct 2 Sat | 3:00p | Blessing of the Animals (Bilingual) St. Gabriel's Chapel in the Woods |

BLESSINGS FROM THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL'S

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

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14 Cornwall Street NW, Leesburg

St. Gabriel's Chapel in the Woods
Open any time you wish to pray
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