

St. Gabriel Parish

The Messenger

Religious Instruction February 2025 Newsletter



February 12th and 19th RI Lessons

As per our Locally Developed Course, part of our commitment to teaching about world religions, our next two lessons will focus on the **Roman Catholic Church** and the **Ukrainian Catholic Church**. These lessons will provide students with a deeper understanding of these traditions, their leaders, and important elements of their worship practices.

Students will have the opportunity to:

- ◆ Meet the 'shepherds' of our two local churches
- ◆ Learn about the significance of their vestments
- ◆ Explore the beauty and meaning behind some Church Icons

These lessons will offer a meaningful look into the rich traditions of these faith communities, fostering respect and appreciation for religious diversity. We look forward to engaging discussions and insightful learning experiences!

We are grateful to Father Jhack Diaz and Father Mark Sych for leading these two upcoming lessons! We are blessed to have some faith-filled leaders to help us on our journey.



St. Gabriel's next youth mass is

February 9th @ 10:00 am

It's a time to come together, connect with others, and experience faith in a way that's meaningful and exciting. Whether you've been to church before or this is your first time, you are welcome here!

At the Youth Mass, you'll find uplifting music, a message that speaks to your life, and a welcoming community of young people just like you. But it's not just about attending—we'd love for you to **get involved!** Whether it's through music, reading, or hospitality, there's a place for you to use your gifts.

Come and see for yourself! Bring your friends, meet new people, and be part of something bigger.

We can't wait to see you there! 😊
#YouthMass #FaithInAction

If your child is interested in being part of one of the ministries, please contact Marie @ 780-288-2132.

Other upcoming Youth Masses:
March 9th @ 10:00 am
April 13th @ 10:00 am

An invitation for St. Valentine's Day

Dear RI parents!!

Father Jhack, along with St. Gabriel Parish,
are hosting a Valentine's Dinner for couples
on Friday, Feb. 14th at 5:00pm in the church hall.
Join us!!

Please RSVP no later than Feb. 9th, by contacting
Kathryn at 780-675-2411 if you are interested in
attending.
Childcare is available.
Free will offerings are gratefully accepted.



To Our Wonderful RI Parents on Valentine's Day

With grateful hearts, we send this rhyme,
A Valentine's wish, so pure, so kind.
For parents guiding, strong and true,
With faith and love in all you do.

You teach with wisdom, light the way,
Through every prayer, through every day.
Your children grow in grace and love,
Blessed by God and heaven above.

Your patience, kindness, gentle care,
Show them faith is always there.
So on this day, we send our cheer,
With love and thanks so warm, sincere.

May God's great love shine bright on you,
For all you give and all you do.
Happy Valentine's Day! May it be,
Filled with joy and harmony. ❤️

Mission Possible: February Family Challenge

The Saint that is the most renown during the month of February is Saint Valentine. There are several other Saints that are recognized throughout this month.

Have fun completing the attached word search. Then, choose one of the Saints on the list and do a quick Google search to find ONE FUN FACT about them. Write this information on the form below.

Complete the task below and return this slip to the school office by February 18th. Your submission will be added to the draw for the chance to win a Family Gift Basket! Good luck!

The saint I have chosen is :

One fun fact about them:

Child's first name: _____ Gr. _____

Please return this slip to the school office by February 18th for a chance to win a Family Gift Basket which will be drawn on February 19th.