

# St. Gabriel Parish

# The Messenger

Religious Instruction January 2025 Newsletter



**GOOD NEWS!**

St. Gabriel Parish was honoured to have the opportunity to gift our grade 4 RI students with their very own Good News Bibles. We look forward to 'cracking them open' over the next few months as we continue to grow in our faith and discover God's word. The students will be bringing them home once they have completed their RI program in Gr. 6.

We are grateful to the Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus for their financial contribution and for supporting our Religious Instruction Program!



**Calling all singers and musicians!**

Whether it is through voice or instrument, you are invited to join our music ministry team.

Youth and adults welcomed!

For more information, contact Michael at [mandmlives@gmail.com](mailto:mandmlives@gmail.com)



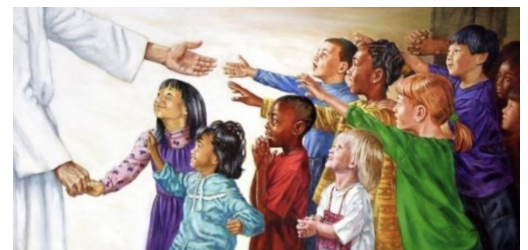
**You and your family are invited to join us for our upcoming Youth Masses!!**

January 12th @ 10:00 am  
February 9th @ 10:00 am  
March 9th @ 10:00 am  
April 13th @ 10:00 am

Our youth will be leading the various ministries and taking on an active role in these masses!

This is a friendly way for your family to reignite your passion for meeting Christ at His table! Join us!

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



*"Let the little children come to me"*

*Matthew 19:14*

# New Year Blessing

It is an old French Canadian tradition for the Grandfather to bless his family on January 1st to start off the year! It's never too late for a blessing! Ask your grandfather, father, or father figure to bless your family. We offer the following blessing for them to use.

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you;  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace

## Mission Possible: January Family Challenge

The entire month of January is devoted to the Holy Name of Jesus.

### Task #1

Around the dinner table, discuss the meaning of your family name. Also share stories about how each family member received their name.

### Task #2

Brainstorm other names of Jesus you know. Write a list of at least 10 names of Jesus below. Need ideas for more names? Google 'The Litany of the Holy Name'. Add them to the list.

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

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List of names for Jesus

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| 1. | 2.  |
| 3. | 4.  |
| 5. | 6.  |
| 7. | 8.  |
| 9. | 10. |

Child's first name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gr. \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

*Philippians 2:9-11*