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**MASS SCHEDULE**

Sunday/Domingo.....9:30 a.m. in English & 12:30 p.m. en Español  
 Tuesday/Martes.....6:00-7:00 p.m.  
     Adoration Benediction/Adoración y Bendición  
     7:00 p.m. Mass/Misa  
 Wednesday/Miércoles.....12:00p.m.  
 Thursday/Jueves.....12:00p.m.  
 Friday/Viernes.....9:00a.m.  
 First Friday/Primer Viernes..... Adoration for 24 hours/Adoración de 24 horas  
 Saturday/Sábado.....5:00 p.m.

**PARISH STAFF**

Pastor .....Fr. Romen Acero  
 Pastoral Associate/Asociadas Pastorales..... Lucille Gorham  
 Director of Religious Education/ Directora de Educacion Religiosa  
     Sr./Hna. Maria Sanchez, HSMG  
 Hispanic Ministry/Ministerio Hispano..... Sr./Hna. Angelica Arce,HSMG  
 Parish Secretary/Secretaria de la Parroquia .....Mia RomeroWashington  
 Bookkeeper/Contador.....Maria Melendrez de Kelley  
 Music Director/Organista.....Karen Rainey  
 Parish Maintenance.....John Andrason  
 Pro-Life Coordinators.....Dick & Gaylene Rankin

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS/HORAS DE OFICINA**

Tuesday–Thursday/Martes a Jueves.....9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.  
 Friday/Viernes.....9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

**PARISH REGISTRATION**

If you are new to our parish, you are encouraged to register as soon as possible. Registration in a parish is the norm and is required for registration in religious education, for sacramental preparation, and for sponsorship certificates. Registration forms are available in the parish office, or the ministry table in the atrium.

**BAPTISM:** The celebration of Baptism is a moment of grace for those to be Baptized, for their families, as well as for the entire parish community. Please contact Sister Angie to register for preparation classes.

**FAITH FORMATION:** All children not attending Catholic school should be enrolled in our Faith Formation Program. For more information, please contact Sister Angie.

**R.C.I.A.:** Adults who would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith or wish to become Catholic should consider enrolling in R.C.I.A. classes. Interested persons should contact Sister Angie.

**CONFIRMATION:** Young adults may be confirmed after a preparation period starting in 10th grade and successful completion of requirements. For more information, please contact Sister Angie.

**MARRIAGE:** Couples planning to be married must see a priest at least six months prior to the planned marriage. Pre-marriage instruction is required. Please do not set a date in advance until you have spoken to the pastor.

**ANOINTING THE SICK:** Please call the parish office if you or a member of your family needs the Sacrament of Anointing.

**HOMEBOUND/SHUT-INS:** If there is anyone who cannot come to Mass because of illness or age, we ask you to please call the parish office.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

I am so happy to inform you that we collected \$730 in the Belk Charity Event. Thanks to Diane and all those involved in this great event, we truly made more money than what I expected. Also, the Knights have made a donation of \$250 from the Spaghetti Dinner proceeds. In total we got \$980, and I would like this money to go to the Fire Alarm fund. Thank you all for your cooperation and for your great support. God bless you all, Fr. Romen Acero

**We will not be distributing the Precious Blood during Masses, due to Flu Season. We encourage you not to hold hands during the Our Father and to avoid giving the sign of peace if you are not feeling well.**

The Bilingual Choir will rehearse on Thursday evening, December 6 at 7:30 PM to prepare for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The Choir will sing for the Vigil Mass on December 7 at 7:00 PM. All who would like to sing are welcome!

Alice Mostyn sends a heartfelt thanks to all who have prayed for her and sent cards. They are appreciated, she is doing better and looks forward to a day when she can visit her St. Gabriel Family.

The Circle of Friends will again be offering our delicious Chick-Fil-A fundraiser during December. A \$10 donation will get a package of 6 delicious giant chocolate chunk cookies and a coupon for a Chick-Fil-A Sandwich or Original 8 Count Nuggets. This is a super offer and can provide wonderful teacher gifts or stocking stuffers or even extra gifts around the house for unexpected visitors during the Christmas season. Please help us to raise funds that ultimately help our Church. You can place your pre-paid orders with a Circle Member in the atrium before or after Masses on Dec. 1 & 2 and Dec. 8 & 9. Checks should be made out to "Circle of Friends". Orders must be picked up Dec. 16 & 17 at any of the Masses. Thank you!

**GIVING TREE:** Pitt Co. DSS, Adult Services Division is so grateful to the parishioners of St. Gabriel's who never fail to provide a very Merry Christmas for these residents. Please take a card or two and make someone's Christmas bright. **Return gifts to St Gabriel before December 17, 2018.** Attach the card to the gift securely to ensure the right gift gets to the right person. Thank you once again for your generosity!

**Sanctuary Lamp:** The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week, in memory of Carl Adler. If you would like to sponsor the lamp for a week in memory of a loved one, please call the office to schedule.

**Advent Penance Service December 5, at 7:00 pm.**  
**Mass for The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary 12/8 at 12 pm.**

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**Dedication of the Fisk Opus 147 Pipe Organ** Please join us for the dedication of the Fisk Opus 147 Pipe Organ at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral on January 3, 2019. Vespers begin at 6:30pm followed by a concert with concert guest soloist Nathan Laube. Event is open to the public.

**Santa Workshop Donations:** We are in need of all gift items especially for babies, toddlers, men and books for children age 2-10. The Santa workshop donation box will be located at the back of the church. We appreciate and need all donations no later than December 9th. **Sincere Thanks, The Columbiettes**

**JPII Seeks Music Instructor:** John Paul II Catholic High School in Greenville has an opportunity for a dynamic music instructor who has a passion for connecting with high school students. This is currently a part-time position teaching two classes (Monday through Friday from 1:00-4:00 p.m. with occasional evening requirements) that will become full time for the 2019-2020 school year. Qualified applicants must hold a NC teaching license in the area of music education or equivalent degree and certification. Applicants are not required to be Catholic, but it is considered a plus. If interested please send résumé, CV, and cover letter to Craig Conticchio at [mainoffice@jp2highschool.com](mailto:mainoffice@jp2highschool.com).

**MASS INTENTIONS**

12/4-7:00pm.....Mary, Emma, Vivian, Clare, Zelic Vamos  
 .....By Attila Vamos

12/5-12:00pm.....Veronica Burch  
 .....By Mia

12/6-12:00pm.....Anne Vamos  
 .....By Attila Vamos

12/7-9:00am.....Anne Vamos  
 .....Attila Vamos

12/8-12:00pm.....**The People of the Parish**  
 5:00pm.....Holy Souls in Purgatory†  
 .....By Attila Vamos

12/9-9:30am.....The Circle Of Friends †  
 .....By The Circle Of Friends

12:30pm.....The People of the Parish

**PRAYER LIST**

Please keep those who are ill in your prayers, especially;  
 Lucy & Jim Palmer, Valerie Adamski, Helen Catigan,  
 Paul Kelley, Lillian Sagamore, Phyllis Pope, Phil Peka-  
 ala, Kay Andrason, Debbie Reitano, Mary Newton, Ma-  
 rie Neal, Rosa Sicilia, Kathy May, Chester Truty, Gary  
 & Mort Taylor, Donna Harris, Charles & Lucille  
 Gorham, Ella Marcotte, Pearl Connor, Jeffrey Parker,  
 Lucas Keller, Sr. Edna English, Charlene Woodring, Ray  
 Reddrick, Tim Neal, Brenda Luther, Betty Brooks, Fr.  
 John Long, Rita Rose Atstupenas, Joe Laliberte,  
 Michelle Mack, Gail Allen, Alice Mostyn, Dot Briley,  
 Joan Harris, Ella Reese, Montie & Paula Pakowski,  
 Richard Ipri, Msgr. Jerry Sherba, Thom, & Son Nguyen,  
 P.J. Lewis, Dorie Tulis, David Williams, Ellie Sullivan,  
 Thelma Jones, Grace Budrys, Wells, Dale & Joan  
 Wardle, Pat Adams, Eva Owens, Glenda Wagner, David  
 Shipe, Kathy Venturini, Cristi Venuto, Linda K. Thomp-  
 son, Donna Satira, Hudson Rogers, Carol Kulikowski, &  
 Joseph Pasquarella

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

**Weekly First Collection Goal \$6,300**

Week of 11/4/18.....\$7,036.00

Building & Maintenance Fund.....\$1,421.00

Week of 11/11/18....\$6,429.04

Catholic Campaign for Human Development....\$1,308.32

Week 11/18/18...\$4,764.57

Christmas Flowers....\$1,791.41

11/22 - Fire Alarm System .....\$661.00

Week 11/25/18...\$4,497.20

Priest Retirement....\$1,706.50

**Fire Alarm System Total Received...\$19,135.00**

Goal \$19,502.00

**CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

Tuesday- 6:00-6:30pm  
 Saturday- 4:00-4:30pm  
 And by appointment.

**STAFF EMAIL**

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**Parish Posadas: December 16, 18 & 22**

Posadas are an important part of Mexican Christmas traditions and could be compared with the Christmas Carolers. These community celebrations take place on each of the nine nights leading up to Christmas, from December 16 to 24th. The word posada means "inn" or "shelter" in Spanish, and in this tradition, Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem and their search for a place to stay is re-enacted. The celebration begins with a procession in which the participants hold candles and sing Christmas carols. The images of Mary and Joseph are carried. The procession will make its way to a particular home (a different one each night), where a special song (La Cancion Para Pedir Posada) is sung. **Asking for Shelter:** There are two parts to the traditional posada song. Those outside the house sing the part of Joseph asking for shelter and the family inside responds singing the part of the innkeeper saying that there is no room. The song switches back and forth a few times until finally the innkeeper decides to let them in. The hosts open the door and everyone goes inside. **Celebration:** Once inside the house there is a celebration which can vary from a very big fancy party to a small get-together among friends. After a time for Bible reading and prayer, the hosts offer the guests food, usually tamales and a hot drink such as ponche or atole. Then the guests break piñatas and the children are given candy. The nine nights of posadas leading up to Christmas represent the nine months that Jesus spent in Mary's womb. All members of families play a role in the celebration of Posadas. **History of the Posadas.** Posadas originated in colonial Mexico. The Augustinian friars of San Agustin de Acolman, near Mexico City are believed to have celebrated the first posadas. In 1586, Friar Diego de Soria, the Augustinian prior, obtained a papal bull from Pope Sixtus V to celebrate what were called *misas de aguinaldo* "Christmas gift masses" between December 16 and 24. **All families and members of St. Gabriel's are welcome to join us to the celebration of the Posadas.**



**The Catholic Community of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother**  
**Saturday Mass: 5:00 PM ~ Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM & 12:30 PM in Spanish**  
**December 2018**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<p><u>The Circle of Friends</u>            Chick-Fil-A Chocolate Chunk <b>Cookie Sale</b> -&gt; Before &amp; After all weekend Masses. December 1,2,8 &amp; 9. Orders must be picked up 12/15 &amp; 12/16</p>	<p><b>1 First Saturday</b>            Hospitality &amp; Decoration Ministries            Activity 10am-2pm            Confession 4-4:45pm            Adoration begins at 6pm            Faith Formation 6:00-7:30pm</p>
<p>2  <b>Adoration Ends at 8:00am</b>            Faith Formation 10:45-12:15            The Circle of Friends            Chick-Fil-A Chocolate Chunk Cookie Sale</p>	<p>3 Office Closed  <b>Circle of Friends 12pm in rm 1</b>  <b>St. Peter's Penance Service 7 pm</b>  <b>Boy Scouts rm 7&amp;8 at 7pm</b></p>	<p>4  <b>Adoration 6 pm</b>            Confession 6-6:45pm            Anointing of the Sick during Mass  <b>7pm Bilingual Mass</b></p>	<p>5  <b>12 pm Mass</b>            Anointing of the Sick during Mass  <b>Penance Service 7 pm</b></p>	<p>6  <b>12 pm Mass</b>  <b>BSA Parents Meeting room 5 at 7pm</b>  <b>K of C Planning &amp; Social Mtg.7:30PM</b>  <b>Choir rehearsal 7:30pm</b></p>	<p>7  <b>9am Mass</b>            The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  <b>Vigil Mass 7 pm Bilingual</b></p>	<p>8 Holy Day of Obligation            The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 12pm Mass            Confession 4-4:45pm            Mass 5pm  <b>Chick-Fil-A Cookie Sale</b>            Faith Formation 6:00-7:30pm</p>
<p>9  <b>Coffee &amp; Donuts after 9:30 am Mass</b>  <b>Our Lady of Guadalupe Play 11 am</b>            Chick-Fil-A Cookie Sale            Faith Formation 10:45-12:15</p>	<p>10 Office Closed  <b>Boy Scouts rm 7&amp;8 at 7pm</b></p>	<p>11  <b>Our Lady of Guadalupe Program 8 pm</b>  <b>Vigil Mass 10 PM</b>  <b>Serenade for OLOG 11 pm</b></p>	<p>12            All Parish Offices Closed  <b>Adoration 6 pm</b>  <b>Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass 7 pm</b>  <b>Reception 8pm</b></p> 	<p>13  <b>12pm Mass</b>  <b>Mujeres de Hoy 11am in rm. 1</b>  <b>BSA Troop Meeting rm 5 at 7pm</b>  <b>Columbette Mtg. 7pm in room 1&amp;2</b>  <b>Cantor rehearsal 6:45 pm</b>  <b>Choir rehearsal 7:30pm</b></p>	<p>14  <b>9 am Mass</b></p>	<p>15            Confession 4-4:45pm            Mass 5pm  <u>Santa's Workshop after Mass</u>            Chick-Fil-A Chocolate Chunk Cookie Pick up before or after Mass            Faith Formation 6:00-7:30pm</p>
<p>16  <b>K of C Pancake &amp; Ham Breakfast 10:30-12</b>            Faith Formation 10:45-12:15            Chick-Fil-A Cookie Pick up  <u>Santa's Workshop after Mass</u>  <b>Las Posadas 5 pm</b></p>	<p>17 Office Closed            Rosary Makers rm.1 at 10:30 am  <b>Boy Scouts rm 7&amp;8 at 7pm</b></p>	<p>18  <b>Adoration 6 pm</b>            Confession 6-6:45pm  <b>7pm Bilingual Mass</b>  <b>Las Posadas 8 pm</b></p>	<p>19  <b>12 pm Mass</b>  <b>Choir rehearsal 7:00pm</b></p>	<p>20  <b>10 am Mass</b>            K of C Business Mtg. 7:30 pm, room 3&amp;4</p>	<p>21  <b>9 am Mass</b>  <b>Children's Christmas Party in the Parish Center at 7 pm</b></p>	<p>22            Confession 4-4:45pm            5 pm Mass            No Faith Formation  <b>Las Posadas 6 pm</b></p>
<p>23  <b>Mass: 9:30 am &amp; 12:30 pm in Spanish</b>  <b>No Faith Formation</b>            -----  <b>-December 30</b>  <b>No Faith Formation</b></p>	<p>24  <b>Christmas Eve</b>  <b>6pm Vigil Mass Bilingual</b>  <b>12 am Vigil Mass Bilingual</b>            Parish Offices Closed            -----  <b>December 31</b>            All Parish Offices Closed  <b>Vigil Mass Bilingual 7pm</b></p>	<p>25  <b>Christmas Day Mass</b>  <b>10 am in English</b>  <b>12:30 pm in Spanish</b>            Parish Offices Closed            -----  <b>January 1</b>  <b>10 am Mass</b>  <b>12:30 pm Spanish Mass</b></p>	<p>26            All Parish Offices Closed  <b>Building Closed</b></p>	<p>27            All Parish Offices Closed  <b>Building Closed</b>            -----  <b>BSA Troop Meeting rm 7&amp;8 at 7pm</b></p>	<p>28            All Parish Offices Closed  <b>Building Closed</b></p>	<p>29            Confession 4-4:45pm            5 pm Mass            No Faith Formation</p>