



# Marc James Dabal

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## **Marc James Dabal**

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**M**r. Marc James Dabal, aged 56, passed away on Thursday, December 31st peacefully at home in Argyle, TX.

Marc was born on February 14th, 1964 in Passaic, NJ as the second son to Robert Dabal and Gloria Klimaski Dabal. Marc is survived by his older brother, Gregory Dabal, of Mendham, NJ and his Mother, Gloria Klimaski Dabal, of Port St. Lucie, FL. Marc married Maryellen Lux of Clifton, NJ on October 16, 1988. They were married for 32 years and had the privilege of raising two daughters, Kim Dabal, aged 28, of Frisco, TX and Theresa Dabal, aged 24, of Grapevine, TX.

A mass will be held for Marc Dabal on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 10am at Good Shepherd Catholic Community at 1000 Tinker Rd, Colleyville, TX with Fr. Ronald Mohnickey presiding. The mass will be live streamed on the Good Shepherd Catholic Community Facebook page.

An additional mass will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2021 at 10am at St. Philip The Apostle Catholic Church on Valley Rd in Clifton, NJ. Fr. Joseph Farias will be presiding.

Due to COVID, a repast celebration in each state will take place at a later date. The family welcomes all who would like to celebrate, to join them online or in person at the masses.

Marc graduated from Clifton High School in 1982. He attended William Paterson College and later finished his Bachelor's Degree at Indiana Tech University. He was in the process of pursuing his Graduate Degree in Theology at the University of Dallas.

Marc started his career as a graphic designer for Reprotect, Inc. His career flourished as he contributed to the success of many companies, including, LP Thebault, Bowne & Co, Venture and Fiserv. His 19 years with Bowne & Co afforded he and his family the opportunity to live in other places, including Granger, IN and Southlake, TX.

He then followed his passion for theology and helping those in need by leaving the corporate



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world and joining Catholic Charities of Fort Worth as the Director of Parish Relations and Social Ministries. He was employed there for 2 ½ years.

When Marc put his mind to something, he gave 110%. Marc was best known for being first to step up and help others. He lit up every room he walked into. His spirit of adventure led him to be an explorer of food, hobbies and church/community activities. Marc had a gift for music, whether he was playing his guitar, singing or attending concerts of all genres of music. His other interests included the DFWBMW motorcycle club and Grace Garden.

Faith played an important role in Marc's life. He studied and achieved the role of Stephen Minister, and was in the process of becoming a Deacon in the Catholic church. He was also a Eucharistic minister and lector as well as involved in many other church committees. He was an amazing husband who put his wife first. He always made sure she was on board with his adventures and his thinking outside the box. He was born to be a father. He was deeply involved in his daughter's lives from attending school musical concerts and dance recitals, girl scout father/daughter weekends and being on the "chain gang" when his daughters cheered for football.

Marc is survived by his wife, Maryellen Dabal, and his daughters, Kim Dabal and Theresa Dabal. He is also survived by his mother, Gloria Klimaski Dabal of Port St. Lucie, FL and his older brother, Gregory Dabal, of Mendham, NJ.


In lieu of flowers, the family is suggesting a donation to Catholic Charities of Fort Worth at the following website: [www.catholiccharitiesfortworth.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesfortworth.org).

If you choose to make a donation, please mention in the comments section, "In Memory of Marc Dabal".

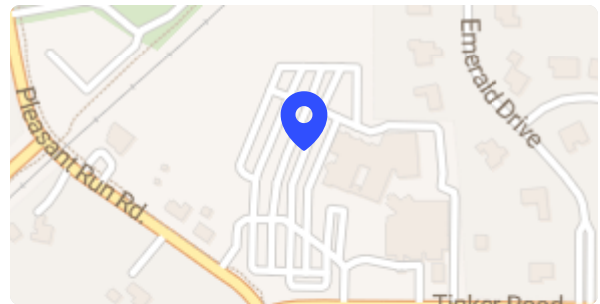


## Mass

 **Thursday**, January 14, 2021


 10:00 AM CT


 **Good Shepherd Catholic Community**  
1000 Tinker Rd, Colleyville TX 76034

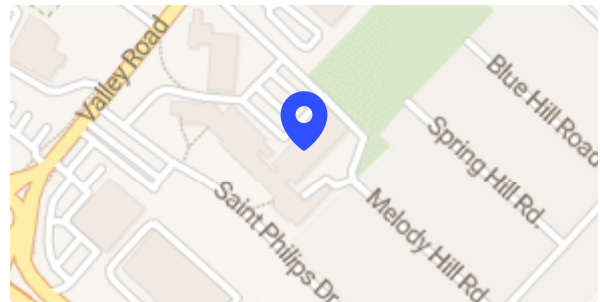


## Mass

 **Saturday**, February 6, 2021

 10:00 AM ET

 **St. Philip The Apostle Catholic Church**  
797 Valley Road, Clifton NJ 07013





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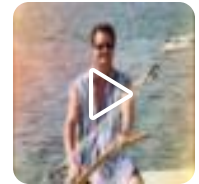
**Daniel Luby** posted:

Marc was a student in my systematic theology class and I had the privilege of serving as his academic advisor for his master's studies. I remember him as a thoughtful and diligent student, open to new perspectives, very respectful of his classmates even when their ideas differed, generous with praise and compassion. I met him in person (pre Covid) only after I'd taught him online. He wanted to meet face to face even though we could have handled registration and related matters online. He preferred a personal contact. I was delighted to find how warm and funny he was in person, and to experience more directly his deep faith. I'm sorry for this big loss for his family and friends. He'll be missed by his classmates and professors at the University of Dallas Neuhoff School of Ministry. Dan Luby

January 26 at 3:06 PM

DR

**Donnie Rozario** shared a video to the **Memories Album** album.



January 25 at 4:14 PM

AM

**Alma Miller** posted:

Will remember you were always supportive of our team and always showed up for our CCFW weekends no matter where they were in the Diocese. So glad we got to work with you. Will miss the dunkin donut coffee runs in between CCFW weekend mass services. You will be missed by all of your CCFW Family!

January 14 at 2:14 PM

DK

**Dan Kennedy** shared an album called **Memories Album**.



January 14 at 9:12 AM



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HM

**Hugh And Mary Mazzei** posted:

From Mary and Hugh to the Dabal family. We are with you at this time and share in your grief. The words Safe, Happy, Joy, Peace is what we felt when in Marc's presence. As a neighbor he was the best and a leader in joining all neighbors as a group. We are going to miss him. May God bless the Dabal Family.

January 14 at 6:20 AM

MC

**Margie Crossno** posted:

I met Marc & Maryellen in my daughter & son-in-laws home Later, Marc made several visits alone as he & Donny were into their music. They would head for the music room & you wouldn't see them for hours! They loved to record their music & I know those recordings are ever so special to Donny. Marc & Maryellen were both such delightful souls. I thought very highly of Marc. He treated me as I had known him for a long time & I'm thankful to have those fond memories. Also, Marc was a fan of some of Jessica's dishes that she would cook. She would cook some of them just for him when he came around. My heart breaks for Maryellen & her girls, but our God will see them thru this. I'm honored that these two came into my life. Prayers for the family. Margie Crossno

January 12 at 5:36 AM

GR

**George Rozario** posted:

I'm George Rozario all the way from India. My wife Margaret and I often visit the USA to see our sons Donnie and Timothy and their wives. During these visits, we had met Marc so many times. I clearly recall on December 1, 2018 (Saturday) after the Vigil Mass Donnie, his wife Jessica, Marc, and Maryellen, and Margaret and I went for dinner and called it the Advent dinner at Babes Chicken, what fun we had we had, he was such a kind soul. Another occasion that stands out in my mind is the three-day CRHP retreat at Brown Wood State Park in February 2019. As soon as Donnie and I arrived there on a Friday evening Marc came up to me and said "lets start with a hymn to Our Lady". I don't sing from music but I obliged him and sang Hail Mary, Gentle Woman accompanied by Marc and my son on guitars, Marc and the others there made me feel most welcome at the retreat... memories i will cherish forever. Our family has so many other wonderful memories of Marc in Jessica and Donnie's Home. I end with heartfelt condolences to you Maryellen and the girls on behalf of Margaret and myself. May our Dear Friend rest in peace with our Saviour in Heaven.

January 11 at 8:21 PM



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AK

**Astrid Kattwinkel** posted:

Dear MaryEllen, although not many at your young age are able to fully fathom what you are experiencing, I can understand a tiny bit, as I lost both of my parents to cancer. The bright side, if there was one, was truly comprehending the limited time we had left which allowed us to discuss things typically left unsaid and plan for the inevitable. The downside, of course, was witnessing a loved one's demise. My hope and prayer for you & the girls is that all of the wonderful, amazing memories you've created with Marc will soon replace any sad ones. You are in our hearts, Astrid Kattwinkel

January 10 at 9:43 AM

MN

**Michael Natoli** posted:

Marc and Maryellen will forever be in my heart. Both have made me a better person having met them as teenagers. The world is a better place because of both of you. Sending my deepest condolences and love to you and your beautiful family, Maryellen.

January 8 at 3:36 PM

PH

**Pamela Heckmann** January 8 at 8:22 PM

So very sorry to Maryellen family and friends Pamela Yuhas Heckmann

DB

**Diane Baumgartner** posted:

We didn't know Marc or his immediate family, but our Dad Vincent spent many fun times visiting with the family along with Marc's mom Gloria. Marc and his family treated Dad like one of their own - they can now shoot the breeze together in heaven. Our sincere condolences for this untimely loss.-- Diane & Gregg Baumgartner & Jane Kropiewnicki

January 7 at 7:28 AM

JF

**Joe Farias** posted:

Such a fine man. This news brings me back to the Pink Floyd Wall in "The Room" at St. Philip's. It was a great wall and I hope it's still there as a tribute to him. At the same time, his short life disproved an "unfulfilled life" but rather was a true "Journey to the Center of the Son," the center of the Son.

January 6 at 11:34 AM



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RY

**Rev. Dr. Rhonda Branch Yearby** posted:

Mark was so supportive of me and Tarrant Churches Together. He was a true advocate of supporting people in the community of having a better life. He will be missed by us all. RIP.

January 6 at 6:17 AM

AC

**Ashlee Cook** posted:

When I first met Marc I could tell immediately that he was "one of the good ones". I consider it an honor to have worked with him at Catholic Charities Fort Worth. Heaven sure did gain an amazing angel.

January 6 at 4:43 AM

CD

**Cindy Arthur (Doornheim)** posted:

I didn't know Marc but my daughter and Maryellen played together as little girls. I'm so sorry for her loss. Marc sounded like a beautiful human being.

January 5 at 6:49 PM

FM

**Fr. Jonathan Mcelhone, Tor** posted:

So sad to hear of Marc's passing. He was indeed a man filled with the light of Christ. Know of my prayers for the family during this time.

January 5 at 5:38 PM

LC

**Linda Chiappone** posted:

I'm one of the lucky few who grew up with Marc. Even as a child he was a bright light with talent, humor and faith. After he moved away, we saw each other sometimes in HS and College, but thanks to social media, I was able to see his beautiful family and share his accomplishments and passions in his later years. My prayers and thoughts are with the family at this difficult time. Marc's light is now shining above and I take comfort in knowing that...rest well my friend.

January 5 at 2:33 PM



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RC

**Ronna Huckaby-Catholic Charities** - lit a candle in honor of Marc.

I was impressed with Marc the first day I met him at Catholic Charities: A man of faith and passion. Thru the past couple of years, we had some great times at the office and staff happy hours. (he had great taste in beer!) I will always remember how he would make our team laugh: sharing music he liked -usually ones I had never heard of... and his trip to Mt Rushmore and his love for his family. He was a fun guy. We sang "Wagon Wheel" at a leadership meeting and I will always think of him when I hear that song. May our memories of this fine man bring a smile to our face and warmth to our heart. Thank you Marc--- I will miss you.



January 5 at 4:53 AM

RH

**Ronna Huckaby** January 5 at 4:54 AM

Ronna Huckaby

BM

**Bill Maher** posted:

The Maher Family is deeply sorry for your loss!

January 5 at 12:53 AM

DT

**Dave Torley** posted:

What can I say about my best friend of 50+ years? He was just an incredible being that genuinely loved life and adventure. A man who absolutely loved his family. A very funny, talented, and resourceful guy and very determined. I am blessed to have a lifetime of memories. I will miss you tremendously, my friend

January 4 at 4:57 PM



## Media

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Christ Be Our Light - Performed by Marc Dabal



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This selfie was taken the evening Fr Jason blessed Maryellen and Marc's apartment in Grapevine.



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Marc by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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