

# ST. GABRIEL PARISH BULLETIN, SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2016

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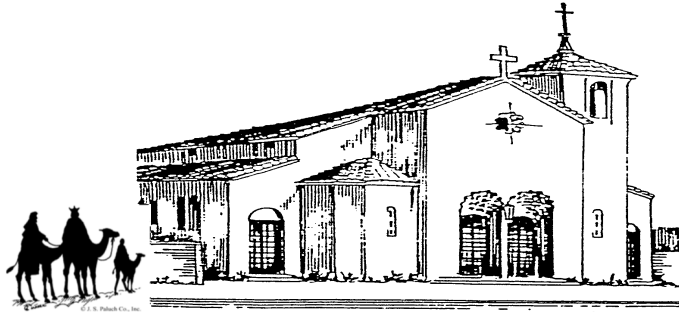
Mr. Rob Grant  
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Mr. John Hurst  
Music Minister [Sun. 10:00 am]

Mr. David Lorentz  
Music Minister [Sun. 5:30 pm]

Mrs. Nancy Porter  
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*THIS IS YOUR PARISH!!!*



### ST. GABRIEL PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

As a worshipping, believing, and caring community, St. Gabriel Parish participates in the mission of Jesus Christ, remembered most intensely at Sunday Assembly through proclamation of The Word and the sharing of the Eucharistic Meal. This Community so nourished lives its faith in prayer, education and outreach.

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Saturday Vigil Masses: 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM and 5:30 PM

Weekday Masses: 8:30 AM— Monday through Saturday

Communal Reconciliation Service: every first Saturday at 3:30 pm in the church with individual confession and absolution.

Individual Reconciliation (Confession): By appointment with any priest.

Infant Baptism: Please contact the Parish Center to schedule baptism preparation if needed. Baptism is administered any Sunday at 1:30 pm.

Marriage: Please contact the Parish Center at least six [6] months prior to the proposed wedding date.

First Communion, Sunday School, Adult Education, Anointing of the Sick, R.C.I.A., Confirmation: Please call 415-731-6161 for the proper director.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**JANUARY 3, 2016**  
**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**



**YEAR OF MERCY**

The Church is the “living sign” of God’s love and mercy in the world, Pope Francis said during his Wednesday general audience. He reflected on the universality of communion as demonstrated by the global scale of the Jubilee of Mercy.

“May this ecclesial communion become more and more intense, because the Church in the world is the living sign of the love and mercy of the Father,” the Pope said in his Dec. 16 catechesis.

This “mystery of communion,” which is a sign of the “Father’s love” for the Church, “grows and matures in our heart when love, which we recognize in Christ’s Cross and in which we immerse ourselves, causes us to love as we ourselves are loved by Him.”

“It is an endless Love, which has the face of forgiveness and mercy.”

The Jubilee of Mercy is an Extraordinary Holy Year that officially commenced Dec. 8 – the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – with the opening of the Holy Door in St. Peter’s Basilica. It will close Nov. 20, 2016 with the Solemnity of Christ the King.

Although the Jubilee of Mercy officially began last week, Pope Francis opened the Holy Door in the Basilica of Saint John Lateran this past Sunday.

During his Wednesday catechesis, the Pope noted how every Holy Door – or “door of Mercy” has been opened in the cathedrals of every dioceses worldwide, as well as in individual churches and shrines by the respective bishops.

He reiterated his desire for the Holy Door to be available at the local level, “in order that the Jubilee of Mercy may become a shared experience for every person.

By extending the celebration of the Jubilee of Mercy to all dioceses – here the Pope cited especially his opening of the Holy Door in Bangui, Central African Republic during his visit November – the Holy Year becomes a “visible sign of universal communion.”

—Vatican City, Dec 16, 2015 / 10:05 am



**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION**

Baptismal Preparation Classes are available in the Parish Center at St. Gabriel. Completion of class is required before a baptismal date can be scheduled. The first class for 2016 will be held on **Saturday, January 9th at 10:45 AM in the Parish Center.** Please reserve a space by calling 415-731-6161 or email: [secretary@sgparish.org](mailto:secretary@sgparish.org).

**READINGS, JANUARY 10, 2016**

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11;**

**Ps 29; or Ps 104;**

**Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7;**

**Lk 3:15-16, 21-22**



**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Over the next few weeks, if you were to stroll around Prague or Budapest or Kraków, you might see curious graffiti scratched in chalk over some doorways:

“**20 + C + M + B + 16.**” The families dwelling behind those doors

have celebrated the Epiphany door blessing. They have gathered before the feast-day meal, probably after Mass, and the head of the family has traced the sign of the cross on the piece of chalk. Standing on a ladder, the leader traces the numbers for the new year, and the letters C M B for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, Latin for “May Christ bless this house.” The letters also point to the names that tradition has assigned to the mysterious magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar—although scripture tells us nothing of their number, their country, or their names.

The blessing speaks of journeys ended and journeys begun at the doorway, and prays that all journeys be as satisfying as was the magi’s. It prays that the house beyond the door have the quality of love and peace that the magi marveled at when they at last arrived in Bethlehem. In some countries where the Soviet Union tried to impose a harsh atheism, the vigor of this household custom survived all efforts to erase Christian customs. In the years of struggle, the chalked blessings were a pervasive sign of defiance, and now in the light of new freedoms, they are a sign of the resilience of our tradition and the fulfillment of the magi’s quest for meaning and peace.

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**SANDWICH SUNDAY**

**This Sunday, January 3, 2016** is Sandwich Sunday. What better way to start the year by helping our less fortunate brothers and sisters. Please bring wrapped sandwiches for the needy. Members of St. Vincent de Paul Society will be outside church before and after the morning Masses to receive your donations. Please do your best to get your sandwiches in by 12:10 PM. Your generosity is always greatly appreciated. Cash donations are also welcome.



**EPIPHANY PRAYER**

**O God**

**Who by a star guided the wise men to the worship of Your Son**

**we pray You to lead to Yourself the wise and great of every land**

**that unto You every knee may bow, and every thought be brought into captivity Through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**



## ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL NEWS

### SCHOOL TOURS

Excellence in Education: Interested in enrolling your child at St. Gabriel in the Fall 2016? Learn about our school by taking a tour! See classes, computer lab, Science Discovery Center, kindergarten enrichment program, extended care facilities and more. Our next school tour is **Tuesday, January 12th at 8:30am**. Reservations are required and can be made by emailing the school at [sgs@stgabrielssf.com](mailto:sgs@stgabrielssf.com) or calling 415-566-0314. Information about St. Gabriel School is also available in the School Rack in the Church vestibule, on our website at [www.stgabrielssf.com](http://www.stgabrielssf.com), or by emailing or calling the school.

### KINDERGARTEN SCREENING FOR FALL, 2016

Screening for the Fall of 2016 kindergarten class begins this week. If you are interested in Kindergarten for the Fall of 2016 and have not yet picked up or turned in your application, please contact the school as soon as possible. You can visit us in person, or call 415-566-0314, or email us at [sgs@stgabrielssf.com](mailto:sgs@stgabrielssf.com).

### BACK TO SCHOOL

St. Gabriel School is on Christmas vacation and will return to class tomorrow, Monday, **January 4th, 2016**.



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our next parent meeting will be **Tuesday, January 26, 2016**. Your child will be receiving the **Sacrament of Reconciliation that evening at 7:00 PM in the Church**. Please call Nancy at 415-731-6161 or contact her via email at:

[dre@sgparish.org](mailto:dre@sgparish.org)

### ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL, 2015

As of November 19, 2015, we have received donations of **\$69,492.56 toward our goal of \$92,200**. This represents donations from 173 households and brings us to **75.5%** of our goal. We thank all of you who have contributed. There are envelopes in the Vestibule and Parish Center for your convenience.

### PLEASE PICK UP YOUR ENVELOPES!

You might have noticed you are out of envelopes. Donation envelopes for 2016 are available for pick-up at the Parish Center **Monday through Friday from 9am to 5pm, on Saturday & Sunday from 9am to 1pm**. **Envelopes for school parents have been dropped off at all of the classrooms and should have been brought home by now**. If you are a parent and did not receive envelopes, please call the Parish Center at 731-6161. Please give us a call at 415-731-6161 if you are homebound or unable to come by. We thank you for helping us to free up the space!



## FOR SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

In the coming week we ask your prayers for the following: Deanna Aguello, Clarita Alcala, Christina Anderson, Rosa Banzon, William Billanes, Austin Bolender, Aparacion Bonpin, Madeleine Bonpin, Marie Britto, Raymond Brown, Doris Dampulay, Jerry DeRyan, Kathleen Dillon, Greg Donohue, Mary Donohue, Maria Esain, Dionisio Espulgar, Fely Estonina Londonio, Mary Ellen Giraud, Lottie Gonzales, Purificacion (Nene) Hangad, Patricia Johnson, Angelina Kaposch, Phil Hons, Brady Kennedy, Lydia Labrado, Rafael Labutan, Shirley Latham, Mary Jae Leigh, Deborah Lennon, Khevan Lennon, Lawrence Madar, Melecio Martinez, William McKennett, Joan Miller, Winnie Mendoza, Joey Murdaca, Ann and Catherine Murphy, Helen "Mitsi" Okamoto, Joseph Pallela, Edith Parker, Jax Radloff, Joshua Ratliff, Jewell Rice, Marian Ritchie Lota Samson, Lee Chuan San, John Sheriff, Harry Sims, Alfredo Siy, Charlotte Stensvold, Joseph Sullivan, Alden Tatad, Josefina Tio, Dorothy Tompkins, Lloyd Velasquez, Carl Velleno, Chiara Vinzoni, Fr. Joe Walsh, Patricia West, and Richard Yan.

### CONFIRMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY RITE OF ENROLLMENT

The Rite of Enrollment Mass for all Confirmation candidates at St. Gabriel Parish will be on **Sunday, January 17, 2016 at the 5:30pm Youth Mass**. All are invited to attend.

### SAVE THE DATE

**YOUTH RETREAT WEEKEND**  
**ST. ANNE OF THE SUNSET CHURCH**  
**850 JUDAH STREET, SAN FRANCISCO**  
**Friday, January 15 to Sunday, January 17, 2016**

This is a Teen CORE TEAM Overnight Retreat for all high school students in San Francisco. Highlights include:

- Leadership ropes course in Lands End, SF
- Spiritual renewal and encounter with God in prayer
- Food, fellowship, and fun activities
- Inspiring witness talks and time for reflection
- Late-night entertainment, TBA
- Sleeping bag sleepover
- Sunday 9:00 AM Mass

Cost is \$80.00 per student, due with parental waiver by January 4, 2016. Contact Mark at: [youthminister@sgparish.org](mailto:youthminister@sgparish.org) for more information.



## MASS INTENTIONS JANUARY 4-10, 2016

Mon.	8:30 am	Alfredo Avera
Tues.	8:30 am	Mrs. Virginia Becerra
Wed.	8:30 am	Eugenia Sullivan
Thu.	8:30 am	Mary Foudy
Fri.	8:30 am	Ray and Francis Ritchie and Henrietta Hurley
Sat.	8:30 am	Kathleen McGee
	5:00 pm	Mary Ann Philpott
Sun	8:00 am	Patrick Deane
	10:00 am	Annie and Michael Cunningham
	12:00 am	Nancy Bowen
	5:30 pm	Mr. Donal Duffy & Family

## NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS JANUARY 9-10, 2016

5:00 PM	TBA
8:00 AM	TBA
10:00 AM	TBA
12:00 PM	TBA
5:30 PM	TBA

### HOLIDAY PUBLISHING DEADLINE

Due to the Christmas Holiday, JS Paluch had an early transmission date for the January 3rd, 2016 bulletin, so we are unable to print the Offerings for the weekend of December 19th & 20th. We will give you an update in next weekend's bulletin. As always, we thank you for your kindness and generosity.

### SAN DAMIANO RETREAT ENTER DANVILLE, CALIFORNIA HEALING AND WHOLENESS: TAMING THE DRAGON JANUARY 29-31, 2016



Anger often appears as a fiery dragon scorching everything in its path. We can see this not only on a personal level, but also on a societal one at this time in our history. And yet, anger can have a positive side. Come explore with us ways to tame the anger dragon so it works for our good and the good of the world. This Healing and Wholeness retreat will consist of presentation, quiet time, small group work and ritual. Presenters for this retreat are Carol Mitchell, Ph.D. and Tom Gorham, M.A., CADCII.

If you have any questions or would like to register online, please go to our website at:

www.sandamino.org  
Or by phone at: 925-837-0522

## LECTOR SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2016**  
5:00pm                      Cherrymae Jumoc

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2016**  
8:00am                      Monica Williams  
10:00am                     Debbie Montarano  
12:00pm                     Diane Lawrence  
5:00pm                      Vincent Garcia

## ST. GABRIEL CHURCH PARISH MINISTRIES & ACTIVITIES

**PRAYER GROUP:** The prayer group meets every Friday morning from 10 AM to 12 PM in the Quinn Center Chapel.

**SODALITY:** 1st Sunday of each month, 10:00 AM Mass.

**ULLOA SENIORS:** Every Wednesday at 1:30 PM in the Quinn Center. Refreshments and Bingo.

**LEGION OF MARY:** Meets in the Quinn Parish Center each Wednesday after the 8:30 AM Mass.

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA:** Meets every second Saturday at the Parish Center after the 8:30 AM Mass.

**RCIA:** If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or in completing initiation (First Eucharist or Confirmation) contact Matt Shea at 731-9918 for more information. Sessions begin in late September.

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Thursdays 7:30-9:00 PM in church.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:** On all Sundays except the 1st Sunday of the month. Starts in September. For more information, call Nancy Becerra @ 731-6161.

**YOUTH GROUP:** On the second and fourth Sunday after the 5:30 PM Mass in the Youth Room at Bedford Hall.

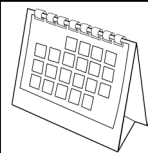
**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** 7:00 PM—8:30 PM first Monday of the month in the Quinn Center.

**ROSARY:** The Rosary is said every weekday after the 8:30 Mass

**YOUNG LADIES INSTITUTE: (YLI):** Meets the third Saturday of each month at 12 Noon for a bag lunch followed by a meeting in the Parish Center.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Facilitated by Fr. Donald Sharp, Bible Study meets each Friday morning, following Mass and will resume in the Parish Center on Friday, January 8th.

### 2016 CALENDARS



There are still some 2016 Calendars left and they can be picked up in the Parish Center during the week. We thank Duggan-Serra for providing these calendars to us each year. The calendars are beautiful and highlight the year of travels and ministry of Pope Francis.



*Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!  
Your light has come,  
The glory of the Lord shines upon you.*

—Isaiah 60:1