

ST. GABRIEL PARISH BULLETIN, SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017

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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.

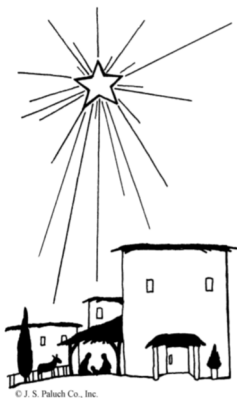
Welcome New Parishioners! Would you like to register in our parish or join our mailing list?
Please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket, or leave it at the Parish Center Office.

NAME: _____ HOME PHONE: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

JANUARY 8, 2017
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM

The unfolding of the story of the Incarnation continues today as the Church celebrates the Epiphany. The tale of the magi from the East is one of the most fascinating in all of scripture. It has much to teach us about what we can come to expect, even in circumstances and places that may seem insignificant or small. Bethlehem was a tiny town, what we might refer to today as a town without even one stop light. Yet it is over this seemingly insignificant place that the guiding star stops in its own

search for the place where the Savior would be born. Too often we fail to recognize the fact that the star of Bethlehem comes to rest in our everyday lives, where we can experience God's presence, manifested in ever new ways. Epiphany calls us to shake off our stupor and recognize the One who comes to save us.

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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
January 18 - 25, 2017

The Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins next week, on **Wednesday, January 18th**, and continues through **Wednesday, January 25th**. The theme for 2017 is *Reconciliation - The Love of Christ Compels Us* (2 Corinthians 5:14-20). Join with Christians around the world praying "that all may be one...that the world may believe" (John 17:21). For more resources and information, please visit geii.org



13TH ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST
Saturday, January 21, 2017
Civic Center Plaza, San Francisco

Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral
9:30 AM
"Silent No More" Awareness Campaign: 10:45 AM
Info Faire: 11:00 AM

WALK FOR LIFE MAIN EVENT

Rally begins at 12:30 PM and starts at Civic Center Plaza, walking down Market Street (2 miles). Ends at Justin Herman Plaza/Ferry Building. For more information and to register, call 415-658-1793 or email info@WalkforLifeWC.com or go to www.walkforlifewc.com

READINGS, JANUARY 15, 2017
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10;
I Cor 1:1-3;
Jn 1:29-34

DIACONATE FORMATION
INFORMATIONAL EVENINGS

The Office of Formation for the Permanent Diaconate will hold Informational Evenings for men considering the possibility of serving the Church as Permanent Deacons. The Program Director, Fr. Michael Sweeney, O.P., and Patricia Jameson, Program Coordinator, will discuss the ministry of the Deacon of the Church, the Formation Program and the application process. Single and married men between the ages of 30 and 60 may apply for the program and are invited to the evening. However, married applicants need the complete support of their wives in order to pursue the program: therefore, wives are encouraged to attend. Meetings are as follows:

Tuesday, January 10, 2017
Our Lady of Mercy, Daly City

Thursday, January 12, 2017
Saint Anselm Church, San Rafael

Tuesday, January 17, 2017
Saint Mary Cathedral, San Francisco
All meeting times are from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

For more information, please contact the Diaconate Formation Office at 415-614-5531.

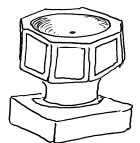
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This year, in the United States the celebration of the Epiphany falls on January 8, but the traditional date for the Epiphany is January 6. The date we know as January 6 was established as the solstice in Egypt in 1996 BC, but the Egyptian calendar lost a full day every 128 years. Twenty centuries later the actual solstice had migrated to December 25. People still kept January 6 for the solstice celebration, but December 25, matching nicely with the Roman pagan feast of the Unconquered Sun, launched an extended solstice holiday. By the time of the early church, the whole period of twelve days was celebrated just about everywhere.

Christians began to celebrate Christ as the true light of the world in four themes: the Nativity, the manifestation to the Gentiles, the baptism of the Lord, and the wedding feast at Cana. That was entirely too much for one day to handle. A twelve-day season was ready to be adapted, so Christians borrowed from the pagan calendar for their own season of light. Thus early Christian celebrations of the Christmas season extended from one date for the solstice, December 25, to the older date, January 6. The darkest time in the Northern Hemisphere could now be filled with the Christian observance of the arrival of the Light of the World.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

BAPTISMAL
PREPARATION CLASS



Baptismal preparation classes are scheduled once a month in the Parish Center at St. Gabriel. Completion of class is required before a baptismal date can be scheduled. The next class will be held on **Saturday, January 14, 2017 at 10:45 AM**. You must register by emailing Luana at secretary@sgparish.org or calling the Parish Center at 415-731-6161.



ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL NEWS

KINDERGARTEN SCREENING UNDERWAY

Kindergarten screening is underway. If you are interested in kindergarten for the Fall of 2017, please contact the school as soon as possible. Applications for grades 1-8 for Fall 2017 are due Friday, January 27, 2017. If you have not yet turned in your application, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

The St. Gabriel School Alumni Association will be holding a board meeting this **Wednesday, January 11, 2017**. Alumni interested in learning more about the Association are invited to attend. Please email Alumni Coordinator, Georgia Wasley, at alumni@stgabrielstf.com for more information or to RSVP.



SAVE THE DATE - CRAB DINNER DANCE

Save the date - **February 25, 2017** - for the St. Gabriel Parent's Organization Crab Dinner Dance. The event is from 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM and is for

adults only. Watch for reservation details in January or go to the SGPO website (sgsparents.com) for more information. For questions, call the school at 415-566-0314.



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HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED PERSONAL LOSS?

Have you experienced the death of a loved one? Are you going through a divorce or have you lost your job? St. Gabriel is starting a Grief Support Group every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, beginning on **Wednesday, January 11, 2017 from 7:00 - 8:30 PM** in the Parish Center. It will be a time for prayers and support. Please call Sr. Bernadette Hart at 415-731-6161 if you have any questions. No registration required. *(In the previous 2 bulletins, the dates for this group meeting were originally scheduled for every 2nd and 4th Thursday, but have been adjusted due to schedule conflicts since then. We apologize for any confusion.)*



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY/PRAYER GROUP

The next women's bible prayer group meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 17, 2017** at the Parish Center from 12:00 - 1:00 PM. If you have any questions, please call Sr. Bernie at 415-731-6161. All are welcome!

2016 TAX REPORTS

If you would like a report of your donations to St. Gabriel for tax filing purposes for tax year 2016, you must request one. Please call the office at 415-71-6161 to arrange to have one sent to you. Due to the large volume of calls, please allow one week for your request to be processed. We will need your name, address, and phone number. It will also be helpful if you can provide your envelope number.



FOR SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

In the coming week we ask your prayers for the following: Deanna Aguello, Doreen Aguirre, Clarita Alcalá, Ligaya Alejandrino, Christina Anderson, Rosa Banzon, Pauline Bassi, William Billanes, Austin Bolender, Aparacion Bonpin, Madeleine Bonpin, Pauline Boffi, Marie Britto, Steven Boteilho, Ellen Brown, Irene Casserly, Billfield Cheng, Raphaela Cheng-Chu, Mary B. Chien, Mario Conti, Doris Dampulay, Jerry DeRyan, Greg, Mary & Joanne Donohue, Maria Esain, Dionisio Espulgar, Daniel Fingal-Surma, Fely Estonina Londonio, Mary Ellen Giraud, Donald Glickman, Lottie Gonzales, Purificacion (Nene) Hangad, Patricia Johnson, Angelina Kaprosch, Phil Hons, Brady Kennedy, Lydia Labrado, Rafael Labutan, Shirley Latham, Mary Jae Leigh, Deborah Lennon, Khevan Lennon, Lawrence Madar, Remy Marciales, Melecio Martinez, William McKennett, Joan Miller, Sheila Moynihan, Joey Murdaca, Ann and Catherine Murphy, Helen "Mitsi" Okamoto, Joseph Pallela, Edith Parker, Charlie Paulson, Jake Prado, Jax Radloff, Mary Rasmussen, Joshua Ratliff, Jewell Rice, Marian Ritchie, Bill Robles, Lota Samson, Lee Chuan San, Annie Santos, John Sheriff, Harry Sims, Alfredo Siy, Charlotte Stensvold, Linda Taganap, Alden Tatad, Josefina Tio, Dorothy Tompkins, Dorenda Uy, Isagani Valdeleon, Lloyd Velasquez, Carl Velleno, Chiara Vinzoni, Fr. Joe Walsh, Patricia West, Guy Worth, and Richard Yan.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

January 8, 2017 Religious Education Classes
January 22, 2017 Religious Education Classes
January 29, 2017 Religious Education Classes

FIRST COMMUNION

Chapter One in your Communion book is due on **Tuesday, January 17th**.



CONFIRMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

The next Confirmation Preparation Session and Youth Mass is today, **January 8th from 3:30 - 6:30 PM**. Please meet in the Multi-purpose Room.

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2016

As of January 2, 2017 a total of \$99,266.00 was collected towards our goal of \$106,012.00 for the 2016 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal, which still leaves us with a deficit of \$6,746.00. The \$99,266.00 collected represents donations from 200 donors out of over 1300 registered parishioners. With the understanding that these are difficult times for many, we sincerely thank all of those who contributed so generously.

TRUE HAPPINESS

Abandon yourself utterly for the love of God, and in this way you will become truly happy.

—Blessed Henry Suso


MASS INTENTIONS JANUARY 9 - 15, 2017

Mon.	8:30 am	Emily Sabath (L)
Tues.	8:30 am	Seamus Carolan
Wed.	8:30 am	Pierre Ourtiague
Thurs.	8:30 am	Seamus Carolan
Fri.	8:30 am	Pierre Ourtiague
Sat.	8:30 am	Joaquin Gotera, Sr. & Flora Gotera
	5:00 pm	Elma Lorico Desuyo
Sun.	8:00 am	For the Parishioners
	10:00 am	Seamus Carolan
	12:00 pm	Lois Feeney (L)
	5:30 pm	Dolores Murphy

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS January 14 - 15, 2017

5:00 PM	Fr. Tom Hamilton
8:00 AM	Fr. Tom Hamilton
10:00 AM	Fr. Tom Hamilton
12:00 PM	Fr. Tom Hamilton
5:30 PM	Fr. Tom Hamilton

Your Envelope Counts

	SUNDAY Jan. 1, 2017	SAME SUNDAY Last Year
Total from Envelopes	\$5,436.00	\$6,801.00
Loose	\$965.48	\$1,396.30
Total Collection	\$6,401.48	\$8,197.30
\$1—\$4.99	7	14
\$5—\$9.99	13	25
\$10—\$19.99	33	47
\$20—\$24.99	31	37
\$25 and over	82	111
No. of envelope Users	166	234
Average Per Envelope	\$32.75	\$29.06



Many thanks to the Community of St. Gabriel for your generous contributions of \$23,377.00 for our Christmas Offerings (as of January 1, 2017).

LECTOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, January 14, 2017
5:00pm Ed Sullivan

SUNDAY, January 15, 2017
8:00am Sondra Banzon
10:00am Debbie Montarano
12:00pm Charles Rinaldi
5:30pm Vincent Garcia

PRIEST DISCERNMENT RETREAT

January 27 - 29, 2017

St. Patrick's Seminary

320 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park

St. Patrick's Seminary is hosting its annual discernment retreat for men who are interested in exploring the vocation to the priesthood. The retreat includes time to meet men already studying to be priests, listen to the experience of their call to the priesthood, and see what life is like at the seminary. The retreat is open to young men over 18 years of age, and is free. For more information or to register for the retreat, please contact the Director of Vocations, Fr. David Schunk at 415-614-5684 or vocations@sfarch.org

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.

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.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION: First Saturday Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima starts after the 8:30 AM Mass. Novena, prayers and rosary followed by Holy Hour and Benediction.

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.

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

SELFLESSNESS REWARDED

Help another's boat across, and lo!
thine own has reached the shore.

—Old Hindu proverb