

ST. GABRIEL PARISH BULLETIN, SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2016

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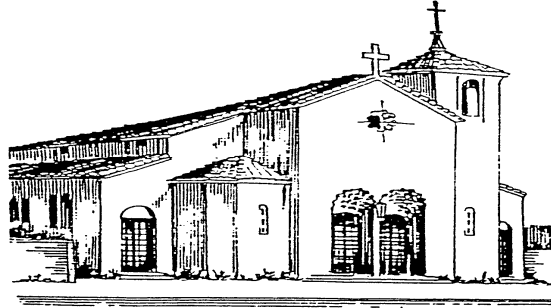
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THIS IS YOUR PARISH!!!



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 10, 2016
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



MANIFESTING THE SPIRIT

The Christmas season closes this Sunday with the Baptism of the Lord. This feast is a sister to last week's feast of the Epiphany. Each of them celebrates an "epiphany," or a manifestation of the Spirit of God in Jesus—first in his birth, and now at his baptism.

The divine Spirit is manifested in all of the scriptures for this feast. Psalm 104 highlights the Spirit of God creating and renewing the earth, while the reading from Isaiah describes God restoring Israel. In Luke's account of the baptism of the Lord the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus. And the letter to Titus reminds us that the Holy Spirit was "richly poured out" on us also, through the "bath of rebirth" (Titus 3:5, 6).

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VOCATION CROSS PROGRAM

The Vocations Committee would like to thank **Alpina Chilton and family** for being the guardians of the cross for the month of December, 2015. For the month of January, 2016, the cross will be in the home of **Dave and Ellen Torkelson Family**. They will receive the cross at the 10:00 AM Mass this Sunday. Each month, we will invite a parishioner or family to receive this special cross, and pray each day the *Prayer for Vocations* that is attached to the cross and we encourage all parishioners to pray for vocations on a regular basis. If you would like to take part in this program, contact Mary Fogarty at 415-681-7286, or email her at: mary.fogarty@philips.com

PRIEST CONVOCATION

The Archbishop is gathering all priests in active ministry in the Archdiocese of San Francisco Tuesday through Friday, January 12th-15th. On Wednesday and Thursday Sr. Bernie will lead a prayer service at 8:30 am in the church which will include the distribution of Holy Communion. Please pray for the priests gathered for this time of prayer and on-going formation. The regular 8:30 am Mass will be celebrated on Monday, Tuesday and Friday.

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, February 13th at 10:45 AM in the Parish Center**. Please reserve a space by calling 415-731-6161 or email: secretary@sgparish.org.

READINGS, JANUARY 17, 2016
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Is 62:1-5; Ps 96;
1 Cor 12:4-11;
Jn 2:1-11

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Merry Christmas! Share that cheerful greeting with some folks today. They may wonder if you have had any Elvis sightings lately, attended Star Trek conventions, or were Cleopatra in a previous lifetime. Despite the skeptics, today is solidly within the Christmas season. In fact, in some strands of the Christian tradition it represents the clearest manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation. On Christmas Day, for example, the Gospel reading is the Prologue of John's Gospel, which reveals the glory of Christ shining through our humanity precisely in his baptism.

At any rate, this is an ancient feast, celebrated first in Egypt sixteen centuries ago. More than most other ancient people, the Egyptians understood the life-giving properties of water. On this day, they drew water from the Nile, so central in the history of their people, and reserved it in honor. Many other places copied the custom, so that St. John Chrysostom wrote of people in Antioch gathering at midnight to collect flowing water into vessels they brought from home since "today there is a blessing on the water." At home for dinner tonight, decorate the table with beautiful bowls of water and white candles, toast one another with goblets of sparkling water, and light a Christmas candle in the window one last time.

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

WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
January 18th-25th, 2016

Begun in 1908, the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* is celebrated each year in cities and towns across the country and around the world.

The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins next week, on **Monday, January 18th, and continues through Monday, January 25th**. The theme for 2016 is *Called to Proclaim the Mighty Acts of the Lord*. (cf. 1 Peter 2:9) Use the Daily Scripture and Prayer Guide to join with Christians around the world praying "that all may be one... that the world may believe" (John 17:21). Plan to join with members of other Christian churches and communities in our area for the following special observances... There will be prayer cards for your convenience next weekend.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!!

The Saint Gabriel Parish Council is compiling a DVD to commemorate the Parish's 75th Anniversary and we need your help! We are looking for old films, videos, photos, slides and newspaper articles of the Parish - Weddings, Baptisms, First Holy Communions, graduations, Parish celebrations, special events, etc. Please rummage through those boxes in your garage and see what treasures you can uncover. We are looking for the early days of the Parish right up to today. If you have any photos, videos or mementos from the "Hardware Store Parishioners" that would be fantastic! Please drop them off at the Parish Center with your name, address and phone number. If possible we will convert them to digital for you. We must have all submissions by the end of May to complete the DVD in time for our celebrations on the weekend of September 24th and 25th, 2016. Please respond soon. Thank you!



ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL NEWS

FINAL SCHOOL TOURS/ APPLICATIONS DUE

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. There are two remaining tours: **Tuesday, January 12th and Tuesday, January 26th both at 8:30am.** Reservations are required and can be made by emailing the school at sgs@stgabrielsf.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.stgabrielsf.com, or by emailing or calling the school.

Kindergarten screening is underway. If you are interested in kindergarten for Fall 2016, please contact the school as soon as possible. Applications for grades 1-7 for Fall 2016 are due **Wednesday, January 27th.** 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 **Thursday, January 14th.** Alumni interested in learning more about the Association are invited to attend. Please email Alumni Coordinator, Georgia Wasley, at alumni@stgabrielsf.com for more information or to RSVP.

SAVE THE DATE – CASINO NIGHT

Save the Date - February 27, 2016 for the SGPO Casino Night! The annual Crab Dinner and Dance has been cancelled due to the indefinite closure of the crab season. A Casino Night is being planned in its place. More information will follow in the next few weeks!

GABRIEL'S TRUMPET

The Fall 2015 issue of our school newsletter, *Gabriel's Trumpet*, was mailed and is available in the school rack of the church vestibule. If you know someone who would like to receive it, please send the address to the School Development Office (email: sgs@stgabrielsf.com).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes resume January 10, 2016. No class on Sunday, January 17, 2016 (Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday), and no class on Sunday, January 24, 2016. Last class for January will be Sunday, January 31, 2016. We celebrate Catholic Schools Week starting Sunday, January 31st through Saturday, February 6th.

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM

The first chapter in the Eucharist Book is to be turned in on Tuesday, January 19th.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Church.

We would like to say a big thank you to all students who participated in the Christmas Eve Family Mass. You did a great job!



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 Confirmation program of St. Gabriel has its fourth session on Sunday, January 17th, 2016 from 2:30pm-6:30pm.

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.

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 11, 2016.** Contact Mark at: youthminister@sgparish.org for more information.

HURTFUL SIN

Sin is not hurtful because it is forbidden,
but it is forbidden because it is hurtful.

—Benjamin Franklin


MASS INTENTIONS JANUARY 11-17, 2016

Mon.	8:30 am	Timothy Mullane
Tues.	8:30 am	Bea Sullivan (L)
Wed.	8:30 am	Communion Service
Thu.	8:30 am	Communion Service
Fri.	8:30 am	Thomas Corsiglia
Sat.	8:30 am	Jack Grealish
	5:00 pm	John Purcell
Sun	8:00 am	Claire Holl
	10:00 am	Deacon Thomas Reardon
	12:00 am	Michael & Mary McCarthy
	5:30 pm	Bernardo DaSilva

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS JANUARY 16-17, 2016

5:00 PM	Fr. Greg Heidenblut
8:00 AM	Fr. David Schunk
10:00 AM	Fr. David Schunk
12:00 PM	Fr. Tom Hamilton
5:30 PM	Fr. Greg Heidenblut

Your Envelope Counts

	SUNDAY Jan. 3, 2016	SAME SUNDAY 2015
Total from Envelopes	\$6,801.00	\$8,778.00
Loose	\$1,396.30	\$1,304.50
<u>Total Collection</u>	<u>\$8,197.30</u>	<u>\$10,082.50</u>
\$1—\$4.99	14	N/A
\$5—\$9.99	25	N/A
\$10—\$19.99	47	N/A
\$20—\$24.99	37	N/A
\$25 and over	111	N/A
No. of envelope Users	234	284
Average Per Envelope	\$29.06	\$30.91

LECTOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2016
5:00pm Linda Clardy

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2016
8:00am Sondra Banzon
10:00am Nate Paluga
12:00pm Charles Rinaldi
5:30pm YOUTH MASS

ST. PATRICKS SEMINARY AND UNIVERSITY SPECIAL COLLECTION, SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2016

For well over a century, St. Patrick's Seminary and University, the seminary for the Archdiocese of San Francisco, has devoted itself to the ministry of priestly formation, preparing seminarians for ordination and supporting the continuing growth of priests already ordained. Tuition, room and board pays for approximately half of the cost of educating a seminarian. Your donation will help fund our core program of academic, spiritual, human, and pastoral formation of priests. There will be envelopes in the pews next weekend for your convenience.

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 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. **Please give us a call at 415-731-6161 if you are homebound or unable to come by and we will be happy to mail your envelopes to you. We are in the process of mailing out active donor envelopes.**

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS OFFERINGS, 2015



Many thanks to the Community of St. Gabriel for your generous contributions of \$31,378.00 for your Christmas Offerings. (As of January 10, 2016).

DECEMBER, 2015 COLLECTIONS

Due to early publishing deadlines, we are now reporting the collections for December 20th and December 27th, 2015.

Sunday, December 20, 2015
Total Collection: \$10,254.50

Sunday, December 27, 2015
Total Collection: \$9,837.80

ARCHBISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL, 2015

As of January 7, 2016, 220 donors have contributed a total of \$115,827.56 to the Annual Appeal which is 126% of our goal of \$97,000.00. A HUGE thank you to all who contributed so generously. Those funds of \$23,627.56 collected over and above our goal will remain in St. Gabriel Parish to support ongoing funds and projects.