

ST. GABRIEL PARISH BULLETIN, SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2016

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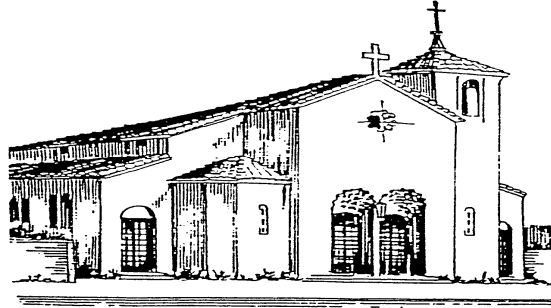
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Music Minister [Sun. 10:00 am]
Mr. David Lorentz
Music Minister [Sun. 5:30 pm]
Mrs. Nancy Porter
Wedding Rehearsal Coordinator

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 17, 2016
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SURPRISES

Life is full of surprises, some pleasant, some not. The scriptures are filled with stories of God's surprises cropping up when they are least expected: younger children obtaining the inheritance; the lowliest being seated highest up; an itinerant preacher, killed like a criminal, exalted to eternal, heavenly glory.

Anybody who has planned a wedding or similar event knows that they are filled with opportunities for surprises. For the bridegroom in today's Gospel story, who has no direct contact with Jesus, the pleasant surprise came because somebody else paid attention and had faith in Jesus.

We may think that the point of today's familiar story of the wedding at Cana is that when we have faith in Jesus, our lives will be pleasantly changed. A Christian, however, needs to have a broader perspective and realize that to have faith in Christ means that somebody's life—*not necessarily our own*—will be surprised for the better.
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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
PARISH CENTER CLOSED



The St. Gabriel Parish Center will be closed for official business tomorrow, **Monday, January 18th** in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

A New Year brings with it changes and transitions, and so it is in the life of our parish. We welcome new additions to our community of faith and we wish God's choicest blessings to those called forth from us to other paths of life.

We welcome a new parish secretary to our staff and parish - LUANA LETELE has joined us. Luana comes to us from our neighboring parish St. Cecilia. After six years as a part-time staffer there, Luana comes to us with a great deal of experience in parish administration and a wonderful pastoral spirit. Do drop by some time and welcome her.

Our parish secretary of eight years, PAT BULEY, is retiring to pursue other interests. We wish you every blessing, Pat. We thank her for her devoted service to our community, we pray she will "stay close", remembering us in prayer as well. Please join me in expressing our gratitude and love to Pat...she plans to leave by the end of January.

May God's blessings rest with both of these women of service, you are a blessing for us!
In Christ our Hope,

Father Tom

READINGS, JANUARY 24, 2016
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19
1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27];

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Although our tradition carries a long memory of marriage as a sacrament, it may surprise you to learn that for nearly eleven centuries, there was no single wedding ceremony approved for use in the Church. While we have evidence of priests blessing marriages as early as the second century, in the early period church leaders relied on civil authorities to manage marriage for everyone in society. In most cases, society yielded its authority to sanction marriage to the male heads of households.

From ancient times, marriage had been a family affair, managed by the father of the family, who acted as priest and guardian of family tradition. Each head wanted to keep the family gods alive, and so he would arrange for brides for his sons, paying a "bride price" as compensation for the loss of a skilled household worker. As creepy as that sounds, it was a step up from the kidnapping practice of earlier years. Even after the kidnapping raids stopped, the customs remained. Every wedding contained the ritualized kidnapping of the bride, the husband abducting his bride from the festivities, carrying her over the threshold to prevent her father's gods from following her into her new religion. There, he fed her a piece of "sacred cake," initiating her into a new way of life. It's fascinating to see how customs endure, long after we have completely rejected the values and attitudes they originally expressed!

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12TH ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE
SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2016

Walk for Life Mass
9:30 AM - St. Mary's Cathedral

Silent No More Awareness Campaign
10:45 AM - 12:15 PM Civic Center Plaza

Walk for Life Info Faire
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Civic Center Plaza

Walk for Life Main Event/Rally
12:30 - 1:30 PM Civic Center Plaza
Walk starts down Market Street to Justin Herman Plaza at 1:30 PM

For more information on these events, visit the website:
www.walkforlifewc.com



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

The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins tomorrow, **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 special observances. There are prayer cards in the pews for your convenience.



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. The final school tour for this year is **Tuesday, January 26th** 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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK ACTIVITIES

In January, we celebrate Catholic education. We begin this year's celebration on **Sunday, January 24th** with mass at 10:00am prepared by the 3rd grade classes. We also invite you to drop by the school for a mini Open House on **Tuesday, January 26th** from 8:15am to 10:00am to view our 6th grade Science Fair Projects. Students will be on hand to talk about their projects with local high school administrators, teachers and students who will be the judges of our fair. Winners will go on to the citywide Science Fair at the Randall Museum.

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! News to come also regarding the annual St. Gabriel Parent Organization raffle.

CONFIRMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

The Confirmation program of St. Gabriel has its fourth session, today, **Sunday, January 17th, 2016** from 2:30pm-6:30pm. The Rite of Enrollment Mass for all Confirmation candidates at St. Gabriel Parish will be today, **Sunday, January 17th, 2016** at 5:30pm during the Youth Mass. All are invited to attend.

YOUTH MINISTRY SUB SALE RESULTS

Youth Ministry sponsored a sub sale after all the Masses on December, 20th 2016. Braving inclement weather and Christmas approaching, we were able to make \$150 profit. This money will go towards the furnishings of the youth room overlooking Bedford Hall. Many of you contributed without taking a sub. Subs that were sold and not taken, along with the leftovers, were donated on behalf of the parishioners of St. Gabriel to the St. Anthony of Padua Parish Meal Program, which serves free meals six days a week. A volunteer of the program thanked us for the contribution and said it was greatly needed. Thanks to all who contributed their time, talent and treasure to the Youth Ministry Sub Sale!



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, Richard Yan and especially for Joseph T. Adams.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

January 17, 2016	No Classes
January 24, 2016	No Classes
January 31, 2016	Religious Education Classes
February 7, 2016	No Classes
February 21, 2016	Religious Education Classes
February 28, 2016	Religious Education Classes

SHIELD THE VULNERABLE

All students in grades 4th through 8th need to complete the online course and send in a copy of the certificate of completion. Please have them in by **January 31st**. If you have not completed the course, log on at www.shieldthevulnerable.org

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM

All of the new Eucharist Books have been handed out. If you did not receive yours please notify Nancy Becerra at 415-731-6161. First Chapters need to be completed and turned in on **January 19th**.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held on Tuesday, **January 26th** at 7:00 PM in the Church. Please arrive with your child at 6:45 PM and bring them to the school Library.

MONTHLY BIBLE PRAYER GROUP

A group of women is meeting in the Parish Center on the first Tuesday of the month (in April, 2nd Tuesday) from 12:00 – 1:00 pm. We are using the Women of Faith Study Bible as our starting place and will have extra copies available. If you are interested in joining us please call Sr. Bernie at the Parish Center - 415-731-6161. The next session is **February 2nd**. All are welcome!




MASS INTENTIONS JANUARY 18-24, 2016

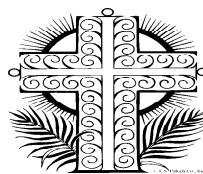
Mon.	8:30 am	Mary Bloechl and Family(L)
Tues.	8:30 am	Patricia McGrorey
Wed.	8:30 am	Susan Bowyer (L)
Thu.	8:30 am	Dionisio Espulgar Jr.
Fri.	8:30 am	Fausto Reyes
Sat.	8:30 am	Teodulo Panganiban
	5:00 pm	John O'Connell & Michael Durkan
Sun	8:00 am	Jimmy McManus
	10:00 am	Mary Ann Philpott
	12:00 am	Bridie Gerrard
	5:30 pm	John Purcell

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS JANUARY 23-24, 2016

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

Your Envelope Counts

	SUNDAY Jan. 10, 2016	SAME SUNDAY 2015
Total from Envelopes	\$7,592.50	\$7083.85
Loose	\$1,324.56	\$1,391.97
<u>Total Collection</u>	<u>\$8,917.06</u>	<u>\$8475.82</u>
\$1—\$4.99	8	N/A
\$5—\$9.99	25	N/A
\$10—\$19.99	48	N/A
\$20—\$24.99	44	N/A
\$25 and over	116	N/A
No. of envelope Users	241	273
Average Per Envelope	\$31.50	\$25.95



REST IN PEACE

**LUZ ELOWER
MARGE WHITE**

LECTOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2016
5:00pm Brenda Peralta

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2016
8:00am Michael O'Loughlin
10:00am Nora Kury
12:00pm Allenda Simpson
5:30pm Alex Petrilli

DISASTER RELIEF SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY

Due to the expectations of increased numbers and devastation from natural disasters, a special collection will take place today to fund disaster relief through Catholic Charities, Inc., the domestic social service arm of the US Catholic Church. The funds collected in this one-time special appeal for the 2015-2016 storms and other natural disasters will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA. Please give this collection your prayerful consideration. For more information, please go to USCCB.org and CatholicCharities.org.

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 for your convenience.

ENVELOPES HAVE BEEN MAILED!

All remaining offering envelopes have been mailed. If you have not received your envelopes, please give the Parish Center a call at 415-731-6161.

2015 TAX REPORTS



If you would like a report of your donations to St. Gabriel's for tax filing purposes for tax year 2015, **you must request one.** Please call the office at 731-6161 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.