

ST. GABRIEL PARISH BULLETIN, SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017

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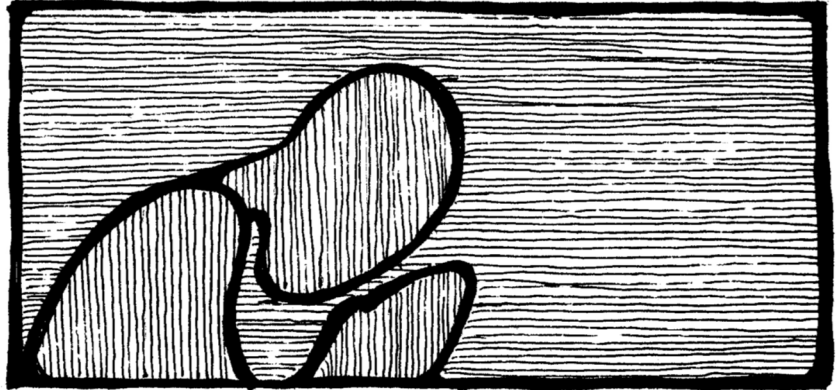
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ST. GABRIEL PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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: _____

MARCH 5, 2017
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



**STRENGTH AGAINST
TEMPTATION**

The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life's difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation.

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**PARISH DIRECTORY
TIME IS RUNNING OUT**

St. Gabriel is creating an updated community directory! Our last photography session will be in the week of **March 28th. Everyone who is photographed receives a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a St. Gabriel Community Directory.** We hope to capture all your smiling faces! Please make a photography appointment as soon as possible. Go to www.sgparish.org and click on the appropriate link in the Parish News section. Make your reservation now to get your preferred time! Please contact Luana at the Parish Center with any questions or if you need help making an appointment. If you would like your address or phone number omitted from the new Parish Directory listing, please let us know by April 5th.

**LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE FOR
ST. PATRICK'S DAY, MARCH 17, 2017**

The Feast of St. Patrick is a Solemnity within the Archdiocese of San Francisco (since Patrick is the Principal Co-Patron of the Archdiocese). March 17, 2017 is a Friday. While normally Lenten observance requires abstinence from meat on the Fridays of Lent, canon law includes the exception: "unless a solemnity should fall on a Friday" (Canon 1251); therefore, within the bounds of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, the faithful are not required to abstain from meat on March 17, 2017.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY/PRAYER GROUP

The next women's bible prayer group meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 7, 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!

READINGS, MARCH 12, 2017
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
2 Tm 1:8b-10;
Mt 17:1-9



**SCHEDULED LENTEN
DEVOTIONS & EVENTS
AT ST. GABRIEL CHURCH**

EVENING MASS

6:00 PM Mass Monday through Friday*
(*Weekday, 8:30 AM Mass Schedule remains the same)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday morning following the 8:30 AM Mass

LENTEN REFLECTION

This year's Lenten reflections will focus on the Last Words of Jesus using the materials by Bishop Robert Barron. There will be two sessions - one in March and the second in April with a morning and evening session each time.

The first session will be on **Tuesday, March 7th** and will be on the first Word—"Father, Forgive Them for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).

The second session will be on **Tuesday, April 4th** and will be on the second Word—"Amen I say to you today you will be with me in Paradise" Luke 23:43.

There will be a session following the 8:30 AM Mass on both days and another following the 6:00 PM Mass. The evening session will begin around 6:30 PM with a simple soup and salad supper.

Please let the Parish Center know if you are attending the evening session in order for us to prepare enough soup.

Watch the bulletin for more details.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent years, there has been a resurgence of interest in various forms of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Some people suggest that this recovers an ancient tradition in the church, when in fact the practice belongs to a later time. The custom of showing the consecrated host to the people, encased in a vessel called a monstrance, developed in a period of history when even very pious people received Communion only rarely. The opportunity to see the host raised high above the head of the priest at Mass, or to see the host exposed outside of Mass, was thought by many to be a form of spiritual Communion. Without question, our Catholic practice of reserving the consecrated host both for adoration and Communion of the sick and dying is a cherished tradition.

Over the next few weeks, we'll look at how these traditions developed and how the Church envisions reservation and adoration today. We do this by the light of the liturgical reforms that have restored a heightened appreciation for how receiving the Body and Blood of Christ is central to our worship. "Perpetual Adoration," "Reservation," "Benediction," and "Reposition" are all part of the Catholic vocabulary. Often the terms are misused, and a tangled history—as well as widely varying practices in our parishes—adds to the confusion. Many Catholics today have never participated in Benediction, or even spent time in adoration on Holy Thursday night. There's plenty of interesting history, much of it surprising and challenging, and we will do our best to inform you along the way.

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



ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL NEWS

SGPO RAFFLE!

Tickets for the annual St. Gabriel Parent Organization Raffle are available for purchase! Tickets are \$25 each with cash prizes of \$2,000, \$500, \$250, and \$100. The drawing will take place on **April 1st**. For more information about this year's Raffle, please contact Janet Barry, School Clinic (clinic@stgabrielstf.com or 415-566-0314). Tickets can be purchased at school during regular office hours.

JOG-A-THON SUNDAY

St. Gabriel School's Annual Jog-A-Thon, sponsored by the SG Parent Organization, will take place at the St. Ignatius Track on **Sunday, March 19th**. All are invited to come over and enjoy the day! To sponsor one of our dedicated student runners, spirited teachers or staff, contact Janet Barry, School Clinic (clinic@stgabrielstf.com or 415-566-0314). All proceeds benefit our school. Thank you to all who have so generously sponsored this event in the past.

ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL PRESENTS: SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK LIVE! JR.

St. Gabriel School will present a Spring Musical: *Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr.* There will be afternoon and evening performances on **Thursday, March 30th**. Ticket information still to come.

READY FOR SPAGHETTI? – SAVE THE DATE

Save the date! The St. Gabriel Parent Organization's Spaghetti Dinner is coming on **Saturday, April 1st**! Get together with family and friends over dinner! More details to follow.



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, March 11, 2017 at 10:45 AM**. You must register by emailing Luana at secretary@sgparish.org or calling the Parish Center at 415-731-6161.

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 415-731-6161 to arrange to have one sent to you. Please allow one week for your request to be processed

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2017

As of February 23rd, we have received donations of **\$13,013.00** representing participation from **44 donors**. Our assessment for the year is **\$105,806.00**. Thank you to those who have already donated. We invite everyone to share a portion of God's blessings with others by supporting the Annual Appeal. No gift is too small (or too big). We hope for 100% participation of our parish this year. Please prayerfully consider giving to this Appeal. There are envelopes in the church vestibule or at the Parish Center for your convenience.



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, Lauren Belluomini, 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 Giraudo, Donald Glickman, 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, 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, Linda Taganap, Alden Tatad, Josefina Tio, Dorothy Tompkins, Doreenda Uy, Isagani Valdeleon Lloyd Velasquez, Carl Velleno, Chiara Vinzoni, Fr. Joe Walsh, Patricia West, Guy Worth, and Richard Yan.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

March 12, 2017 Religious Education Classes
March 19, 2017 Religious Education Classes
March 26, 2017 Religious Education Classes

FIRST COMMUNION

Chapter Four in your Communion book is due on **Tuesday, March 21st**.



YOUTH MINISTRY

The next Confirmation Preparation Session and Youth Mass will be on **Sunday, March 12th from 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM**. Please meet in the Multi-purpose Room.



"40 Days for Life" is **March 1st through April 9th**. Catholics are invited to join in this Lenten program of peaceful vigils and prayer. In San Francisco, participants will stand and peacefully pray in the public right-of-way outside of the Planned Parenthood facility located on 1650 Valencia Street. Vigil hours are from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM daily. For more information, contact Claire Herrick at 415-847-1512.

LOVE AND DEEDS

God doesn't want our deeds; God wants the love that prompts them.
—St. Teresa of Ávila

**MASS INTENTIONS
MARCH 6 - 12, 2017**

Mon.	8:30 am	Dan Daly
	6:00 pm	Sanson Elicagaray
Tues.	8:30 am	Ricardo Vargas
	6:00 am	Barbara Greaves
Wed.	8:30 am	Alejandra Avera
	6:00 pm	Maria Marania
Thurs.	8:30 am	Dan Daly
	6:00 pm	Norman Bray
Fri.	8:30 am	Yvonne Kwok (L)
	6:00 pm	Mark Erigero (L)
Sat.	8:30 am	Norman Bray
	5:00 pm	Seamus Carolan
Sun.	8:00 am	Captain John F. Paul
	10:00 am	For the Parishioners
	12:00 pm	The Young Ladies Institute
	5:30 pm	Rosemary Cadden




Rest in Peace
**BARBARA MAHONEY
ELIZABETH MANNION
DOROTHY TOMPKINS**

**NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS
March 11 - 12, 2017**

5:00 PM	Fr. Tom Hamilton
8:00 AM	Fr. Michael Konopik
10:00 AM	Fr. David Schunk
12:00 PM	Fr. David Schunk
5:30 PM	Fr. Tom Hamilton

Your Envelope Counts

	SUNDAY Feb. 26, 2017	SAME SUNDAY Last Year
Total from Envelopes	\$6,323.00	\$6,740.00
Loose	\$1,031.87	\$1,476.96
<u>Total Collection</u>	<u>\$7,354.87</u>	<u>\$8,216.96</u>
\$1—\$4.99	3	11
\$5—\$9.99	28	34
\$10—\$19.99	54	50
\$20—\$24.99	39	43
\$25 and over	100	104
No. of envelope Users	224	242
Average Per Envelope	\$28.23	\$27.85

LECTOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, March 11, 2017
5:00pm **Nora Kury**

SUNDAY, March 12, 2017
8:00am **Sondra Banzon**
10:00am **Susan Ryan**
12:00pm **Charles Rinaldi**
5:30pm **Youth Mass**

SAFETY FIRST!

As a friendly reminder, we'd like to offer some general safety tips:

- ⇒ Remember to lock your vehicle doors and do not leave items on the seat in plain sight.
- ⇒ Do not leave any valuable items in the pews when you go up to receive communion.
- ⇒ Be aware of your surroundings - do not be engaged on your phone while walking to or from church.
- ⇒ Always keep your home gates/garage doors closed when you are not in the vicinity.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent
Tuesday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity
Wednesday: St. John of God
Thursday: St. Frances of Rome
Friday: Abstinence
Saturday: Purim (Jewish festival of the story of Esther) begins at sunset

**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. Our next group meeting will be on **Wednesday, March 8, 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. This is a drop-in group - no registration is required.

Pastor Al®



"I don't feel so bad having this steak seeing you eat that burger on a Friday in Lent."

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