

ST. GABRIEL PARISH BULLETIN, SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2016

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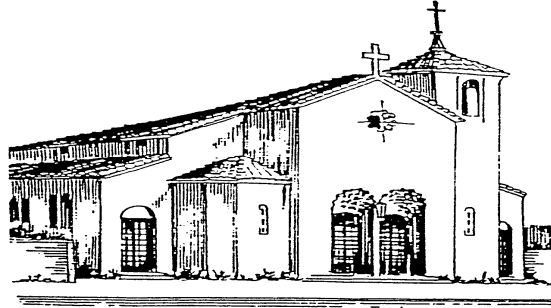
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THIS IS YOUR PARISH!!!



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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**MARCH 6, 2016
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**A SUNDAY FOR
REJOICING**



Today's Gospel story of the prodigal son is a favorite of many. We can identify with all the major figures and their crisscross of emotions. The

father's initial grief over his young son's avarice is turned to relief at his return. The son's grief over his loss of fortune, family, and friends is turned to delirious joy at the sight of his father.

We understand the eldest son's bewilderment over his father's generosity. For the older son, virtue seems not to be its own reward. For all his honorable toil and loyalty, there seems to be no celebration. The father, however, is prodigal in his forgiveness and mercy. He expects the same generosity from his older son. He wants all to rejoice when the lost one is found.

This is a Sunday for rejoicing. It's time to pause, consider, and encourage one another. We are the prodigal children heading home. We are the elder siblings waiting with the eager Father, who scans the horizon. In Christ Jesus we are reconciled to the Father and one another. In his death and resurrection we have passed over. We are a new creation. In this we rejoice.

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Jubilee of Mercy
CALENDAR

ACT JUSTLY, LOVE TENDERLY, WALK HUMBLY

During this Jubilee of Mercy, we focus on the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy along with the Year of Mercy themes. The Spiritual Works of Mercy are acts of compassion to help our neighbors with their emotional and spiritual needs. The Corporal Works of Mercy are acts where we help our neighbors with their material and physical needs. The Year of Mercy Themes include forgiveness, reconciliation, mercy and prayer.

The March theme is **To visit the imprisoned**. We can pray for those imprisoned by war, violence and crime. Visiting can include reaching out to the sick and homebound, helping with errands, chores or just an ear and a visit or note.

**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 12, 2016 at 10:45 AM in the Parish Center**. Please call 415-731-6161 to sign up or email secretary@sgparish.org

**READINGS, MARCH 13, 2016
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Is 43:16-21; Ps 126;
Phil 3:8-14;
Jn 8:1-11**



LENTEN REFLECTION

The second session for our Lenten Reflection Event will be held on **Tuesday, March 15, 2016** prior to Palm Sunday to prepare for Holy Week and Triduum. The morning session will begin at 9:30 AM following the 8:30 AM Mass and the evening session will begin at 7:00 PM following the 6:00 PM evening mass. Please join us for either the morning or evening session.

**TREASURES FROM
OUR TRADITION**



One of the first steps to a Catholic wedding takes place in the parish rectory, as the newly engaged come forward to "set a date." We owe this scenario to reforms made by the emperor Charlemagne late in the eighth century. He required that nobles and commoners alike have public weddings, and also required that marrying couples be examined for factors that would block a marriage, such as previous marriages or close kinship. The pope was more conservative, however, and resisted the emperor's creativity. It was enough for the pope that the couples exchange consent.

That tradition is passed on to this day, to some couples' surprise. In 866, Pope Nicholas ruled that a marriage was legal and binding even without a liturgy or public celebration. After that, it was the consent of the couple, not the blessing of parents or priest, that made a marriage "count." If consent was lacking, such as through abduction or fear, then the marriage could not "take." Charlemagne got a great deal done, but he was a political flash in the pan, and the empire had virtually collapsed by the year 1000. Europe broke into a checkboard of principedoms and languages, and at last all marriages came under the church, the glue holding the known world together.

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PRAY FOR THEM

On this Fourth Sunday of Lent, we pray in a special way for those preparing for initiation into our Church Community. We ask for your continued prayers for:

**Alan Arnold, Cecilia Landman,
Nancy Yin-Pollack and Angela Yu**

VOCATION CROSS PROGRAM

The Vocations Committee would like to thank **the Tom and Colleen Kanaley Family** for being the guardians of the cross for the month of February, 2016. For the month of March, 2016, the cross will be in the home of **Marie Dimapasoc and Family**. They will receive the cross at the 12:00 PM 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



ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL NEWS

SGPO RAFFLE COMING SOON!

Be on the lookout! Tickets for the annual St. Gabriel Parent Organization Raffle are being mailed soon! Tickets are \$25 each with cash prizes of \$2,000, \$500, \$250, and \$100. For every two tickets purchased, you will receive a bonus ticket. Details to follow. The drawing will take place at the school on Tax Day, **Friday, April 15th**! For more information about this year's Raffle, please call Angela Isola at 415-205-9639.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

The St. Gabriel School Alumni Association will be holding a board meeting on Wednesday, **March 16, 2016**. 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.

SODALITY NEWS

All ladies are invited to join us at the 10:00 AM Mass, followed by our General Meeting. There is so much on the agenda that we hope you are able to attend. Donations will be accepted to St. Anthony's, SF General Hospital and the SFVA.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ANNIVERSARY!!



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 you would be willing to share, please drop them off at the Parish Center with your name and phone number. We really appreciate it!

CATHOLIC SAN FRANCISCO NEWSPAPER

Do you receive the Catholic San Francisco Newspaper? It is free to every registered parishioner. If you do not receive the newspaper and would like to, please email your full address to Luana Letele at secretary@sgparish.org or call the Parish Center and you will be placed on their mailing list. Alternatively, if you are receiving the paper and want to be removed from their mailing list, please let us know that, as well.

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.



FOR SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

In the coming week we ask your prayers for the following: Joseph T. Adams, Deanna Aguello, Clarita Alcala, Christina Anderson, Rosa Banzon, William Billanes, Austin Bolender, Aparacion Bonpin, Madeleine Bonpin, Marie Britto, 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 Kaprosch, 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, Joey Murdaca, Ann and Catherine Murphy, Helen "Mitsi" Okamoto, Joseph Pallela, Edith Parker, Charlie Paulson, Jax Radloff, Joshua Ratliff, Jewell Rice, Marian Ritchie, Bill & Pat Robles, Lota Samson, Lee Chuan San, John Sheriff, Harry Sims, Alfredo Siy, Charlotte Stensvold, Joseph Sullivan, Alden Tatad, Josefina Tio, Dorothy Tompkins, Lloyd Velasquez, Carl Veleno, Chiara Vinzoni, Fr. Joe Walsh, Patricia West, Richard Yan and especially for Donald Glickman.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

March 13, 2016	Religious Education Classes
March 20, 2016	Palm Sunday Dismissal 9:45 AM
April 10, 2016	Religious Education Classes
April 17, 2016	Religious Education Classes
April 24, 2016	Religious Education Classes

No Liturgy of the Word at the 10:00 AM Mass for the month of March. We will resume April 10th, 17th and 24th.

FIRST COMMUNION

- ◆ Our next parent meeting will be this **Tuesday, March 8th at 7:00 PM** in the Church.
- ◆ Prayer Partner Mass will be celebrated on Sunday **March 13th at 10:00 AM** with First Communicants, Parents and Prayer Partners.
- ◆ The fourth chapter in your Eucharistic Book is to be turned in on **Tuesday, March 22nd**.

CONFIRMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

The Confirmation program of St. Gabriel has its sixth session on **Sunday, March 20, 2016** from 2:30 PM - 6:30 PM.

The next Youth Mass will be **Sunday, March 20, 2016** at 5:30 PM. All are invited to attend.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016
5:00pm Brenda Peralta

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2016	
8:00am	Sondra Banzon
10:00am	Susan Ryan
12:00pm	Charles Rinaldi
5:30pm	Christina Courter


**MASS INTENTIONS
MARCH 7-MARCH 13, 2016**

Mon.	8:30 am 6:00 pm	Douglas Harley Pat Joe Kelly
Tues.	8:30 am 6:00 pm	Maria Marania Barbara Greaves
Wed.	8:30 am 6:00 pm	David Bihr Kathleen O'Neill
Thur.	8:30 am 6:00 pm	Peter Julian Garcia Special Intention
Fri.	8:30 am 6:00 pm	Roni Arndt (L) Allen Brown (L)
Sat.	8:30 am 5:00 pm	Jacqueline Kung Edward Tunney
Sun.	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm 5:30 pm	Peter Julian Garcia Brendan McDonagh Young Ladies Institute Peter Julian Garcia

**NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS
MARCH 12 - 13, 2016**

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

Your Envelope Counts

	SUNDAY Feb 28, 2016	SAME SUNDAY 2015
Total from Envelopes	\$6,740.00	\$9,797.75
Loose	\$1,476.96	\$1,332.37
Total Collection	\$8,216.96	\$11,130.12
\$1—\$4.99	11	N/A
\$5—\$9.99	34	N/A
\$10—\$19.99	50	N/A
\$20—\$24.99	43	N/A
\$25 and over	104	N/A
No. of envelope Users	242	321
Average Per Envelope	\$27.85	\$30.52

**SCHEDULED LENTEN & HOLY WEEK
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



PALM SUNDAY

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

5:00 PM Vigil, Saturday, March 19th
Sunday, March 20th

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 NOON, 5:30 PM

NOTE: 9:50 AM Palm Sunday Procession - Meet on Plaza

PENANCE SERVICE

Monday, March 21st 7:30 PM
St. Gabriel Church

HOLY THURSDAY - MARCH 24TH

6:30 PM PARISH SOUP SUPPER - BEDFORD HALL

8:00 PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Fr. David Schunk

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
in the School Library until 10:00 PM

(THERE WILL BE NO 8:30 AM MORNING MASS)

GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 25TH

NOON - 12:45 PM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS
(Presented by St. Gabriel's School Students)

12:45 - 1:45 PM - Contemplative Prayer

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

1:45 PM - 3:00 PM Fr. Greg Heidenblut & Fr. Tom Hamilton

7:30 PM - 8:45 PM Fr. David Schunk

HOLY SATURDAY - MARCH 26TH - 8:00 PM

CELEBRATION OF THE EASTER VIGIL

Fr. Tom Hamilton

(THERE WILL NOT BE AN 8:30 AM
OR 5:00 PM MASS)

EASTER SUNDAY - MARCH 27TH

MASSES

8:00 AM, Fr. Greg Heidenblut

10:00 AM - (CHURCH), Fr. Greg Heidenblut

10:05 AM - (BEDFORD HALL), Fr. Tom Hamilton

12:00 PM - (CHURCH), Fr. David Schunk

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO
SUNDAY EVENING 5:30 PM MASS