

ST. GABRIEL PARISH BULLETIN, SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2016

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Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

*The Lord God is my help, therefore I
am not disgraced.*

-Isaiah 50:7a

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 20, 2016
PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

THE TRIDUUM

Then He took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them saying, 'This is my body, which will be given for you, do this in memory of me.' Likewise He took the cup after they had eaten saying 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you.' (Luke 22: 19—20) And the Sacred Triduum begins. These three days of wonder and awe recall the wondrous events of our salvation.

On Holy Thursday we witness the master washing the feet of His friends as He gives us a new commandment—we are to love one another, serving the needs of the other as the servant does. With joy on this night we recall the gift of the Eucharist, the abiding presence of the Savior from age to age in the Bread of Life blessed and broken, in the Cup of Blessing poured out for our salvation. On this night we keep watch with Him in prayerful vigil.

Good Friday invites us to enter into the passion and death of the Lord. Through the Word proclaimed, the Cross held aloft, and the Solemn Prayer of the Church we are one with Him who suffered that we might live in Him always. We partake of the Eucharistic Savior, that He might abide in us, so that we might live everlastingly in Him.

In the dark of night we gather, as the quiet of this Holy Saturday yields to a spark kindled which bursts into open flame—a Candle held aloft which illumines the way—a Story proclaimed of Creation and Sacrifice, of Wonder and Beauty, of Faithfulness and Life, God's Word of Redemption and Hope—lives are transformed in waters which live, oil anoints—with lively grace—those chosen in love, they are clothed in Him who robes us in glory—together now, joined in faith, we partake of the Bread of Life at the Table of the Risen One!

Only after this do we hear words which dismiss the assembly—from Holy Thursday until now we have been gathered in worship—only now are the words of the Priest heard, bidding us to abide in the peace which Christ Jesus has sown for us.

These three days are really moments in ONE SOLEMN CELEBRATION, we are invited—we are expected—to be together as the mystery unfolds, and we are not dismissed until all things are gathered up in Him Who is Risen From the Dead!

May we make every effort to accompany Him in this walk of faith, from the garden, to the upper room, to the hill, to the tomb. For it is grace for us, and hope for the world!

In His Love,



READINGS, MARCH 27, 2016
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8;
Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35



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
10:10 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**



**SPRING FLOWERS
FOR EASTER**

This Easter Season the Art & Environment Committee is asking for your help with donations of flowers and decorating the Church. Please donate yellow and white cut flowers (especially Calla Lilies) and drop them off at the Parish Center up to 1:00 PM on Good Friday (March 25th) or on Holy Saturday morning by 10:30 AM (March 26th) for the Easter Sunday Mass.

Easter Church Decorating
On Saturday, March 26th at 10:00 AM we will be decorating the Church and Hall for Easter. Please come and help in this joyful transformation of our worship spaces.



ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL NEWS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

All are invited to a reenactment of the Stations of the Cross by our 5th grade students on Monday of Holy Week, **March 21st at 2:00 p.m.** and on Good Friday, **March 25th at 12:00 noon.** Both take place in the Church.

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. For every two tickets purchased, you will receive a bonus ticket. 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. Additional tickets can be purchased at school during regular office hours.

CLASS OF 2012 GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL HONORED

The St. Gabriel Class of 2012 graduating from high school this year will be honored at the 5:30p.m. Mass on **Sunday, April 17th.** Dinner, hosted by the Parish and St. Gabriel School Alumni Association, will follow Mass in the school Multi-Purpose Room. Students and their parents are invited. **RSVP's requested by Thursday, April 7th.** For more information or to RSVP, e-mail Georgia Wasley, at alumni@stgabrielsf.com or call the school at 415-566-0314.

GOLDEN GRADS CLASS OF 1966 REUNION

The St. Gabriel School Alumni Association is hosting a Golden Graduation event for the Class of 1966 on **Sunday, April 24th.** The celebration will begin with Mass at 12 Noon honoring the graduates. A reception will immediately follow in the School Library for classmates and a guest. For more information or to RSVP, contact Georgia Wasley at the school at 415-566-0314 or by email at alumni@stgabrielsf.com. **RSVP's requested by Monday, April 11th.**

THE SPRING CARNIVAL IS COMING!

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Fair Ladies and Brave Knights, the St. Gabriel Spring Carnival is coming **Friday, April 29th AND Saturday, April 30th.** The Carnival will be open Friday from 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM, and Saturday from 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM and from 6:30 PM to 10:00 PM. There will be carnival rides and games, food, silent auction & raffle, wine & beer tasting, live entertainment, and a marketplace. The carnival has something for all ages! For more information, to pre-purchase items (food, raffle, etc.), or for access to the live auction, go to sgsparents.com. This is a rain or shine event. Hope to see you there!

CLASS OF 1991 SILVER REUNION

St. Gabriel School and the Alumni Association are hosting a Silver Reunion for the Class of '91. The reunion will take place at the SGPO Spring Carnival's Wine and Beer Tasting event on **Saturday, April 30, 2016** from 6:00-9:30 PM in the multi-purpose room. Grads are complimentary. Guests pay \$20. For more information or to RSVP, contact Georgia Wasley, Alumni Coordinator, at alumni@stgabrielsf.com.



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, 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, 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 Velleno, Chiara Vinzoni, Fr. Joe Walsh, Patricia West, and Richard Yan.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

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 today, **Sunday, March 20, 2016** from 2:30 PM - 6:30 PM.

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

CONFIRMATION REQUIRED SERVICE EVENT

All candidates are expected to participate in the two-day event for our annual Holy Thursday Soup Supper at Bedford Hall. The dates and times are:

Wednesday, March 23, 2016 from 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
 Holy Thursday, March 24, 2016 from 5:00 PM - TBD
 Holy Thursday Attire: Black Pants/Collared White Shirt

Reminders for the remaining dates on our Confirmation calendar were sent home with candidates at our last session and reminders emailed to all parents last week. Please contact Mark if you would like an additional copy.



MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH 21 - MARCH 27, 2016

Mon.	8:30 am	Crisanna Lynch (L)
Tues.	8:30 am	Theresa O'Donoghue
Wed.	8:30 am	Ritchie & Hurley Families

As we celebrate the wonder of the Triduum, there will be no morning Masses on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of Holy Week.

Dear Friends and Fellow Parishioners,

As Christians we are commanded by Jesus to love...to be people of mercy. It is in being people of compassion that we truly bring about the kingdom of God. *"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy."* Matthew 5:7.

We encounter opportunities to serve and to bless in many ways throughout the course of our lives: in the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the homeless, the sick, the imprisoned, the dying...all of these stand in need of God's love and mercy. To reach out to them in the name of Christ is to offer them the mercy of Jesus Christ.

We are also called to share the mercy of God with others in their need: to instruct, to counsel, to admonish, to comfort, to patiently endure, to forgive, to pray. All of these are ways to foster God's love and compassion in the lives of those with whom we live and work.

I write this letter in order to invite you and your family to enter into the prayer and work of our local Church through the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. The purpose of the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal is to assist in funding the spiritual, pastoral, and educational activities of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. The AAA supports initiatives and programs which, for the most part, are beyond the capacity of any one parish to deliver. Together we make possible ministries through which the love and mercy of Christ is made manifest for those truly in need.

Our generosity makes possible powerful expressions of God's love and compassion, enriching us by the gift of the mercy we demonstrate. It is a generosity which originates in our gratitude for all God has done for us.

Our goal this year is \$106,000.00*. Please prayerfully consider a gift which directly addresses the work of our local Church in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus in the words and deeds of mercy.

May the mercy of Christ enfold you, the love of Christ overshadow you, may God give you peace.



Fr. Tom Hamilton
Pastor

**The Archdiocesan Annual Appeal letter that was sent to you a few weeks ago incorrectly stated our assessment for the year was \$102,000.00. Our actual assessment is \$106,000. We apologize for the error.*

PRAY FOR THEM

On this Palm Sunday, we ask you to pray in a special way for those preparing for initiation into our Church Community at the Easter Vigil. Please pray for:

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

SODALITY NEWS



All ladies of the parish are invited to join the Sodality at their lovely Annual Spring Brunch at the Irish Cultural Center on **April 3, 2016** following the 10:00 AM Mass. The cost is \$30.00. Please call Moyra at 415-255-7191 or Barbara at 415-731-9947 with questions.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION TODAY

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40). Today we are reminded that Jesus identified himself with our poorest brothers and sisters. The Catholic Relief Services Collection serves Jesus in the victims of human trafficking, those who suffer from unjust laws, and those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. Through supporting today's collection, you help **Jesus in disguise**. Please be generous. There are envelopes in the pews for your convenience.

HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is commonly observed as a somber time. Yet, what other week in the liturgical year is so much of God's grace, mercy, and love revealed to us.

On **Palm Sunday**, Jesus is recognized as the Messiah. In the temple, Jesus casts out those who take advantage of the poor.

On **Holy Thursday**, he gives us the gift of the Eucharist. The sacred meal that unites us all as the Body of Christ.

On **Good Friday**, not bad Friday, he redeems us from our sins.

This is a week to celebrate in prayer and liturgy with our family and friends, God's loving grace and mercy. So this week invite someone who normally doesn't attend a service to join with you in thanking God.



STREET CLEANING ON GOOD FRIDAY

Please be aware that there will be street cleaning in our surrounding areas on **Good Friday, March 25th** from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM. The school yard will be available for parking for your convenience.

EARLY PUBLISHING DEADLINES

Due to the early publishing deadline of J.S. Paluch of Friday, March 11th for the Palm Sunday Bulletin, we will not be able to post the contributions from the weekend of March 12th & 13th. A summary of donations for that weekend, Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday will be posted in the April 3rd bulletin. As always, we thank you for your generosity and support.