

ST. GABRIEL PARISH BULLETIN, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

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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: _____

**DECEMBER 3, 2017
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

GOD HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God's faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For "behold, you are angry, and we are sinful" (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God's promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God's might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to "rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you" (Isaiah 63:19).

Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God's hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has a different plan: the Incarnation. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



**anointing
of the sick**

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All parishioners whose emotional, physical or spiritual health is in need of healing are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on **Saturday, December 16th at 3:30 pm** in the Church. We also ask anyone who might be able help drive the elderly to this event to call Matt Shea at 415-731-6161 or email him at mattshea@sgparish.org



TODAY IS SANDWICH SUNDAY!

Today, the St. Gabriel Conference of SVDP will be collecting wrapped sandwiches for the needy. Please bring your offering by **no later than 12 Noon on Sunday**. Members of SVDP will be outside of church before and after Mass to receive your donations (including the Saturday, 5:00 PM Vigil Mass). Cash donations are also welcomed and appreciated. Many thanks for your generosity!

**ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11TH**

Get Advent off to a great start with prayer and reflection on Monday, **December 11th at 9:30 AM** (after the morning Mass) or at **7:30 PM** in the Quinn Center Chapel. The theme of our prayer service is *Praying with Mary*. Please plan on joining us! The service will be conducted by Fr. Tom and Sr. Bernadette Hart.



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READINGS, DECEMBER 10, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14;

2 Pt 3:8-14;

Mk 1:1-8



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ADVENT GIVING PROGRAM

We would like to seek the generosity of the St. Gabriel Community to share their blessings with the following organizations for our annual Advent Giving Program:

Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly

Gift cards of \$25 from Target, Macys, Walgreens or Trader Joes

Epiphany Center (30 Women)

Gift cards of \$20-\$25 from Target or Ross
Diapers; Newborn through Size 5

Gubbio Project

New Socks, Sweatshirts, toiletries,
Large trash bags, non-dairy creamer, 1 lb bags of sugar

We will continue to collect items through **December 13th**. There will be a barrel in the vestibule for you to place your donations.



**FEAST OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
A Holy Day of Obligation
Friday, December 8, 2017**

Mass Schedule

8:30 AM

10:45 AM (School Mass)

7:30 PM

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Advent calendars appear now in many homes, and new-fangled formats are even available on line. Children have fun opening the doors and windows keyed to the days counting down to Christmas. Behind each door is a picture related to the Christmas mystery, perhaps a scripture verse or saying, but more and more these days something totally unconnected to religious life, like a small toy or a chocolate treat, appears instead. The Advent calendar is not very old as traditions go. We can trace it back to German-speaking Christians, both Protestant and Catholic. Lutherans might have originated the custom by placing chalk marks on doors starting December 1, lighting candles every day, or placing a new religious picture on the wall each day during Advent. The oldest known hand-made calendar goes back to 1851, and the first printed ones appeared in 1908 in Germany with Bible verses behind the doors. By far the most interesting calendar is a building, the town hall (*Rathaus*) of Gengenbach in Germany's Black Forest. Every year the townspeople invite an illustrator of children's books to create twenty-four paintings or motifs for each of the twenty-four main windows of the building. Every night the people gather to see a new window opened and illuminated.

Very few commercial Advent calendars pay much attention to the core values of our liturgical calendar: the pivotal place of Sunday, the importance of Advent feasts like Saint Lucy and Saint Nicholas, and the clear shift in tone on December 17 from Advent longing and preparation toward imminent hope in Christ's coming. That kind of creativity is left up to you!

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



ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL NEWS

St. Gabriel School is now on Facebook and Instagram! Check out what is happening around our campus on a daily basis.

Please follow us on both sites at: [stgabrielschoolsf](https://www.facebook.com/stgabrielschoolsf)
SANTA'S BREAKFAST IS HERE!

Come and join us at the Annual Santa's Breakfast in Bedford Hall on **Sunday, December 3rd** from **8:00 AM to 12:00 PM** (breakfast served until 11:30am). There will be baked goods, a boutique, games, raffles and pictures with Santa. Breakfast includes eggs, pancakes, sausage, fruit, hot chocolate, orange juice and coffee/tea. **Space permitting**, tickets will be sold for breakfast at the door: \$15/adults, \$7/children/seniors. Pictures are \$20 for two 4x6 prints & electronic file. Raffle tickets for gift baskets also available. Pre-order prices: 2 tickets for \$5, 5 tickets for \$10, 12 tickets for \$20. Admission without breakfast is free. To order tickets or for more details, go to sgsparents.com or call the school Clinic at 415-566-0314.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS

All are invited to join St. Gabriel School at Mass celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, **Friday, December 8th at 10:45 AM** in the Church.

SCHOOL TOUR

Interested in enrolling your child at St. Gabriel in the Fall 2018? Applications for the first screening session are due **December 8th**. Learn about our school by taking a tour! Meet our principal, kindergarten teacher, students and volunteer parents all available to answer questions about our program. Visit classes, computer lab, Science Discovery Center, kindergarten enrichment program, extended care facilities and more. Our next school tour is **Tuesday, December 12th at 8:30 AM**. Reservations are required and can be made by emailing the school at sgs@stgabrielsf.com or calling 415-731-6161. 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.

ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL PRESENTS "WHAT HAPPENED?"

On **Thursday, December 14, 2017**, St. Gabriel School presents "What Happened?". All are invited to the matinee performance of our Christmas Program at **1:00 PM in Bedford Hall**. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the school office. For questions, please call the school at 415-566-0314.

DIVORCE MINISTRY

Are you or someone you know dealing with or challenged by the end of their marriage? The Archdiocese of San Francisco has a special ministry for men and women who have experienced the pain of separation and divorce. We believe the Church has a rich treasury of people, Holy Scripture, tradition and pastoral ministry on which it can draw to serve its members whose marriages end in divorce. The Catholic Divorce Ministry has a meeting to answer questions and offer help. The support group meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 7:30 PM at St. Stephen's Parish Center, 451 Eucalyptus Drive. Please contact Fr. Al Grosskopf at 408-884-1729 for more information.



FOR SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

In the coming week we ask your prayers for the following: Lauren Belluomini, Marie Britto, Madeleine Bonpin, Billfield Cheng, Raphaela Cheng-Chu, Mary B. Chien, Jerry DeRyan, Pedro D. Dy, Donald Glickman, Rafael Labutan, Shirley Latham, Darren Lee, Valma McHugh, Pat McSharry, Marian Ritchie, Erlinda Ronan, and Alfredo Siy

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

December 10, 2017	Religious Education Classes
December 17, 2017	Religious Education Classes
January 7, 2018	Religious Education Classes
January 21, 2018	Religious Education Classes
January 28, 2018	Religious Education Classes

FIRST COMMUNION

Chapter Five in your First Penance Book is due on **Tuesday, December 5th**. Continue to work on your prayer journals.

YOUTH MINISTRY

If you have questions about Youth Ministry or the Confirmation program, please contact David Lorentz at:

youthminister@sgparish.org

Classes meet in the Multi-purpose from 3:45 - 5:00 PM followed by attendance at the 5:30 PM Mass. The next class is today, **Sunday, December 3, 2017**. Continue to work on your prayer journals.



ST. GABRIEL INVITES YOU TO A....

Senior Movie Day!

When? Sunday, December 10, 2017
What time? 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM
Where? Bedford Hall
Why? You'll laugh, you'll love, and you'll have lots of fun!

Meal, snacks, and beverages will be provided. All Senior Citizens are welcome and encouraged to join in on the fun! Please RSVP to Nancy Becerra at 415-731-6161 or email her at dre@sgparish.org

SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2018

**St. Gabriel will be hosting a day long retreat on jumpstarting your faith!
Adults~Youth~Children
More details to come!**


**MASS INTENTIONS
DECEMBER 4 - 10, 2017**

Mon.	8:30 am	Frances Cheney
Tues.	8:30 am	Mary Cody
Wed.	8:30 am	Maurice O'Carroll
Thurs.	8:30 am	Irene V. Nanry
Fri.	8:30 am	Domingo I. Ascano
	10:45 am	School Mass
	7:30 pm	Henry Puccinelli
Sat.	8:30 am	Ata Khoei
	5:00 pm	Mary Cody
Sun.	8:00 am	For the Parishioners
	10:00 am	Eleanor M. Louis
	12:00 pm	The Young Ladies Institute
	5:30 pm	James Heffernan

**NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS
December 9 - 10, 2017**

5:00 PM	Fr. John Jimenez
8:00 AM	Fr. Tom Hamilton
10:00 AM	Fr. Tom Hamilton
12:00 PM	Fr. John Jimenez
5:30 PM	Fr. Tom Hamilton

Your Contributions Count!

	Sunday Nov. 26, 2017	Same Sunday Last Year
Envelope Total	\$6,432.20	\$7,366.00
Loose	\$1,028.73	\$973.72
Online Giving	\$820.50	n/a
Grand Total	\$8,281.43	\$8,339.72

OFFERTORY TOTALS: NOVEMBER 19, 2017

Envelope:	\$7,195.20
Loose:	\$1,307.07
<u>Online Giving:</u>	<u>\$1,578.00</u>
Grand Total:	\$10,080.27

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2017

We still need **\$37,283** to reach our goal of \$105,806 for the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. We are hoping to achieve 100% participation from our 1300+ registered parishioners. The size of your gift is not as important as the fact that you give a prayerful response as a good Christian steward. Whatever you give to the work of Christ is most appreciated. There are envelopes in the vestibule or in the Parish Center for your convenience. We are most grateful for your prayerful response.

LIKE A CHILD

One who aspires to the grace of God must be pure, with a heart as innocent as a child's.
—St. Nicholas

LECTOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, December 9, 2017
5:00 pm Charles Rinaldi

SUNDAY, December 10, 2017
8:00 am Shannon Manini
10:00 am Debbie Montarano
12:00 pm Nora Kury
5:30 pm Christina Courter

BAPTISM

Let us welcome into our parish family
LILIAN QIN TAN
Who was recently baptized.



Rest in Peace

JACQUELINE CARO

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her.*

**ST. GABRIEL CHURCH
PARISH MINISTRIES & ACTIVITIES**

PRAYER GROUP: The prayer group meets every Friday morning from 10 AM to 12 PM in the Quinn Center Chapel.

SODALITY: 1st Sunday of each month, 10:00 AM Mass.

ULLOA SENIORS: Every Wednesday at 1:30 PM in the Quinn Center. Refreshments and Bingo.

LEGION OF MARY: Meets in the Quinn Parish Center each Wednesday after the 8:30 AM Mass.

RCIA: If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or in completing initiation (First Eucharist or Confirmation) contact Matt Shea at 731-9918 for more information. Sessions begin in late September.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION: First Saturday Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima starts after the 8:30 AM Mass. Novena, prayers and rosary followed by Holy Hour and Benediction.

CHOIR PRACTICE: Thursdays 7:30 - 9:00 PM in church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: On all Sundays except the 1st Sunday of the month. Starts in August.

For more information, call Nancy Becerra @ 731-6161.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM first Monday of the month in the Quinn Center.

ROSARY: The Rosary is said every weekday after the 8:30 Mass

YOUNG LADIES INSTITUTE: (YLI): Meets the third Saturday of each month at 12 Noon for a bag lunch followed by a meeting in the Parish Center.

BIBLE STUDY: Facilitated by Fr. Donald Sharp, Bible Study meets each Friday morning, following Mass.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES: Every 2nd Saturday of the month at 10:45 AM in the Parish Center. Registration required. Call the Parish Center to reserve your space.