

# ST. GABRIEL PARISH BULLETIN, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016

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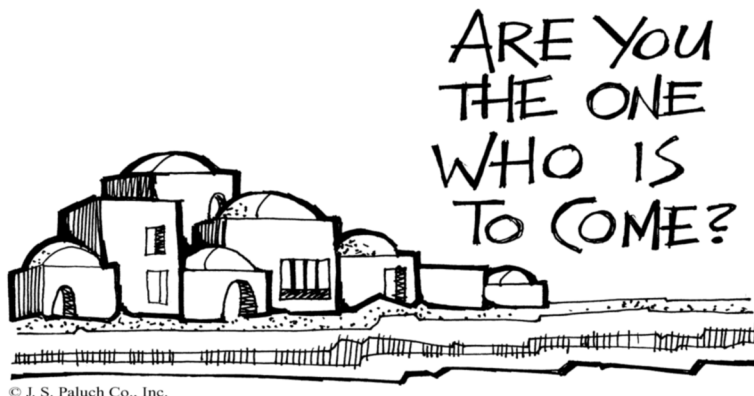
## LITURGICAL SUPPORT

Mr. Rob Grant  
Music Minister [Sat. 5:00 pm]

Mr. John Hurst  
Music Minister [Sun. 10:00 am]

Mr. David Lorentz  
Music Minister [Sun. 5:30 pm]

Mrs. Nancy Porter  
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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 11, 2016  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

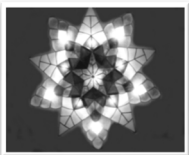


Be patient until the coming of the Lord

**A SEASON OF HOPE**

Today we can bask in the imagery that the Mass readings offer us. In particular, Isaiah's vision of a parched land that blooms with abundant flowers holds a message for each of us. Too often we are just like that parched land. We can allow ourselves to become absorbed in the waves of consumerism that grip so many. We look for fulfillment in the things that money can buy. Unfortunately, this leaves us like parched land, thirsting for something that money can't buy. This holy season has much to offer to quench our thirsts. In a word, this season offers hope. We are told that those who are ransomed by God will know joy and gladness. For them, sorrow and mourning will be no more. Let us place our hope in these promises.

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**SIMBANG GABI  
NOVENA, 2016**

The Filipino Advent tradition of Simbang Gabi (pronounced SimBAHNGgahBEE, meaning "Mass at Night" in Tagalog), a nine-day Novena of Masses leading up to Christmas, continues in more than 45 parishes in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Below is a partial list of local churches that will be participating:

**December 16-24**

5:30 AM Service  
Holy Name of Jesus

**December 16-24, 2016**

6:00 AM Service  
St. Stephen, San Francisco  
(Fr. Tom will be presiding on December 21<sup>st</sup>)

**December 15-23, 2016**

St. Anne of the Sunset  
Mater Dolorosa  
7:00 PM Service

For a complete listing of services, please go to the Catholic San Francisco website at [www.catholic-sf.org](http://www.catholic-sf.org)



**PARISH CENTER  
OFFICE HOURS**

On, Tuesday, December 13th,  
the Parish Center will be closed  
from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM.

**READINGS, DECEMBER 18, 2016  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6;  
Rom 1:1-7;  
Mt 1:18-24**

**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 or Macys

**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 gifts through this weekend, **December 10th & 11th**. There will be a barrel in the vestibule for you to place your donations. Thank you for your generosity!



**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Eve**

**Saturday, December 24, 2016**

4:00 PM – Fr. Tom Hamilton

Music, John Hurst

5:30 PM – The Crooners Singing

6:00 PM – Fr. Tom Hamilton

Music, The Crooners

12:00 AM – Midnight Mass

Fr. David Schunk

Music, Choir & Brass Ensemble

**Christmas Day**

**Sunday, December 25, 2016**

8:00 AM – Fr. Tom Hamilton

10:00 AM – Fr. David Schunk

12:00 PM – Fr. David Schunk

Music, Choir & Brass Ensemble

There will be NO 5:30 PM EVENING MASS  
on Christmas Day.

**New Year's Eve and New Year's Day**

**Saturday, December 31, 2016**

5:00 PM

Sunday, January 1, 2017

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM

There will be NO 5:30 PM EVENING MASS  
on New Year's Day.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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## ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL NEWS

### KINDERGARTEN APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR FALL 2017

Are you interested in enrolling your child at St. Gabriel for the Fall 2017? Screening for kindergarten takes place in early January and is by appointment only. **Kindergarten applications should be turned in as soon as possible for a screening appointment.** Applications for all grades are available at the school office on school days during regular office hours. There is a \$50 fee due (cash or check) at the time the application is picked up.

### LAST SCHOOL TOUR

Excellence in Education: Interested in enrolling your child at St. Gabriel in the Fall 2017? Learn about our school by taking a tour! See classes, computer lab, Science Discovery Center, kindergarten enrichment program, extended care facilities and more. Our last school tour of this year is this **Tuesday, December 13th, at 8:30 AM.** Reservations are required and can be made by emailing the school at [sgs@stgabrielsf.com](mailto: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](http://www.stgabrielsf.com), or by emailing or calling the school.

### ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL PRESENTS "SANTA'S SURPRISE"

On **Thursday, December 15, 2016**, St. Gabriel School presents "Santa's Surprise." 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.

### CHRISTMAS VACATION

St. Gabriel School begins Christmas vacation this **Friday, December 16th.** We extend our warmest wishes to the community of St. Gabriel for a very blessed, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our parishioners for the many ways you support us throughout the year.

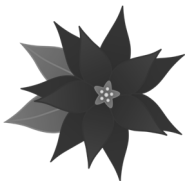
### RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION TODAY!

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others - educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously in today's collection. There are envelopes in the pews for your convenience.

### CHURCH DECORATING

Get into the Christmas spirit!! Help decorate the church on **Saturday, December 24th at 9:00 AM.** Come join in the holiday spirit at St. Gabriel Church.

If you would like to help defray the cost of flowers, there are envelopes in the pews for your convenience. Please drop off your envelope at the Parish Center or place in the collection basket on Sunday.



Pray for ...

## 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, 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, Lois Feeney, 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, Charlotte Stensvold, 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

December 11, 2016 Religious Education Classes  
December 18, 2016 Religious Education Classes

### FIRST COMMUNION

Chapter Six in your Reconciliation book is due on **Tuesday, December 13th.**



### CONFIRMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

The next Confirmation Preparation Session and Youth Mass is today, **December 11th from 3:30 - 6:30 PM.** Please meet in the Multi-purpose Room. The following items are all due today, December 11th:

- Sponsor forms
- Baptismal certificate (if you were not baptized at St. Gabriel.)
- Permission slips for the Feb. 4-5 retreat
- Class Rules & Regulations Promise Form (signed)

### 75th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE ORNAMENT

Next week, on **December 18th**, St. Gabriel's will be selling the 75th Anniversary commemorative ornament after all Sunday Masses. The cost is only \$15 and will make a wonderful stocking stuffer!




## MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 12- 18, 2016

Mon.	8:30 am	The Hurley & Ritchie Families
Tues.	8:30 am	Patrick Bailey
Wed.	8:30 am	Agapito & Anastacia Nunag
Thurs.	8:30 am	Lauren Belluomini (L)
Fri.	8:30 am	Pedro & Salud Raval
Sat.	8:30 am	Martin & Thomas Tunney
	5:00 pm	Eleanor Scardigli
Sun.	8:00 am	Jim Aguirre
	10:00 am	The Smith, Simms & MgGee Families
	12:00 pm	Seebert-Henderson Families
	5:30 pm	For the Parishioners

### NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS December 17-18, 2016

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

### Your Envelope Counts

	SUNDAY Dec. 4, 2016	SAME SUNDAY 2015
Total from Envelopes	\$9,804.00	\$9,025.00
Loose	\$1,571.63	\$1,106.61
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$11,375.63</b>	<b>\$10,158.61</b>
\$1—\$4.99	5	7
\$5—\$9.99	42	31
\$10—\$19.99	51	65
\$20—\$24.99	49	47
\$25 and over	137	122
No. of envelope Users	284	272
Average Per Envelope	\$34.52	\$33.28



### GABRIEL PROJECT

Baby girl, Valentina, is three weeks old now and doing well. Thank you again for your generosity and kind wishes. Her mom is most grateful. May God Bless you!

## LECTOR SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY, December 17, 2016**  
5:00pm Susan Ryan

**SUNDAY, December 18 2016**  
8:00am Linda Clardy  
10:00am Elizabeth Murphy  
12:00pm Terry Keyes  
5:30pm Brent Faye



*Rest in Peace*  
**MAUREEN WADEL**

### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND SOLIDARITY WITH FAMILIES OF IMMIGRANTS FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY GUADALUPE DECEMBER 12, 2016

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Working Group on Migration and Refugees has announced a special Day of Prayer and Solidarity with Families of Immigrants and Refugees to be celebrated on **Monday, December 12, 2016** in conjunction with the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. Below are activities you and other supporters can do on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe:

- ◆ **Public witness:** "I will go to [www.justiceforimmigrants.org](http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org), to send an electronic postcard to my members of Congress asking them to support just and humane immigration reform."
- ◆ **Spiritual Communion:** "I will organize and/or bring others to a Mass on Dec. 12th where we will pray for just and human reform of our nations immigration system. We will contact our federal lawmakers after Mass and tell them that we have prayed for their thoughtful deliberation and consideration of immigration reform that reflects our Christian values."
- ◆ **Education:** "I will have two conversations with friends or community members to deepen their understanding of the need for immigration reform. I will follow up by sending them information from the Justice for Immigrants website and urge them to send the postcard on the JFI homepage."

For more ideas and information please go to:  
[www.justiceforimmigrants.org](http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org)



### HEARING LOOP

St. Gabriel's Church has a Hearing Loop for hearing aid users. Hearing loops allow people who wear hearing aids to directly receive sound from the church's PA system in their own hearing aids without having to pick up a separate listening device. If you wear hearing instruments you will need to find out if your hearing aids have this wireless receiver called a T-coil or Telecoil built in, in order to benefit from the hearing loop in our church. The T-coil program is accessed by pushing a button on a hearing aid. This T-coil program must be activated by your audiologist. To learn more about hearing loops, visit: [www.hearingloop.org](http://www.hearingloop.org).