

ST. GABRIEL PARISH BULLETIN, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 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 17, 2017
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**I am a voice
crying out
in the desert**



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REJOICE

Isaiah proclaims truly good news to us! God's coming brings not sadness, guilt, fear, wrath, or condemnation. No, God's coming is a source of comfort and joy. Saying it once is not enough, for today's readings are full of joy. Mary's Magnificat substitutes for our psalm today, and our second reading encourages us to rejoice, to give thanks and praise. This is the root meaning of the Greek word for eucharist. We are urged to rejoice and give thanks, because the coming of

the Lord brings joy, healing, liberty, release, vindication. It makes the very earth spring up with new life! Good tidings!

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COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

**Monday, December 18, 2017
7:30 PM in the Church**

**PARISH CENTER
OFFICE HOURS**

**PLEASE!
NOTE**

On **Tuesday, December 19th**, the Parish Center will be closed from **12:00 PM to 2:00 PM**. Please make a note of it.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE
STUDY/PRAYER GROUP**

The next Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group will be on **Tuesday, December 19th from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM** at the Parish Center. **Please note the time adjustment for this day only!** This group meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month and is facilitated by Sr. Bernadette Hart. This is a drop-in study group and all are welcome! Please call Sr. Bernie at the Parish Center if you have any questions.

**YOUNG LADIES INSTITUTE
DAY OF RECOLLECTION
Saturday, January 6, 2018**

The Young Ladies Institute will have its Day of Recollection on **Saturday, January 6th** at the Bishop Quinn Parish Center. Registration will be at 9:30 AM (cost is \$10) with Mass at 10:00 AM. The speaker this year will be Fr. Tom Hamilton. Please bring your own bag lunch. Beverages and dessert will be supplied.

**READINGS, DECEMBER 24, 2017
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Rom 16:25-27;
Lk 1:26-38**

Dear Friends,

**CHRIST IS BORN !
GLORIFY HIM !**

Such is the joyous cry of our brothers and sisters of the Christian East...Christmas is the time to glorify God for the wonder of Incarnation. Christ Jesus, the Son of the Living God, is born like us in all things but sin. Truly our God, and our Brother---Son of God and child of Mary.

He is our God become One like us that we might become more like Him. We, who are graced by the redemptive love of Christ Jesus through the sacramental life of the Church, become---by grace---more loving and just because of Him.

One tangible way to demonstrate this love at work in us is our support of the pastoral mission and life of the local church, OUR local church, of San Francisco through the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. This effort directly benefits the mission of our own parish in many grace-filled ways. If you have not already had the opportunity to contribute, please consider making a gift toward the work of the Gospel in our own City.

The Spirit Who overshadowed Mary at the Annunciation, overshadows us. We are called to be a people pregnant with grace and hope ---giving flesh to Christ Jesus in Gospel words and deeds. We experience the wonder and power of the Spirit in the midst of our faith community. It is in our love and care for one another that we discover the love of Christ made incarnate among us - love which makes a difference!

Many thanks for all you are, and all you do to make St. Gabriel a vibrant community of faith and hope. May this Christmas Season be a time of blessing and renewal for you and your families.

**CHRIST IS BORN !
GLORIFY HIM !**

In His love,

Father Tom Hamilton
Pastor

**ADVENT GIVING
PROGRAM**



A sincere THANK YOU to all of our Christmas angels who donated to the Advent Giving Drive. Thank you for sharing your blessings with the Epiphany Center, Little Brothers-Friends of the Elderly and the Gubbio Project.

Your donations will help raise the spirits of those who are most in need.

"Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work."

~2 Corinthians 9:8



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.

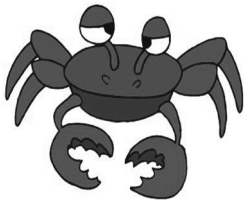
Please follow us on both sites at: [stgabrielschoolsf](https://www.facebook.com/stgabrielschoolsf)

ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL RAFFLE

The St. Gabriel Annual Raffle sale begins **January 2nd!** Please check your mailboxes for raffle tickets! Extra tickets can be purchased through the clinic or through Carrie Riley, carriehuminski@gmail.com. Tickets are \$25 each and the drawing will once again take place at the Crab Feed on **February 10th**.

Grand Prize: \$2000
2nd Prize: \$500
3rd Prize: \$250
4th Prize: \$100

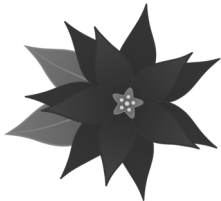


ST. GABRIEL CRAB FEED

Please Save the Date for the St. Gabriel Annual Crab Feed! **Saturday, February 10th, 2018**. More info to follow.

KINDERGARTEN SCREENING FOR FALL 2018

Screening for the Fall 2018 kindergarten class begins **Thursday, January 4th, 2018**. If you are interested in kindergarten for the Fall of 2018 and have not yet taken out/turned in your application, please contact the school as soon as possible after we return from Christmas vacation (1/3/18). You can visit us in person or call 415-731-6161 ext.15, or email sgs@stgabrielsf.com.



CHURCH DECORATING

Get into the Christmas Spirit! Help decorate the church on **Saturday, December 22nd at 10:00 AM**. If you would like to help defray the cost of flowers, there are envelopes in the pews for your convenience. Please drop your donation off at the Parish Center or in the one and only collection at Sunday Mass.

ATTENTION: EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We are asking that all Eucharistic Ministers make a special effort to check in with the Hospitality Ministers at all the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Many of our regulars are away, so we really need your help.

PROPER UNDERTAKING

Never undertake anything for which you wouldn't have the courage to ask the blessings of heaven.

—Georg C. Lichtenberg



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 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 One in your First Communion Book is due on **Tuesday, January 16th**.

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 17, 2017**.

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!

Pastor Al™



"This little thing is your script of what you'll be singing at the Christmas Midnight Mass, Pastor Al."

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**MASS INTENTIONS
DECEMBER 18-24, 2017**

Mon.	8:30 am	The Ritchie & Hurley Families
Tues.	8:30 am	Fred Lippi
Wed.	8:30 am	Dominga Espulgar
Thurs.	8:30 am	Gus Zipse
Fri.	8:30 am	Daniel Healy
Sat.	8:30 am	Remedios Gomez
	5:00 pm	Tom Kelly
Sun.	8:00 am	The Mangan Family (L)
	10:00 am	Luke Drager
	12:00 pm	For the Parishioners
	4:00 pm	Special Christmas Intention
	6:00 pm	Special Christmas Intention
	Midnight	Special Christmas Intention

**NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS
December 23 - 24, 2017**

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

Your Contributions Count!

	Sunday Dec. 10, 2017	Same Sunday Last Year
Envelope Total	\$7,837.70	\$7,951.00
Loose	\$1,828.26	\$1,184.64
Online Giving	\$1,325.50	n/a
Grand Total	\$10,991.46	\$9,135.64

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS
COLLECTION TODAY!**

Help your religious communities. "Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund For Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders.

**GIVE ONLINE AT:
www.sgparish.org**



Click the Online Giving icon on the homepage to get started or go to the "Donate" tab in the upper right corner, then click the "Get Started" icon. You may also donate to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal from our website. Simply go to our homepage and click the link on the left hand side of the page, SFArch.org/AA which will take you to the Archdiocese of San Francisco website. We thank you for your support!

LECTOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, December 23, 2017
5:00 pm Elizabeth Murphy

SUNDAY, December 24, 2017
8:00 am Monica Williams
10:00 am Debbie Montarano
12:00 pm Diane Lawrence

CHRISTMAS EVE, December 24, 2017
4:00 pm Cherry Mae Jumoc
6:00 pm Student Reader
Midnight Nena Velasquez

CHRISTMAS DAY, December 25, 2017
8:00 am Michael O'Loughlin
10:00 am Nena Velasquez
12:00 pm Nora Kury

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Please note: There will still be our regular Sunday Masses at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM on Sunday, December 24th.

**Christmas Eve
Sunday, December 24, 2017**

4:00 PM – Fr. John Jimenez
Music, John Hurst
5:30 PM – The Crooners Singing
6:00 PM – Fr. Tom Hamilton
Music, The Crooners
11:30 PM Christmas Carols with Choir
12:00 AM – Midnight Mass
Fr. John Jimenez
Music, Choir & Brass Ensemble

**Christmas Day
Monday, December 25, 2017**

8:00 AM – Fr. Michael Konopik
10:00 AM – Fr. Tom Hamilton
12:00 PM – Fr. John Jimenez
Music, Choir & Brass Ensemble

New Year's Weekend Schedule

Saturday, December 30, 2017
5:00 PM
Sunday, December 31, 2017
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00PM, 5:30 PM
Monday, January 1, 2017
10:00 AM

Please note that there will be only one Mass at 10:00 AM on January 1st. January 1, 2018, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, is on a Monday. The precept to attend Mass is dispensed when this solemnity falls on a Monday. **All the faithful are encouraged to attend Mass on this day but are not obliged.**