

ST. GABRIEL PARISH BULLETIN, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2016

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Mr. David Lorentz
Music Minister [Sun. 5:30 pm]
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Fourth Sunday of Advent December 18, 2016

They shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us."
— *Matthew 1:23*

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: _____

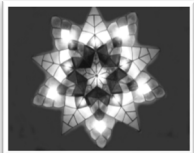
**DECEMBER 18, 2016
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



SUMMONED BY GOD

As Christmas draws near, Advent's scriptures lure us into a world of dreams, signs, wonders, and the miracle of the virgin birth. Too often we allow the great stories of our faith, the ones that are most familiar, simply to wash over us. Today's Gospel account of the events leading up to the birth of the Lord reads like a present-day soap opera. Yet Joseph's courage, even in the midst of what must have been an incredibly confusing time, provides a model for us. Each week, we are summoned by God to embrace the way of goodness and truth through the proclamation of God's holy word. Like Joseph, we are called to do as the Lord commands us. As we stand at the threshold of Christmas, let us have the courage to be open to whatever it is that the Lord will require of us as we celebrate the miracle of Bethlehem.

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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 18-24, 2016

5:30 AM Service
Holy Name of Jesus

December 18-24, 2016

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

December 18-23, 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

**READINGS, DECEMBER 25, 2016
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29;
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14;
Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7;
Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;
Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

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.**



THANK YOU!

A HUGE, sincere thank you to all who donated so generously for our Advent Giving Drive. Your gifts will help brighten the day for so many people. Thank you for sharing your blessings with the Epiphany Center, Little Brothers-Friends of the Elderly and the Gubbio Project.

"Whoever cares for the poor lends to the Lord, who will pay back the sum in full."

~Proverbs 19:17

VOCATION CROSS PROGRAM

The Vocations Committee would like to thank **Robert & Angelina Kaposch** for being the guardians of the cross for the month of November, 2016. For the month of December, the cross will be in the home of **Roger Gargano**. Mr. Gargano received the cross at the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, December 11th. Each month, we invite a parishioner or a 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



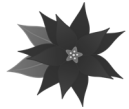
ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL NEWS

GABRIEL'S TRUMPET

The Fall Issue of our school newsletter, *Gabriel's Trumpet*, was mailed and is available in the school rack of the church vestibule. If you know someone who would like to receive it please send the address to the School Development Office (email: sgs@stgabrielsf.com). Parents - Has your child graduate moved? Send us their updated address so we can mail the Trumpet to them.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!

Thank you for supporting senior religious. A sister from Indiana writes, "Because of your kindness, our elderly sisters will have the comfort, security, and joy of living out their remaining years here in their home. You truly honor them and their many years of service by your generosity." Religious across the United States offer sincere thanks for your generosity to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. With your help, St. Gabriel parishioners donated \$671.00 to this fund.



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.



ST. GABRIEL'S FATHER & DAUGHTER DANCE JANUARY 14, 2017

The St. Gabriel Men's Club invites you to the First Annual Father/Daughter Dance on **Saturday, January 14, 2017 from 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM** in Bedford Hall. The dance is open to all parish father/daughters, uncles/nieces, Godfathers/Goddaughters and grandfathers/granddaughters. The cost is \$50 per couple for Men's Club paid members or \$70 per couple for Non-Men's Club members. Each additional child will be \$15. Semi-formal attire requested. We will have a DJ, dancing, heavy appetizers, non-alcoholic beverages and photographs. Cash or check payment accepted at the door the night of the event. Please RSVP by **January 7, 2017** to John Bower at sgmensclubsf@gmail.com with the number of persons attending. Hope to see you there!

IRISH IMMIGRATION PASTORAL CENTER SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Become a volunteer with the Irish Immigration Pastoral Center (IIPC) in San Francisco. Through its range of programs and services, IIPC is often the first port of call for advice for those who have just arrived from Ireland, as well as those who have been here for years but are seeking help in times of stress or difficulty. In particular, people are needed during business hours to help with office support on a regular or semi-regular basis. For more information, please call 415-752-6006 or email info@sfiipc.org



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 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, 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 18, 2016	Religious Education Classes
January 8, 2017	Religious Education Classes
January 22, 2017	Religious Education Classes
January 29, 2017	Religious Education Classes

FIRST COMMUNION

Chapter One in your Communion book is due on **Tuesday, January 17th**.



CONFIRMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

The next Confirmation Preparation Session and Youth Mass is **Sunday, January 8th from 3:30 - 6:30 PM**. Please meet in the Multi-purpose Room.



75th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE ORNAMENT

Today, **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!

GETTING EVEN


The only ones you should try to get even with are those who have helped you.

—Anonymous

MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 19 - 25, 2016

Mon.	8:30 am	Daniel Healy
Tues.	8:30 am	Dominga Espulgar
Wed.	8:30 am	Gus Zipse
Thurs.	8:30 am	Margaret Keohane
Fri.	8:30 am	Tom Kelly
Sat.	Christmas Eve	
	8:30 am	Special Intention
	4:00 pm	Special Intention
	6:00 pm	Special Intention
	Midnight	Special Intention
Sun.	Christmas Day	
	8:00 am	Special Intention
	10:00 am	Special Intention
	12:00 pm	Special Intention

Your Envelope Counts

	SUNDAY Dec. 11, 2016	SAME SUNDAY 2015
Total from Envelopes	\$7,951.00	\$6,721.25
Loose	\$1,184.64	\$1,291.05
<u>Total Collection</u>	<u>\$9,135.64</u>	<u>\$8,012.30</u>
\$1—\$4.99	n/a	7
\$5—\$9.99	n/a	38
\$10—\$19.99	n/a	51
\$20—\$24.99	n/a	45
\$25 and over	n/a	102
No. of envelope Users	241	243
Average Per Envelope	\$32.99	\$27.70



**13TH ANNUAL
WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST**
Saturday, January 21, 2017
Civic Center Plaza, San Francisco

Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral
9:30 AM
Silent No More Awareness Campaign:
10:45 AM
Info Faire:
11:00 AM

WALK FOR LIFE MAIN EVENT

Rally begins at 12:30 PM and starts at Civic Center Plaza, walking down Market Street (2 miles). Ends at Justin Herman Plaza/Ferry Building. For more information and to register, call 415-658-1793 or email info@WalkforLifeWC.com or go to www.walkforlifewc.com

LECTOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, December 24, 2016
4:00pm Cherrymae Jumoc
6:00pm Student Reader
Midnight Nena Velasquez

SUNDAY, December 25, 2016
8:00am Michael O'Loughlin
10:00am Kathryn Kozuch
12:00pm Allenda Simpson

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 September. 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

Pastor Al®



"You took the choir to Mexico? I said that with the organ broken you should go to a cappella, not Acapulco!"