

ST. GABRIEL PARISH BULLETIN, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2016

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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 25, 2016
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



THE GIFT OF GOD'S WORD

On this day of gifts and gift-giving, it seems appropriate that we take a moment to reflect on the great gift of God's Word. Because it is creative, God's Word always points to its author, always calls us to respond. Because it is powerful, God's Word can link the sublime with the ridiculous, the transcendent with the immanent, the divine with the human. Because it is graceful, God's Word establishes a relationship of deep intimacy between us and God.

At the heart of God's Word lies a tantalizing tension between the mysterious and the mundane. In our liturgical celebration, this unresolved tension both reveals the meaning of life for us and calls us to respond, to act upon that meaning.

Once accepted and opened, the gift of God's Word is a gift that keeps on giving and keeps on calling us to give in return. It dares us to be like the gift-giver and to become gifts for others, not only at Christmas, but at every moment of life.

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PARISH CENTER HOURS



The Parish Center will be closed today, **Sunday, December 25th** and tomorrow, **Monday, December 26th**. We will reopen on Tuesday, December 27th at 9:00 AM. The Parish Center hours for **Saturday, December 31st** will be from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. We will be closed on **Sunday, January 1st** and **Monday, January 2nd**. Fr. Tom and the Staff of St. Gabriel wish you all a blessed holiday with your family and friends.

PLEASE NOTE



On Sunday, January 1, 2017, The Solemnity of Mary, there will be NO 5:30 PM Evening Mass. The morning Masses will remain as usual - 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM.

YOUNG LADIES INSTITUTE DAY OF RECOLLECTION
Saturday, January 7, 2017



The Young Ladies Institute will have their Day of Recollection on **Saturday, January 7th** at the Bishop Quinn Parish Center. Registration will be at 9:30 AM (cost is \$10) with Mass at 10:00 AM. Fr. Garcia will be the speaker. Please bring your own brown bag lunch. Coffee and dessert will be supplied.

READINGS, JANUARY 1, 2017
SOLEMNITY OF MARY
Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
Gal 4:4-7;
Lk 2:16-21



SANDWICH SUNDAY

Next Sunday, January 1st, is Sandwich Sunday. Please bring wrapped sandwiches for the needy by **no later than 12 Noon.** Members of St. Vincent de Paul Society will be outside church before and after each of the Masses (including the Saturday, 5:00 PM Vigil Mass) to receive your donations. Your generosity is always appreciated. Cash donations are also welcome.

DIACONATE FORMATION INFORMATIONAL EVENINGS

The Office of Formation for the Permanent Diaconate will hold Informational Evenings for men considering the possibility of serving the Church as Permanent Deacons. The Program Director, Fr. Michael Sweeney, O.P., and Patricia Jameson, Program Coordinator, will discuss the ministry of the Deacon of the Church, the Formation Program and the application process. Single and married men between the ages of 30 and 60 may apply for the program and are invited to the evening. However, married applicants need the complete support of their wives in order to pursue the program: therefore, wives are encouraged to attend. Meetings are as follows:

Tuesday, January 10, 2017
Our Lady of Mercy, Daly City

Thursday, January 12, 2017
Saint Anselm Church, San Rafael

Monday, January 17, 2017
Saint Mary Cathedral, San Francisco
All meeting times are from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

For more information, please contact the Diaconate Formation Office at 415-614-5531.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

An old joke asks, "What time is Midnight Mass?" The answer is not really obvious, since Christmas is unique in having several distinct celebrations. The readings and prayers vary greatly from hour to hour. The Vigil Mass hinges on the family heritage of Jesus and his origins. The concept of "midnight" predates clock time, and really has to do with a celebration in the hours of darkness. Years ago, it was not possible to receive Communion without fasting for a full day, so the late hour of this Mass made it possible for the people to receive. The first Mass after sunrise, the Mass at Dawn, was once known as "The Shepherds' Mass," and later Masses set aside stories of Jesus' birth to focus on the key to the day's celebration: John the Evangelist's majestic theology of Christ's identity as the Word made flesh, dwelling among us. One feast, four separate Masses. Only monasteries manage the whole round. Parishioners typically take just one entry point into the mystery. Yet there is much to savor and celebrate in the coming of Christ into the world. Christmas is not a day, but a season. You still have two weeks to send those Christmas cards before you're officially late!

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ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL NEWS

KINDERGARTEN SCREENING FOR FALL 2017

Screening for Fall 2017 kindergarten class begins on **Thursday, January 5, 2017**. If you are interested in kindergarten for the Fall of 2017 and have not yet taken out/turned in your application, please contact the school as soon as possible after we return from Christmas vacation (January 3, 2017). You can visit us in person, call 415-566-0314, or email sgs@stgabrielsf.com

SAVE THE DATE-CRAB DINNER DANCE

Save the Date - **February 25, 2017** - for the St. Gabriel Parent Organization's Annual Crab Dinner Dance. The event is from 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM and is for adults only. Watch for reservation details in January. For questions, call the school at 415-566-0314



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, God-

fathers/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!

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL, 2016

Thank you to all who have participated in the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. We are extremely grateful for your generosity. If you have not yet participated in the Appeal and would like to, there are envelopes in the Church and in the Parish Center for your convenience. The deadline to donate to this Appeal is December 31, 2016.



On December 10th, The St. Gabriel Ladies Sodality of the Miraculous Medal held their Annual Christmas Luncheon at the Irish Cultural Center.

This is Linda Scholtz Dellanini and her sister Carlene Scholtz Marra. These two have organized Sodality's Annual Christmas Luncheon for more than 10 years AND the best part is that they said the two best words ever: next year! We all had a terrific time and truly look forward to being just as thrilled next year. Thank you to Linda and Carlene and all the members of the Sodality.

~Moyra Triguero, Co-President

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, Daniel Fingal-Surma, Fely Estonina Londonio, Mary Ellen Giraud, Donald Glickman, Lottie Gonzales, Purificacion (Nene) Hangad, Patricia Johnson, Angelina Kaprosch, 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, Dorenda Uy, Isagani Valdeleon Lloyd Velasquez, Carl Velleno, Chiara Vinzoni, Fr. Joe Walsh, Patricia West, Guy Worth, and Richard Yan.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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.

SODALITY NEWS




MASS INTENTIONS DEC. 26, 2016 - JAN. 1, 2017

Mon.	8:30 am	Nestor Alva
Tues.	8:30 am	Esther Macalusa
Wed.	8:30 am	James McCarron
Thurs.	8:30 am	Thomas Corsiglia
Fri.	8:30 am	Eddie & Maura Tunney
Sat.	8:30 am	Seamus Carolan
	5:00 pm	Seamus Carolan
Sun.	8:00 am	Lynette Cordero (L) & Dionisio Espulgar, Jr.
	10:00 am	Isabel Miranda from The Ladies Sodality
	12:00 pm	For the Parishioners
	5:30 pm	No Evening Mass

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS Dec. 31, 2016 - Jan. 1, 2017

5:00 PM	Fr. Tom Hamilton
8:00 AM	Fr. David Schunk
10:00 AM	Fr. Tom Hamilton
12:00 PM	Fr. David Schunk
5:30 PM	No Evening Mass

Your Envelope Counts

	SUNDAY Dec. 18, 2016	SAME SUNDAY 2015
Total from Envelopes	\$8,533.00	\$9,104.00
Loose	\$1,067.92	\$1,150.50
Total Collection	\$9,600.92	\$10,254.50
\$1—\$4.99	5	9
\$5—\$9.99	24	22
\$10—\$19.99	41	54
\$20—\$24.99	43	43
\$25 and over	114	134
No. of envelope Users	227	262
Average Per Envelope	\$37.59	\$34.75

LEARNED AT HOME

The mind of Christ is to be learned in the family. Strength of character may be acquired at work, but beauty of character is learned at home.

—Henry Drummond

LECTOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, December 31, 2016
5:00pm Brenda Peralta

SUNDAY, January 1, 2017
8:00am Shannon Manini
10:00am Elizabeth Murphy
12:00pm Diane Lawrence
5:30pm No Evening Mass



Rest in Peace
DORIS MCGEE



HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED PERSONAL LOSS?

Have you experienced the death of a loved one? Are you going through a divorce or have you lost your job? St. Gabriel is starting a Grief Support Group every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, beginning on **Thursday, January 12, 2017 from 7:00 - 8:30 PM** in the Parish Center. It will be a time for prayers and support. Please call Sr. Bernadette Hart at 415-731-6161 if you have any questions. No registration required.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Monday: St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins
Tuesday: St. John
Wednesday: The Holy Innocents
Thursday: St. Thomas Becket;
Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Friday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Saturday: St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve
Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord



**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