

# ST. GABRIEL CHURCH

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**Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9am-5pm  
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**Pastoral Staff:** Rev. Andrew Spyrow, Administrator; Rev. Mr. John Hurst, Deacon; Rev. Paul Zirimenya, In Residence; Rev. Wilson Blas, In Residence; Mrs. Gina Beal, School Principal; Mrs. Nancy Becerra, Director of Religious Education; Mr. Matthew Shea, Pastoral Associate.

**Parish Center Support Staff:** Mrs. Cheryl Bailey, Bookkeeper; Mrs. Marie Dimapasoc-Arima, Payroll; Ms. Luana Letele, Secretary.

**Liturgical Support:** Mr. Rob Grant, Music Minister; Rev. Mr. John Hurst, Music Minister; Mr. David Lorentz, Music Minister; Ms. Kristine Sinajon, Music Minister; Mr. Mark Davis, Music Minister; Mrs. Nancy Porter, Wedding Rehearsal Coordinator.

## MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday—5pm (Vigil Mass)  
Sunday—8am, 10am & 5:30pm

Weekday

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri—8:30am

## RECONCILIATION

Every first Saturday at 3:30pm in the Church with individual confession and absolution

For information on Baptism, Marriage, Sunday School, Anointing of the Sick, Rite/Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA/OCIA) or Confirmation, please call the Parish Center.

## OUR MISSION

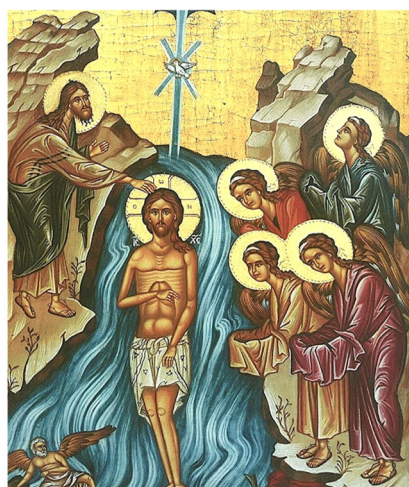
As a worshipping, believing, and caring community, St. Gabriel Parish participates in the mission of Jesus Christ, remembered most intensely at Sunday Assembly through proclamation of The Word and the sharing of the Eucharistic Meal. This Community, so nourished, lives its faith in prayer, education and outreach.

## WELCOME!

Would you like to register in our parish? Go to [www.sgparish.org](http://www.sgparish.org) and click on the "Register Online" link or call the Parish Center and we'll send you a form!

## January 12, 2025 *The Baptism of the Lord*

**Today's Readings:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or IS 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 9-10 or Ps 104:1B-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10: 34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3: 4-7; Lk 3:15-16; 21-22



*Lucas Cranach the Elder*

*Adoration of the Shepherds circa 1515-1520*

As we celebrate this feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we can study His actions at the Jordan River as a powerful example of servant leadership. We see in Jesus a type of leadership that is characterized by humility and leading by example.

Certainly, the sinless Savior did not need a baptism of repentance! But Jesus humbly made Himself one with his people to draw us to Him and create a relationship with us so that we would be open to His teachings and influence.

As a servant leader, we also see that Jesus leads by example. He doesn't just tell

the people they need to be baptized. He shows them how and does it Himself to teach them. To lead like Jesus, we, too, must "walk the walk" and not just "talk the talk." If we want those who we lead to be generous and hard-working, then we must show them how to do this by demonstrating generosity and hard work ourselves.

Immediately after His baptism, we learn of the powerful affirmation of the Father who opens the heavens, sends the Holy Spirit upon Jesus in bodily form, and says audibly, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased." Let us be filled with gratitude for our amazing God and be reminded that when we are grateful followers of Jesus and servant-leaders in imitation of Him, the Father will be well-pleased with us, too.

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*Catholic Stewardship Consultants, [www.Catholicsteward.com](http://www.Catholicsteward.com)*

## PLEASING TO GOD

And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." (Luke 3:2)

### **Question of the Week**

**Adults:** Do you think that God was "well pleased" by your actions in recent weeks? Why?

**Kids:** What good thing could you do this week that would be pleasing to God?

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**JANUARY 13 - 19, 2025**

Mon.	8:30 am	Gervasia Tecson
Tues.	8:30 am	John Reilly
Wed.	8:30 am	No Service
Thurs.	8:30 am	Lynette P. Espulgar (L)
Fri.	8:30 am	Julia Howard
Sat.	5:00 pm	John O'Connell
Sun.	8:00 am	Collective Mass
	10:00 am	Todd Miller
	5:30 pm	For the Parishioners

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

In the coming week we ask for your prayers for the following: Denise Foley, Debbie Gaffney, and Lottie Gonzales.

**OFFERTORY INFORMATION**

A heartfelt thank you to the St. Gabriel Community for your generous Christmas donations of **\$23,909**. Your support is a true blessing! We thank you!

<b>Week of Dec. 28 &amp; 29:</b>	<b>\$11,441</b>
<b>Solemnity of Mary, Jan. 1:</b>	<b>\$1,483</b>
<b>Week of Jan. 4 &amp; 5:</b>	<b>\$5,879</b>

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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. We thank you for your support!

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**2024 TAX REPORTS**

If you would like a report of your donations to St. Gabriel's for tax purposes, **you must request one**. Please call the Parish Center at 415-731-6161 to arrange to have one mailed to you or email the secretary at [secretary@sgparish.org](mailto:secretary@sgparish.org). Due to the large volume of calls, **please allow 1-2 weeks for your request to be processed and mailed**. All those parishioners who gave a one-time donation of \$250 or more will automatically have their report sent to them on or before January 31, 2025.

***Laughter is the Best Medicine***

*A woman was sharing in her Bible Study group: "I was reading in Proverbs 21:19, and it hit me like a ton of bricks: it is better to live in a desert than in a house with a contentious woman. "I was so convicted, so challenged, but then a big question came upon me: "Do I take him to just any desert?"*

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**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**  
**JANUARY 18-25, 2025**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025, observed from **January 18th—25th**, will focus on the theme "Do You Believe?" based on John 11:26. This theme invites Christians to reflect on the transformative power of faith in Jesus Christ, particularly in the light of his words to Martha in the story of Lazarus. The week is an opportunity for Christians of all denominations to come together in prayer, reflecting on the unity that flows from shared belief in Christ as the source of eternal life. Through joint worship and reflection, participants will seek to overcome divisions and grow in mutual understanding and solidarity. This annual event fosters deeper relationships among Christian communities, reinforcing the shared calling to spread the Gospel. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity offers a powerful reminder of the life-giving hope found in faith and the unity it brings. **Please pick up a prayer card in the vestibule!**

**21ST ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE 2025**  
**Saturday, January 25, 2025**

**Civic Center Plaza**

The Walk For Life is an annual pro-life event aimed at advocating for the rights of the unborn and promoting a culture of life. The event includes a rally with various speakers and a march through our city's streets, which helps raise awareness about the importance of respecting life at all stages. There will be an Information Faire at 11:00 AM. The Rally starts at Civic Center Plaza at 12:30 PM, walking down Market Street (2 miles). The Walk will end at Embarcadero Plaza. For more information, go to [Walkforlifewc.com](http://Walkforlifewc.com). You may also call Mary Fogarty at 415-681-7286 for first-hand experience on attending the rally. She knows the ropes!

**CRAB FEED**

The St. Gabriel Parent Organization will be holding its Annual Crab Dinner on **Saturday, February 1st** at Bedford Hall. Tickets will go on sale on Wednesday, January 15th at Noon. Please go to the school website at [www.stgabrielstf.com](http://www.stgabrielstf.com) for more information and to purchase tickets.



**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**  
**January 26 - February 1, 2025**



**Catholic Schools**  
**United in Faith and Community**

Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic School Education throughout the United States. This week serves as a reminder of the importance of fostering spiritual growth, moral development, and academic achievement in a supportive, faith-filled environment. It also offers an opportunity for parents, students and educators to come together and celebrate the impact that Catholic education has on shaping well-rounded individuals and engaged citizens.