

# 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.

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## 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!

## February 2, 2025 *The Presentation of the Lord*

**Today's Readings: Mal 3:1-4; PS 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32**

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, when Mary and Joseph brought their infant Son to the Temple in obedience to the laws of their Jewish faith. This is a beautiful, and in many ways, mysterious feast — and one that is filled with lessons for a stewardship way of life.

Our Gospel passage from Luke, recounting the details of the Presentation, teaches us a stewardship lesson through the example of St. Joseph and the Blessed Mother, the "Holy Parents." Even knowing their Son was God, they still carefully observed the faith practices of their day bringing him to the temple "to present Him to the Lord just as it is written in the law of the Lord." Later in the passage we read that, "When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to their own town of Nazareth." The Holy Parents were good stewards of their child, teaching Him to live in obedience to the practices of their faith from his infancy and throughout His "growing up" years.

Those of us entrusted with the care of children, whether our own children, godchildren, nieces, and nephews, grandchildren, or students, have a vital role to play in the faith formation of these young ones. We, like the Holy Parents, must steward these children well, forming them in the faith by both instruction and example throughout their lives.

What a privilege and high calling we have as Christian stewards. Let us take these stewardship lessons to heart and present our gifts and our young ones joyfully to the Lord.

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

## LIGHT FOR ALL THE WORLD

[A] light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel. (Luke 2:32)

### **Question of the Week**

**Adults:** *What does it mean to be a light that shows others, whether Christian or not, God's love?*

**Kids:** *How can you be a light that shows God's love to others?*

## BLESSING OF THROATS

### Monday, February 3, 2025 8:30 AM Mass

The Feast Day of St. Blaise is on **Monday, February 3rd**. St. Blaise was a 4th-century bishop and martyr from Armenia, known for his deep faith and healing powers. According to tradition, he is said to have healed a boy who was choking on a fish bone, which is why he is the patron saint of throat ailments. The blessing of throats on his feast day is a tradition where priests, deacons or ministers place two crossed candles on the throat of the faithful, invoking St. Blaise's intercession for good health and protection from illnesses of the throat. This custom is a reminder of his miraculous healing and his enduring connection to physical and spiritual wellness.

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**FEBRUARY 3 - 9, 2025**

Mon.	8:30 am	The Edgar Dias Family
Tues.	8:30 am	Carole Montaldo
Wed.	8:30 am	No Service
Thurs.	8:30 am	Juanita Gallagher
Fri.	8:30 am	Ben Shanley
Sat.	5:00 pm	John O'Connell
Sun.	8:00 am	Collective Mass
	10:00 am	The Porter & Becker Families
	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.



*Rest in Peace*

**CECILIA MADEIRA**  
**ROBERT GEARY**

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

**January 25-26, 2025**

**Envelopes: \$2,860**

**Online Giving: \$1,962**

**Loose: \$852**

**Total Offertory: \$5,674**

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**BAPTISM**

*Let us welcome into our parish family*

**JESSE DAZOLS**

*Who was recently baptized*

**THANK YOU FOR 10 YEARS!**

After 10 wonderful years of teaching and growing alongside your children, I'm delighted to share that I've accepted a new job opportunity and will be stepping away from my role as the Director of Religious Education and Youth Ministry. It has been such a joy to be part of this faith community and I will truly miss seeing the children, teachers, and parishioners of this special place. While this is goodbye for now, it's not forever—I'm still excited to assist with both the upcoming Confirmation and First Holy Communion Masses. My heart is filled with gratitude for all the memories we've created...thank you for allowing me to be a part of your children's lives!

With love and blessings,

*~Nancy Becerra*

**YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE**

The Young Men's Institute, a Catholic men's organization, is celebrating its 142nd year. The annual Red & White Mass will be held at All Souls Church, 315 Walnut Avenue, in South San Francisco on **Saturday, March 1st**. Dinner ticket prices are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children 17 & under. The deadline to purchase tickets is February 21st. Make checks payable to YMI #32 and mail to YMI Council #32 c/o Richard Murphy, PO Box 1161, South San Francisco, CA 94080. Have questions?? Call Richard Murphy at 415-602-0469 or email him at [mur53phy@comcast.net](mailto:mur53phy@comcast.net).



The St. Gabriel's Men's Club met for their meeting on January 23rd at Karl's Beacon. Check out the cool new Hawaiian shirts with the Men's Club logo on them! The Men's Club offers a space for men of the parish and school to come together in camaraderie and friendship while supporting the church's ministries. Throughout the year, the Men's Club sponsors various events that bring families and parishioners together including the Father/Daughter Dance (February 8th!), Prime Rib dinner, and Taco Nights that foster fun and bonding. If you're interested in joining the Men's Club, please email [sgmensclubsf@gmail.com](mailto:sgmensclubsf@gmail.com).