

# 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; Mrs. Gina Beal, School Principal; 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, Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (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? Please go to [www.sgparish.org](http://www.sgparish.org) and click on the "Register Online" link or you may call the Parish Center and we'll send you a form!

## February 16, 2025 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Today's Readings:** Jer 17: 5-8; Ps 1:1-4,6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6: 17, 20-26

Today's readings speak of an essential quality for the Christian steward — hope. This is especially fitting this year, as Pope Francis has designated 2025 as a Jubilee Year with the theme, "Pilgrims of Hope."

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit (CCC 1817)."

In many ways, this is the very definition of a stewardship way of life — focusing on eternity as we live our daily lives and relying on God to provide for our needs and satisfy our deepest longings for meaning and happiness right now.

In today's Gospel from Luke, Jesus describes the true richness of life that is possible for those of us who are willing to live as his hope-filled disciples. We are all familiar with this passage in which Jesus reveals the Beatitudes: Blessed are the poor; they have the kingdom of God. Blessed are those now hungry because they will be satisfied. Blessed are those who weep because they will laugh. Blessed are those who are hated, excluded, and insulted because they are disciples of Jesus; they will be greatly rewarded in heaven. Jesus is describing here the character of one who is living a life of hope — the life of a Christian steward whose trust is firmly rooted in God and who is focused on others and eternity. It is not always an easy life, but it is a deeply meaningful life and one that leads to eternal reward.

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

## REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God." (Lk 6:20)

### **Question of the Week**

**Adults:** *In what way are you serving the poor, as Jesus did?*

**Kids:** *When have you helped bring God's love to someone who was sad, or hungry, or whom others made fun of?*

## PARISH CENTER CLOSED

The Parish Center will be closed on **Monday, February 17th**, in honor of the President's Day Holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, February 18th at 9:00 AM. Have a blessed holiday.

*Dear God, we honor the presidents who served our country throughout the ages. We ask you to give wisdom and confidence to those currently in office, so that they can govern justly and in a Godly manner. Please continue to bless our nation, and to help us all be good citizens. Amen.*

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**FEBRUARY 17 - 23, 2025**

Mon.	8:30 am	Kathleen O'Connor (L)
Tues.	8:30 am	Julie Howard
Wed.	8:30 am	No Service
Thurs.	8:30 am	Mary Kelly (L)
Fri.	8:30 am	Bridget Shanley (L)
Sat.	5:00 pm	Joan Dyer (L)
Sun.	8:00 am	Collective Mass
	10:00 am	For the Parishioners
	5:30 pm	The McBride Family

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

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

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

**February 8 - 9, 2025**

**Envelopes: \$2,402**

**Online Giving: \$2,395**

**Loose: \$907**

**Total Offertory: \$5,704**

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**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?? Email Richard Murphy at [mur53phy@comcast.net](mailto:mur53phy@comcast.net) or call him at 415-602-0469.



**Laughter is the Best Medicine**

*I accidentally gave my wife a glue stick instead of Chapstick. She still isn't talking to me.*



**Rest in Peace**

**ELIZABETH "TERRI" LEONARD**

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

**SODALITY'S ANNUAL DAY OF REFLECTION**

The Ladies Sodality's Annual Day of Reflection will take place on **Thursday, February 27th**. Mass will begin at 8:30 AM in the church with a presentation to follow at 9:30 AM in the Parish Center. Mary Rhoades, from the Epiphany center will be our guest speaker. A light lunch will be provided at noon. At 1:00 PM, Benjamin Cohen of the SF Public Library will also be one of our presenters. All ladies are invited to bring 1, 2 or a few books to share, exchange and/or donate. While this event is free, all ladies are invited to participate in donations to both Epiphany Center and SFPL, as baskets will be passed at the completion of each presentation. All ladies of the parish are most welcome to attend!

**PRAY FOR THEM!**



Please pray for our 28 Confirmation candidates who will be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit next weekend, **February 22nd at 11:00 AM**, by the Rev. Stephen H. Howell.

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of these candidates with your grace, wisdom, and strength, that they may faithfully follow Christ and be a shining light to the world. Amen.*

**JOIN US FOR A**  
**St. Patrick**  
*Gathering*

**LET'S EAT, DRINK AND BE IRISH!**

**Saturday, March 8, 2025**

**Bedford Hall**

**Appetizers with No-host cocktails at 6:00 PM**  
**Corned beef and cabbage dinner to follow.**  
**\$40 per person in advance or at the Parish Center OR \$45 at the door. Scan the code!**



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