

# 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 23, 2025 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Today's Readings:** 1 Sm 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; PS 103: 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 COR 15: 45-49; LK 6: 27-38

In today's Gospel, taken from the sixth chapter of Luke, Jesus offers a very challenging, seemingly impossible approach to daily life. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak do not withhold even your tunic." It makes one want to say, "Seriously, Lord?" And He doesn't stop there. Jesus adds, "Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back."

It seems so unfair! That is, unless we look at this way of life from a stewardship point of view. Then, not only does it seem doable (though challenging), but it also actually makes perfect sense. A steward understands clearly that all he has and all that he is — his very life — is a gift from God given to him from an unfathomable abundance of love. This changes everything! This means "my" cloak, "my" tunic, "my" money, and time — all of it ultimately belongs to God. He has entrusted these things to each of us in love to use for His purposes and His glory.

Does this mean we are to be passive "doormats" to anyone who wants to take advantage of us? Certainly not. Jesus explains this in the next verse of this passage when He says, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." There is nothing wrong with loving oneself since God loves us and has made us in His own image and likeness. Jesus is simply asking that we also approach others, and the sharing of our gifts, with this same attitude. He is giving us a definition here of real love, a steward's love!

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

### IN ANOTHER'S SHOES

Jesus said, "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you." (Lk 6:27-28)

### Question of the Week

**Adults:** What has allowed you to overcome obstacles and forgive someone who has hurt you?

**Kids:** When has it been hard to forgive someone who hurt you? What did you do?

### SVDP SANDWICH SUNDAY NEXT WEEK!



Your St. Vincent de Paul conference will be collecting sandwiches on **March 1st at 5:00 PM and March 2nd at 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM.** If you are unable to contribute sandwiches, a monetary donation is also welcomed. As always, we are appreciative of the St. Gabriel Parish generosity!

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**FEBRUARY 24 - MARCH 2, 2025**

Mon.	8:30 am	Matias Orque
Tues.	8:30 am	Cesar Perez
Wed.	8:30 am	No Service
Thurs.	8:30 am	Baldomero DeCastro
Fri.	8:30 am	Billy O'Leary
Sat.	5:00 pm	Carmen Orque
Sun.	8:00 am	Collective Mass
	10:00 am	Barbara Graham from The Ladies Sodality
	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.

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

**February 15-16, 2025**

**Envelopes: \$3,967**

**Online Giving: \$1,767**

**Loose: \$1,093**

**Total Offertory: \$6,827**

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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN TIMES OF GRIEF AT HOLY NAME CHAPEL**

Join Holy Name on **Wednesday, February 26th** at the Holy Name Parish Office Chapel at 1555 39th Avenue from 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM for *Stations of the Cross in Times of Grief*. Sr. Toni Lynn Gallagher, a Sister of Mercy, will guide you in finding hope through each station, showing how this sacred journey parallels our own experiences of loss and teaches you how to move forward in faith. All are welcome to this morning of reflection and healing. For more information call 415-664-8590.



***Laughter is the Best Medicine***

*A journalist asked Blessed John XXIII (Pope from 1958-1963) how many people work in the Vatican. The pope paused, thought for a bit and replied, "About half of them."*



**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!

**EPIPHANY CENTER'S 28TH ANNUAL BENEFIT PARTY & SHOW**

Epiphany Center's Annual Benefit will be on **Thursday, March 27th** at The Family, 701 Bush Street, in San Francisco starting at 6:00 PM. It will be a spectacular evening that features a cocktail reception, gourmet dinner, a musical revue, a first-hand testimonial from one of the agency's clients, and an online silent auction. Epiphany raises funds for the homeless, low-income, and marginalized women and children in San Francisco. Tickets are \$250 each and can be reserved online at [TheEpiphanyCenter.org](http://TheEpiphanyCenter.org). For information, please call 415-351-4055 or email [info@TheEpiphanyCenter.org](mailto:info@TheEpiphanyCenter.org).

**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!**



**SPECIAL PERFORMANCES BY**  
IRISH DANCERS ~ THE IRISH PIPERS BAND OF SAN FRANCISCO ~  
MUSIC BY THE GAS MEN WITH KATHLEEN SMITH