

ST. GABRIEL CHURCH

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Mon-Thurs 9am-5pm
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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 and click on the "Register Online" link or you may call the Parish Center and we'll send you a form!

March 2, 2025 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings: Sir 27: 4-7; Ps 92: 2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15: 54-58; Lk 6: 39-45



*Pieter Bruegel the Elder
Parable of the Blind, detail, 1568*

Today's readings exhort us Christian disciples to form ourselves — mind and heart — in imitation of Christ so we can better reflect His goodness in our daily lives.

The first reading from Sirach offers timeless counsel: "the fruit of a tree shows the care it has had: so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he speaks." Jesus uses the very same analogy in today's Gospel reading from Luke: "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit."

Everything we have is a gift from God to be used for His honor and glory. This includes the gift of speech and, even more broadly, all forms of modern-day communication — email, text, TikTok, Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, and the rest. What comes forth from our mouths, or keyboard, or phone, reflects what is in our minds and hearts. Our ability to communicate with each other is itself a gift which we must steward well.

In the same Gospel passage, Jesus reminds us, "No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher." The more time we spend with Jesus, our teacher, through regular prayer and a strong sacramental life, the more we will become like Him. Then all that we do and say (and tweet and post) will bring others closer to Him. This is the life's work of the Christian steward. It is privileged work indeed.

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AUTHENTIC LIVING

Jesus said, "How can you say to your neighbor, 'Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye', when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye?" (Lk 6:42a)

Question of the Week

Adults: *When have you most felt like a hypocrite? How did you overcome this feeling?*

Kids: *Is it a good thing or a bad thing to act differently from what you are really feeling? Why?*

MASS INTENTIONS
MARCH 3 - 9, 2025

Mon.	8:30 am	Ita McCarron (L)
Tues.	8:30 am	Allan Gallagher & Liz Montague
Wed.	8:30 am	Mary Kelly (L)
	10:45am	For the Parishioners
	6:30pm	Melinda C. Gutierrez
Thurs.	8:30 am	Joan Harley (L)
Fri.	8:30 am	Luisito Barron
Sat.	5:00 pm	For the Parishioners
Sun.	8:00 am	Collective Mass
	10:00 am	The Young Ladies Institute
	5:30 pm	Robert & Frances Rouan

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 22 - 23, 2025

Envelopes: \$2,786

Online Giving: \$2,642

Loose: \$817

Total Offertory: \$6,245

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www.sqparish.org



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Congratulations to our 27 Confirmation candidates who received the Gift of the Holy Spirit last weekend. Please pray for our young people as they continue on their journey of faith.

Jaedynn Aquino
Ayden Beal
Eilis Burke
Kaitlin Callaghan
Flannan Chang
Sofia Cruz
Shane Debrunner
Andrew Dito
Yareli Gamez-Lopez
Samantha Garcia
Paul Henspetter
Dylan Maguire
Jaden Marania
Dylan Marania

Santiago Mendoza
Tessa Murphy
Gabriel Nunez
Madison Osipoff
Regina Palomares
Michaela Panina
Lee Phillips
Liam Reidy
Trezdan Richardson
Madelyn Salfiti
Ava Torres
Nathan Valdejeuza
Derek Visperas

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

There will be three Masses on Ash Wednesday as follows:

8:30 AM, 10:45 AM (School Mass), & 6:30 PM
Ashes will be dispensed after the homily.

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINECE

As in the past, the following regulations are in place for abstaining and fasting during Lent:

- **ABSTINENCE:** Everyone 14 years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.
- **FAST:** Everyone 18 years of age and older but under the age of 60 is also bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

On these two days the law of fast allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. In the spirit of penance, the faithful should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

SVDP SANDWICH SUNDAY TODAY!

Your St. Vincent de Paul conference will be collecting sandwiches this weekend, **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!

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