

ST. GABRIEL CHURCH

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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, Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) or Confirmation, please call the Parish Center.

OUR MISSION

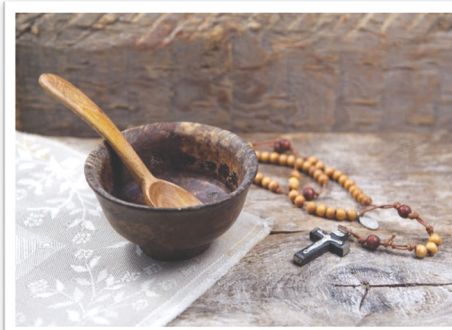
As a worshipping, believing, and caring community, St. Gabriel Parish participates in the mission of Jesus Christ, remembered most intensely at Sunday Assembly through proclamation of The Word and the sharing of the Eucharistic Meal. This Community, so nourished, lives its faith in prayer, education 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 9, 2025
First Sunday of Lent

Today's Readings: Dt 26: 4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10: 8-13; Lk 4: 1-13



And so, it begins — the holy and, for some, daunting, season of Lent. This is the season in our liturgical year when the Church encourages us to increase our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to help us enter more deeply into the mystery of our Lord's Passion and Death and to celebrate more fully His

Resurrection.

Jesus, by His own example in today's Gospel, demonstrates the necessity of setting aside a period devoted especially to prayer and fasting as a means of strengthening our spiritual muscles. Just before the launch of His public ministry, He is "led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil." In imitation of Jesus, we should ask the Holy Spirit to lead us into the desert, too — the desert of our interior lives where our thoughts and desires reside.

While our Lord was strong enough to withstand the temptations of the devil on His own, we most certainly are not! We must turn to the Holy Spirit and ask Him to show us where we need to grow and then rely on the Holy Spirit for strength and guidance throughout these 40 days of growth. Perhaps we will be led to take on a spiritual reading program, or a daily time of meditation on the Scriptures. Maybe we'll be inspired to fast from our favorite food or social media fix and find a project that serves the poor in this community.

If these spiritual exercises hurt a little, that means we are doing them right! At the end of this season, we will be prepared to enter the grace-filled days of the Triduum, and we will, through the power of the Holy Spirit, be resurrected as a new creation with our Lord come Easter. Let us begin!

Catholic Stewardship Consultants, www.Catholicsteward.com

SALVATION THROUGH FAITH

For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Rom 10:13)

Question of the Week

Adults: *How willing are you to profess your faith in Jesus Christ openly to others?*

Kids: *Would you still be able to say that you believe in Jesus if others made fun of you for it?*

MASS INTENTIONS
MARCH 10 - 16, 2025

Mon.	8:30 am	Odette Hauscarriague
Tues.	8:30 am	David Torkelson
Wed.	8:30 am	No Service
Thurs.	8:30 am	Robert Drucker
Fri.	8:30 am	Luisito Barron
Sat.	5:00 pm	For the Parishioners
Sun.	8:00 am	Collective Mass
	10:00 am	Rosalinda & Fermin Laureta
	5:30 pm	Patrick Devlin

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

BAPTISM

Let us welcome into our parish family

OLIVIA ESMUNDO

Who was recently baptized

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

March 1 - 2, 2025

Envelopes: \$5,059

Online Giving: \$1,891

Loose: \$930

Total Offertory: \$7,880

GIVE ONLINE AT:

www.sgparish.org



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. Or just scan the code!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us for the *Stations of the Cross* every Friday during Lent after the 8:30 AM Mass. This powerful tradition invites us to walk with Jesus through His final journey to Calvary, reflecting on His sacrifice for us. Whether you're familiar with this devotion or experiencing it for the first time, all are welcome to join in this meaningful prayer and reflection. We look forward to praying with you!



Laughter is the Best Medicine

The family and the dinner guest had seated themselves at the table, when the lady of the house noted an important omission. Mother (to the little daughter), "Betty, why on earth didn't you put a knife and fork at Mr. White's place?" Betty, "I didn't think he'd need it because Dad said he eats like a horse."

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SODALITY NEWS



Mary Rhoades & Nan Bouton from the Epiphany Center

Our Day of Reflection was held on February 27th with a terrific attendance! Mary Rhoades and Nan Bouton from Epiphany Center educated us on the many roles the Center plays in reuniting women with their children and providing the care and programs they need to succeed. In the afternoon, many wonderful things were shared by Benjamin Cohen, SF Public Library, Taraval Branch Manager, about the offerings in-person, on-line, and in other branches of our public libraries. Next up, we are happy to have the Pomeroy Center again for our Spring Lunch of **Sunday, April 6th from 2:00 – 4:00 PM**. The menu includes hot soup, chicken salad, roll, dessert, coffee, tea, wine and cider for just \$30! Checks can be made payable to "St. Gabriel Sodality" and dropped off or mailed to the Parish Center no later than March 31st. Consider bringing a friend, neighbor or family member!



ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL REUNIONS

Get ready to reconnect, relive memories, and make new ones at the following epic school reunions:

Class of '21— 4 year reunion, March 23, 2025 at SG

Class of '85— 40 year reunion, June 14, 2025

Class of '75— 50 year reunion, October 18, 2025

Contact the Alumni Office for more information and to be put in touch with coordinators: alumni@stgabrielSF.com

St. Gabriel Parish Men's Club



SAVE THE DATE

MAY 22, 2025
Crystal Springs Golf Course
Sponsorship forms & ticket sales coming soon

