

ST. GABRIEL CHURCH

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Mon-Thurs 9am-5pm
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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 16, 2025 Second Sunday of Lent

Today's Readings: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17-4:1 or Phil 3:20-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

In last week's Gospel, we followed Jesus into the desert where He fasted and prayed. This week, He leads us up a mountain to witness His Transfiguration. Why both of these experiences?

He is preparing us to go with Him in a few short weeks to a hilltop — Golgotha — where He will lay down His life for our sake, and then finally to take us to an empty cave where He triumphed over sin and death once and for all.

Jesus perfectly understands our humanity. He knows we need desert experiences — times of self-denial and testing — in order to arrive at mountain-top moments when we see and feel His glorious presence in our lives. The purpose of these two types of experiences is summed up in the description of the Apostles who were with Jesus at that mountain-top experience in today's Gospel: "Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory...."

The reason for all of our fasting and prayer and almsgiving during Lent is to be reawakened to all God has done for humanity, and to all that He has done for each of us personally. It is all too easy to get lulled into complacency in our daily routines, to "sleepwalk" through life, getting up and getting ourselves out the door, going to work, returning home for dinner and dishes, meetings, or sports activities, and finally flopping on the couch to watch TV until bedtime. While there is nothing inherently sinful in this routine, as Christian stewards, we are called to so much more!

This Lent, let us train ourselves, or more precisely, allow Him to train us to say "Yes" to His will and to offer our lives back to Him in gratitude. In so doing, we, too, will become "transfigured." This is what it means to live fully awake; this is a stewardship way of life and it is glorious indeed.

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TRANSFORMED BY CHRIST

But our citizenship is heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. (Phil. 3:20)

Question of the Week

Adults: *How are your priorities affected by your faith in Jesus Christ?*

Kids: *When you have important choices to make, do you and your family pray to make the right choice?*



AN IRISH BLESSING

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

MASS INTENTIONS
MARCH 17 - 23, 2025

Mon.	8:30 am	James McCarron
Tues.	8:30 am	Cesar Perez
Wed.	8:30 am	No Service
Thurs.	8:30 am	Avelino Marania
Fri.	8:30 am	Margaret & Daniel Keohane
Sat.	5:00 pm	Bob Drucker
Sun.	8:00 am	Collective Mass
	10:00 am	Lois Feeney (L)
	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

March 8 - 9, 2025

Envelopes: \$3,326

Online Giving: \$2,469

Loose: \$1,050

Total Offertory: \$6,845

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www.sgparish.org



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SPEAK UP! WE'RE LISTENING

Hello Parish Family! We'd love to hear your thoughts, suggestions, or ideas on anything regarding our lovely church community. Whether it's about improving our services, upcoming events, or anything else, your input is always valued. Please share your feedback with us at parishcouncil@sgparish.org. We look forward to hearing from you and will check this email periodically—usually weekly, so don't worry, we're not ignoring you!

SODALITY SPRING LUNCH

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!

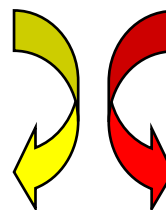
MEN'S CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT

The St. Gabriel Men's Club is proud to host the 1st Annual Fr. Tom Classic Golf Tournament on **Thursday, May 22nd** at the Crystal Springs Golf Course in Burlingame. The proceeds raised will support a wide range of vital areas including the CYO sports program, church ministries, technology and student services that are critical to maintaining the Parish and School. We are accepting player registrations, donations and sponsorships from local businesses. Scan the QR codes to register or donate! We look forward to seeing you there!

**GOLFER
REGISTRATION**



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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



Thank you to all who attended our St. Patrick's Gathering. It was a great night of music, food, and fun! Many thanks to the small committee who put in an enormous amount of energy and time - Lisa & Kevin Cooper, Roger Gargano, Brenda Lyons, Tom & Colleen Kanaley, Ann & John McAteer, Monica Murphy, Tim Murtagh, Suzanne, Rich & Eamon O'Toole, Angela & Bill Sicord. But we couldn't do it alone without the support from the parish and SG community - the numerous Irish bread bakers, and SG parent volunteers. Slainte!