

# ST. GABRIEL CHURCH

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**Office Hours:**  
Mon-Thurs 9am-5pm  
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from 12-1pm

**Pastoral Staff:** Rev. Andrew Spyrow, Administrator; Rev. Mr. John Hurst, Deacon; Mrs. Gina Beal, School Principal; Mr. Matthew Shea, Pastoral Associate.

**In Residence:** Rev. Paul Zirimenya

**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

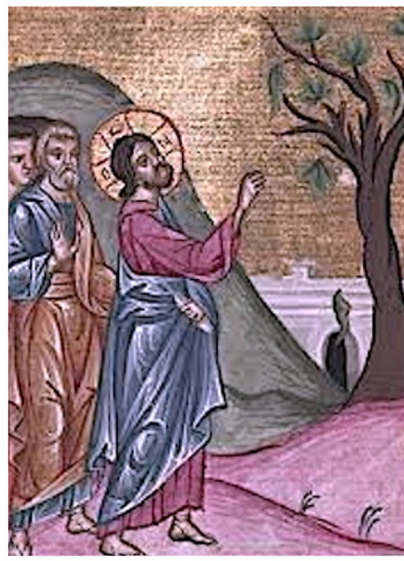
As a worshipping, believing, and caring community, St. Gabriel Parish participates in the mission of Jesus Christ, remembered most intensely at Sunday Assembly through proclamation of The Word and the sharing of the Eucharistic Meal. This Community, so nourished, lives its faith in prayer, education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

## March 23, 2025 Third Sunday of Lent

**Today's Readings:** Ex 3:1-8A, 13.15; Ps 103: 1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12, Lk13:1-9



*Ilyas Basim Khuri Bazzi Rahib  
(Egyptian, active ca 1684)*

Today's Gospel passage reminds us that life is precious and the gift of time on this earth is just that — a gift. None of us knows how much time will be granted to us, so we must use this gift intentionally to glorify God and serve our neighbor.

Jesus offers the parable of the fig tree to further illustrate this truth. The owner of the orchard came searching for fruit on a fig tree he had planted in his orchard. Finding no fruit on the tree after three years, he told the gardener to cut it down. But the gardener intercedes and asks for one more year to cultivate and fertilize the tree in hopes it would bear fruit in the future. The fig tree was not dying; it

simply wasn't doing much of anything at all. Can this be said of us and our lives as well?

The season of Lent is a time to carefully reflect on the way we spend our time. Do we make God our first priority, tending to our spiritual growth and sacramental life with diligence? Do we give the next priority to our loved ones, focusing intentionally on them each day without distractions from phones, screens, or thoughts of work? If not, now is the moment to repent of our waste of time or of misplaced priorities on our use of time. God is merciful but just. Let's turn to Him and ask Him to make our lives fruitful while we still have time to do so.

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

## TEMPERED WITH HUMILITY

The reign of God is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches. (Lk 13:19b)

### **Question of the Week**

**Adults:** *What important work could bear fruit in your life right now if you have more confidence in God's loving care?*

**Kids:** *What great work would you like to do as you grow older? What can you do to begin now?*

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**MARCH 24 - 30, 2025**

Mon.	8:30 am	Luisito Barron
Tues.	8:30 am	John Curutchet
Wed.	8:30 am	No Service
Thurs.	8:30 am	Annabelle Capistrano
Fri.	8:30 am	Barbara Foerster Coates
Sat.	5:00 pm	William Emery
Sun.	8:00 am	Collective Mass
	10:00 am	Billy O'Leary
	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 15 - 16, 2025**

**Envelopes: \$2,707**

**Online Giving: \$1,484**

**Loose: \$1,123**

**Total Offertory: \$5,314**

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**[www.sgparish.org](http://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!

**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](mailto: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!

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**  
**COLLECTION NEXT WEEK**

Next week, **March 29-30**, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. There are envelopes in the church for your kind consideration. Learn more at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).



**St. Vincent de Paul**

**SVDP COLLECTION**  
**NEXT WEEK**

Next week, **March 30th**, is the fifth Sunday of the month and, as is customary, we will have a collection for St. Vincent de Paul. There will be envelopes in the church for your consideration. Thank you!

**BAPTISM**

*Let us welcome into our parish family*  
**ADRIAN GAMEZ LOPEZ**  
*Who was recently baptized*

**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!

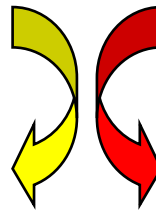
**MEN'S CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT**

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**



**I'D LOVE TO SPONSOR**  
**OR DONATE!**



**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](mailto:alumni@stgabrielsf.com)

*Laughter is the Best Medicine*



*As they were on their way to the church service, a Sunday school teacher asked her little children, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church? One little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."*

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