

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!

April 6, 2025
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Today's Readings: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:25a, 26; Jn 11:1-45; Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b45



Once again, this week, we are reminded of what a loving and merciful God we serve. The theme of the readings for this fifth Sunday of Lent are summed up beautifully in today's Gospel passage from Luke, which recounts

the story of the woman caught in adultery. After all those who would have stoned this woman leave the scene, Christ says to her, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."

When we turn to God for forgiveness, He is indeed gracious and merciful. So much so, that not only will He forgive our sins without condemnation, but He will also make us completely new creations in Christ.

What is more amazing is that this all-perfect and holy God of ours draws so very near to us. Our sins do not drive Him from us, but rather to us so that He can set us free from them. Look carefully at Christ's actions and posture in the Gospel reading as He deals with both the crowd of people, the Scribes and Pharisees, and the adulterous woman. "All the people started coming to Him and he sat down and taught them." "He bent down and began to write with His finger." He "straightened up" when He confronted the Scribes and Pharisees about their own sins. And he "straightened up" when He assured the woman that He did not condemn her for her past. Like a skilled teacher, or loving "big brother," Christ bends down to where we are, He sits among us, He stands to confront us when needed and He stands to look us in the eye to remind us of our true dignity.

We're all unworthy of the great privilege of serving Him. But that, quite simply, is cause for greater joy in serving Him with all our hearts.

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FALSE PRIDE

Jesus straightened up and said, "Let anyone among you who is without sin cast the first stone at her." (Jn 8:7)

Question of the Week

Adults: Have you ever been willing to "cast the first stone" when you disapproved of someone's behavior? How can you resist these feelings?

Kids: When have you criticized or made fun of someone? What could help you act differently?

MASS INTENTIONS **APRIL 7 - 13, 2025**

Mon.	8:30 am	Sean Healy
Tues.	8:30 am	Beverly McMillan
Wed.	8:30 am	No Service
Thurs.	8:30 am	Stephen Daly
Fri.	8:30 am	Patrick Lucey
Sat.	5:00 pm	Archibaldo & Helga Da Luz
Sun.	8:00 am	Collective Mass
	10:00 am	Ester & Jose Angustia
	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, Lottie Gonzales and especially for Joan Aragon.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

March 29-30, 2025

Envelopes: \$2,378

Online Giving: \$1,270

Loose: \$807

Total Offertory: \$4,455

Catholic Relief: \$991

ANointing OF THE SICK **SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025**

On **Saturday, April 12th**, we will be celebrating the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** at a **3:30 PM** Liturgy in the Church. All parishioners are invited to attend and encouraged to bring friends and relatives. Anyone who is ill or elderly or in need of healing are encouraged to come and receive this sacrament. Those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or weakened due to advanced age are especially invited to attend.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER

As we prepare for the celebration of Easter, we invite you to help us adorn our altar with beautiful flowers to honor this special occasion. If you have white or yellow flowers that you would like to donate, we would be grateful for your contribution. You may drop them off at the Parish Center on **Thursday, April 17th from 9:00 AM —5:00 PM** or **Friday from 9:00 AM—12:00 PM** or on **Saturday at 9:00 AM** (we'll be decorating the church that day...join us!). We will also gratefully accept monetary donations; envelopes are in the church for your kind consideration. We thank you for your support!

2025 ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you for your generous donations to the Annual Appeal. **We are at 17% of our goal with 36 families out of our 1100+ registered families donating. Our campaign goal is \$82,537 and we still need \$68,317 to meet our assessment.** There are envelopes in church or at the Parish Center for your consideration or you may donate online at www.sfarch.org/aaa and choose St. Gabriel Church as your church of designation.



Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY—April 13, 2025

5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil), 8:00 AM,
10:00 AM & 5:30 PM

Please consider wearing red on this day in a show of respect and solidarity to Christ's Passion. The palms will be blessed at 10:00 AM on the plaza.

HOLY THURSDAY—April 17, 2025

6:30 PM—Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose in the Church until 9:00 PM

(There will be no 8:30 AM Mass)

GOOD FRIDAY—April 18, 2025

Stations of the Cross Reflections—12:45 PM

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

1:45—3:00 PM

6:30 —7:45 PM

(There will be no 8:30 AM Mass)

HOLY SATURDAY—April 19, 2025

8:00 PM—CELEBRATION OF THE EASTER VIGIL

(There will be no 5:00 PM Mass)

EASTER SUNDAY—April 20, 2025

MASSES:

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

(There will be no 5:30 PM Mass)

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!

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Laughter is the Best Medicine

Q: What do you get when you cross the Easter Bunny with an over-stressed pastor during Holy Week?

A: An Easter Basket Case