

ST. GABRIEL CHURCH

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In Residence: Rev. Paul Zirimenya

Parish Center Support Staff: Mrs. Cheryl Bailey, Bookkeeper; Mrs. Marie Dimapasoc-Arima, Payroll; Ms. Luana Letele, Secretary.

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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 13, 2025 *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

Today's Readings: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3: 8-14; Jn 8:1-11



Two very different responses to our Lord's passion are highlighted during the Gospel reading from Luke today: the response of Simon of Cyrene and the response of Jesus' acquaintances. Of

Simon we are told, "They took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus." Whether Simon entered willingly and compassionately into this service or whether he took up the Cross of Christ with a grudge, we don't know. What we do know is this: Simon did his part faithfully. He stayed near to Christ, carrying the Cross until our Lord reached Golgotha, the site of His crucifixion. We also know that Simon's family was among the first of the early Christians. Staying near to Christ, embracing the Cross (quite literally), transformed his life and the life of his family.

In contrast, near the end of this Gospel account, we are told of another reaction to Jesus' passion and death, namely that "all His acquaintances stood at a distance." They knew Jesus! They had heard him preaching and teaching, witnessed His signs and miracles, maybe even benefitted personally from them. Perhaps they did not participate in mocking Him or calling for His crucifixion. But they chose to stay a safe distance from Him when the going got tough. Unlike Simon, they refused to go too near to Christ.

Where will you place yourself this week? Keeping your distance from all the pain and suffering Christ endured? Or close by, staying near to Him as Simon did? It is when we go near to Christ that we can be transformed by Him. It is by embracing the crosses in our lives, stewarding them well rather than trying to run from them, that we become His true disciples.

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LOVE AND BETRAYAL

The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." (Luke 22:61)

Question of the Week

Adults: When have you felt that you betrayed the confidence of another, as Peter did when he denied Jesus?

Kids: When have you let someone down who trusted you. How did you feel?

MASS INTENTIONS **APRIL 14 - 20, 2025**

Mon. 8:30 am Luisito Barron
Tues. 8:30 am Susan Sullivan
Wed. 8:30 am No Service

As we celebrate the wonder of the Triduum, there will be no morning Masses on Thursday or Friday of Holy Week.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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



Rest in Peace

THERESA BAC
MAUREEN LATOURRETTE

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

April 5 - 6, 2025

Envelopes: \$3,917

Online Giving: \$2,742

Loose: \$965

Total Offertory: \$7,624

WORD AMONG US BOOKLETS

For many years, we have been pleased to offer our parishioners *The Word Among Us* at no cost. However, due to rising costs, we are no longer able to continue this practice. The Easter edition of *The Word Among Us* booklet will be the final copy that we are able to provide. These booklets have been a cherished resource and we hope you have enjoyed the many years we've been able to offer them to you free of charge. Thank you for your understanding!



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)



Rita Bray, Fr. Spyrow, & Debi Hines



Mary Mangan



Mary DeMartini & Vilma Soares

The Ladies Sodality held their Annual Spring Luncheon recently at the Pomeroy Center. Three members received Sodality's highest award: Honorary Lifetime Membership certificates. Congratulations and true gratitude to Mary DeMartini, Mary Mangan and Vilma Soares for their many years of loyalty and service to Sodality. All this and a great catered lunch, fun raffle prizes and warm, wonderful camaraderie, laughter and joy was shared by all. Sodality will hold their next meeting on **June 1st** following the 10:00 AM Mass. We will have our Installation and a light lunch to follow. We are grateful for and humbled by the ongoing support of Sodality.