

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 27, 2025 *Divine Mercy Sunday*

Today's Readings: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118: 2-4,13-15, 22; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20: 19-31



The Incredulity of Saint Thomas,
Caravaggio 1603

Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, is Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Gospel reading from St. John is often called the story of "Doubting Thomas" but the passage involves so much more than the encounter with the skeptical apostle. It is rich with lessons of Christ's mercy to all, including an encouraging word from our Lord especially for us, His modern-day disciples.

While Thomas traditionally takes all the bad rap for his doubts, we see that none of the Apostles were at their best when

Christ first appeared to them after His resurrection. They were actually in hiding, cowering behind a locked door, paralyzed by fear and doubt.

But Jesus appeared right in their midst in spite of the lock on the door. Was it to rebuke them for their lack of faith? Quite the contrary.

He comes on a mission of mercy. He comes to offer them peace and the restoration of their relationship with Him. And even more, He commissions them to become ministers of His mercy, by giving them authority to forgive sins. At that moment Christ gives to all of us the supreme gift of mercy — the sacrament of Reconciliation. What a precious and powerful gift!

This Sunday is a perfect time to reflect on how well we make use of this gift. Do we really appreciate its healing power? Could we become better stewards of this gift by going to Confession more often? We must also reflect on how well we extend mercy to others as Jesus did to Thomas that day.

Let's commit ourselves to becoming faithful disciples and stewards of Christ's mercy. We will be those very ones to whom Jesus gave a "shout out" during His encounter with Thomas: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" - in His merciful love.

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LIVING WITHOUT FEAR

He placed his right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever." (Rev. 1:17b-18a)

Question of the Week

Adults: When has your faith in the living Christ helped you overcome fear?

Kids: What could you do this Easter season to help someone feel less afraid?

MASS INTENTIONS
APRIL 28 - MAY 4, 2025

Mon.	8:30 am	Rosalinda Villamayor
Tues.	8:30 am	Cesar Miranda
Wed.	8:30 am	No Service
Thurs.	8:30 am	Jeanie Barry
Fri.	8:30 am	Heather Bilodeau
Sat.	5:00 pm	For the Parishioners
Sun.	8:00 am	Collective Mass
	10:00 am	The Ladies Sodality
	5:30 pm	Mike Sullivan

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

SO MUCH GRATITUDE!

What a glorious Easter we shared! Our hearts are still overflowing with gratitude for each and everyone of you who made this celebration so deeply meaningful. We are especially thankful for your incredible generosity—together we raised an inspiring **\$18,617** in donations! Thank you for giving so selflessly, for showing up with hearts full of love, and for being the living expression of the Easter message: new life, endless hope, and boundless grace. May the joy of the Resurrection continue to fill your days with peace, purpose and blessings!

WELCOME HOME, THOM BARBER!

With joyful hearts, we congratulate Thomas Barber on being received into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Your "yes" to Christ and His Church is a beautiful witness of faith and love. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and strengthen you as you walk this sacred journey. Know that your parish family is praying for you and rejoicing with you—welcome home!

SVDP SANDWICH SUNDAY, MAY 3 & 4!

Members of our St. Vincent de Paul Conference will be collecting sandwiches next week, **May 3 & 4**, at the beginning of Saturday's 5:00 PM Mass as well as Sunday's 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses. Monetary donations are also accepted. Your thoughtfulness in helping the needy in the San Francisco community is appreciated. Thank you!

2025 ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed or pledged to the Appeal. **We are at 21% of our goal with 51 families out of our 1100+ registered families donating. Our campaign goal is \$82,537 and we still need \$65,491 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.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS COLLECTION

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry and other programs. There are envelopes in the church for your consideration.

COFFEE & DONUTS TODAY!

Please join us for coffee and donuts today after the **10:00 AM Mass** in Bedford Hall. We'd love to see you! Come for the fellowship, stay for the donuts!

MEN'S CLUB FIRST ANNUAL
FR. TOM GOLF CLASSIC TOURNEY
MAY 22, 2025

Join us at the Crystal Springs Golf Club and support St. Gabriel Church and School. Scan codes below for information.



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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 '05 - 20 year reunion, June 7, 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@stgabrielssf.com

IT'S CARNIVAL TIME!

Join St. Gabriel School at their Annual Carnival on **Friday, May 2nd from 4:00—10:00 PM and Saturday, May 3rd from 10:00—4:00 PM & 6:30—10:00 PM**. Games, Outdoor rides & Activities! Wine, beer and Silent Auction! Tickets can be purchased at stgabrielssf.com or can be purchased at the event using cash or Square. Don't miss out!



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