

# 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!

*May 18, 2025*  
*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

**Today's Readings:** Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rev 21:1-5a; Jn 13:21-22a, 34-35



**T**oday's readings on this fifth Sunday of Easter contain inspiring but challenging messages for us Christian stewards.

The Gospel from John includes this well-known verse: "My children...I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."

What a succinct description of a stewardship way of life. It sounds so simple. But simple does not necessarily mean easy.

How exactly is Jesus calling us to love? As He, Himself loved. Jesus loved (and loves) by serving us and by making a sacrifice of His very life for us. That is a tall order.

Living a life of service and self-sacrifice is not easy because it requires us to continuously fight

against our selfish inclinations. But the more we empty ourselves of "self" by serving others, the more room we make in our hearts for God to pour His grace into us. Amazingly, the more we give our lives away to others, the more He fills us up with Himself who is love itself.

And amid the inevitable challenging moments this way of life entails we can be assured that the Lord who loves us so much that He died for us and established the Eucharist to be our strength and nourishment, is right here with us every step of the way.

As we face the hardships that come with living as Christian stewards, we can continue to rejoice in the wonder of the Resurrection this Easter season, finding great joy in following in our Lord's footsteps and in loving as He loves.

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

## LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." (John 13:34)

## **Question of the Week**

**Adults:** When have you seen the power of love overcome a bad situation?

**Kids:** Do you believe love is stronger than hate? Why?

## **MASS INTENTIONS** **MAY 19 - 25, 2025**

|        |          |                               |
|--------|----------|-------------------------------|
| Mon.   | 8:30 am  | Bienvenido Fernandez Garcia   |
| Tues.  | 8:30 am  | Venancio Gonzaga              |
| Wed.   | 8:30 am  | No Service                    |
| Thurs. | 8:30 am  | Dina Visperas (L)             |
| Fri.   | 8:30 am  | Vincent Lopez                 |
| Sat.   | 5:00 pm  | Billy O'Leary                 |
| Sun.   | 8:00 am  | Collective Mass               |
|        | 10:00 am | Felomino & Mariano Tabontabon |
|        | 5:30 pm  | For the Parishioners          |

## **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 Kathryn Regan McCarthy.



## *Rest in Peace*

### **WILLIAM SIMMS**

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

## **WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

**May 10 - 11, 2025**

**Envelopes: \$4,298**

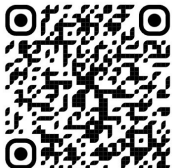
**Online Giving: \$2,212**

**Loose: \$881**

**Total Offertory: \$7,391**

## **GIVE ONLINE AT:**

**[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!

## **CATHOLIC CHARITIES** **COLLECTION TODAY!**

Every day, Catholic Charities serves the most vulnerable members of our community, often through the most difficult times in their lives. Your gift provides hope and can keep families housed and off the streets, provide kids with opportunities to learn and grow, aid immigrants through the legal system, and help seniors age with dignity. Please help support these merciful works this weekend, **May 17th & 18th**. There are envelopes in church for your kind consideration.

## **2025 ANNUAL APPEAL**

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed or pledged to the Appeal. **We are at 24% of our goal with 54 families out of our 1100+ registered families donating. Our campaign goal is \$82,537 and we still need \$62,591 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](http://www.sfarch.org/aaa) and choose St. Gabriel Church as your church of designation.



## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR** **FIRST COMMUNICANTS!**

Congratulations to the 29 students who received their First Holy Communion, on May 10th, marking a joyful and sacred moment in their faith journey. Thank you to all who taught, supported, and helped make the day so special for each of them. May God bless these children with a lifelong love for the Eucharist and a deepening faith each day.

**Naomi Angeles**  
**Conor Bargary**  
**Jordan Boquiren**  
**Brayden Calacal**  
**Emma Caliandro**  
**Samantha Cikes**  
**Juliana Corpuz-Rojo**  
**Ellie Dominguez**  
**Gabriella Dorsey**  
**Damien Gamez-Lopez**  
**Spencer Gee**  
**Mitchell Hardesty**  
**Sasha Hipol**  
**Gemma Lara**  
**Francesca LeBoeuf**

**Elise Lee**  
**Ellison O'Rourke**  
**Kara Pak**  
**Elijah Pascual**  
**Booker Perdomo**  
**Enzo Perdomo**  
**Mateo Ramirez**  
**Luna Regino**  
**Chiara Roldan**  
**David Saadeh**  
**Gabriella Saadeh**  
**Esme Shih**  
**Alessandra Strauss**  
**Aria Torres**



## **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@stgabrielstf.com](mailto:alumni@stgabrielstf.com)

## **JOIN US ON FLOCKNOTE!**

Visit our church at [Flocknote.com/StGabrielChurch](https://Flocknote.com/StGabrielChurch)  
OR

Text sgc to 84576 from your phone to subscribe to updates.

*Text STOP to 84576 to stop text notifications at any time. Text HELP for help. There is no charge for this service, but your carrier message and data rates may apply. View privacy policy and conditions at [www.flocknote.com/txt](http://www.flocknote.com/txt).*



## *Laughter is the Best Medicine*

*A Sunday school teacher was discussing with her class of youngsters the difference between right and wrong. "As an example", she said, "if I get into a man's pocket and take money from his wallet, what would I be?"*

*A little boy raised his hand and answered, "You'd be his wife!"*

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