

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, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) 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? Go to www.sgparish.org and click on the "Register Online" link or call the Parish Center and we'll send you a form!

August 4, 2024 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35



*Jesus Teaches the People by the Sea
James Tissot, circa 1886-1896*

Often, we live our lives working for temporary happiness. But today, Jesus reminds us to "not work for food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life."

Our Eucharistic meal is the Spiritual Food that we consume — Jesus Himself, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. It will satisfy us as Jesus says,

"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

We all have the need to be satisfied. It is in our humanity. And in that incompleteness, we grab at what surrounds us to satisfy our hearts. It could be the next job promotion, the comforts in our homes, the next trip we plan to take. The list goes on. We might think to ourselves, 'then I will be happier.' Or maybe we don't even realize how we are relying on those things or events in our lives.

And while many of those things are good and bring us joy, they are only a small glimpse of the deeper, lasting happiness that the Lord offers us. They are gifts that should remind us of our Good and Gracious Creator. Instead of placing undue importance on those things or people, place it on Jesus, as He says, "Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." He is the One who fills our hearts.

As you go about your day-to-day lives this week, try to recognize the times you are "working for food that perishes" by seeking things of the world to satisfy your heart. In those moments, recall that everything we have is a gift from God. Instead of misusing that gift, offer a prayer of thanksgiving for all He has given to you.

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THE EYES OF FAITH

So they said to Jesus, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" (John 6:30)

Question of the Week:

Adults: *When has your faith helped you believe without "seeing signs" from God?*

Kids: *Who helps you believe in things you cannot see?*

MASS INTENTIONS
AUGUST 5-11, 2024

Mon.	8:30 am	Barbara Fallon (L)
Tues.	8:30 am	Teddy Miranda
Wed.	8:30 am	No service
Thurs.	8:30 am	Tom Murphy & Family (L)
Fri.	8:30 am	Julius Cordero
Sat.	5:00 pm	For the Parishioners
Sun.	8:00 am	Collective Mass
	10:00 am	Teodoro Dela Cruz
	5:30 pm	For Dennis Gallofin

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

In the coming week we ask your prayers for the following: Sean Bermingham, Denise Foley, Debbie Gaffney, and Lottie Gonzales and especially for Fr. Tom Hamilton.



Rest in Peace

TARA MURPHY

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

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

July 27-28, 2024

Envelopes: \$3,127

Online Giving: \$1,490

Loose: \$939

Total Offertory: \$5,556

Thank you!!

GIVE ONLINE AT: 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. We thank you for your support!

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who has already generously donated to the AAA. To date, we have collected **\$15,909** from **53** families which represents 18% of our goal of **\$86,018**. There are envelopes in the vestibule of the church, at the Parish Center or you may go to sfarchdiocese.org/aaa/ and scroll down to the bottom of the page and make sure you credit "St. Gabriel Parish AAA" as your church of designation.

**THIS WEEKEND IS SVDP
SANDWICH SUNDAY!**

Your St. Vincent de Paul conference is hosting Sandwich Sunday this weekend, **August 3-4, 2024**. There will be conference members at Saturday's 5:00 PM Mass and Sunday's 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Masses to collect your sandwiches. What kind of sandwich you ask? Any kind! PBJ, ham and cheese, turkey on rye...all types are welcomed! Your generosity to help feed the hungry is appreciated. Monetary donations are also welcomed.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BEGINS

We are excited to announce that our Religious Education classes will begin soon! These classes are a wonderful opportunity for our children and youth to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith, grow spiritually, and develop a strong foundation in the teachings of the Church. Classes for children in public schools (PreK-8th) will begin on **Sunday, September 8, 2024 at 9:00 AM**. Your child must be registered before **August 23rd**. The cost of the program is \$65 per child. Registration forms and the calendar of classes are available at the Parish Center. Please call Nancy Becerra, our Director of Religious Education at 415-731-6161 or email her at dre@sgparish.org if you have any questions.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2024/2025

Confirmation strengthens the grace of Baptism, affirming our identity as sons and daughters of God and our membership in the Catholic Church. It is a moment when the Holy Spirit bestows upon us His sevenfold gifts: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. These gifts equip us to face the challenges of life with courage and conviction, and to bear witness to Christ in our daily lives. The St. Gabriel Confirmation Program will begin enrolling students for the Fall of 2024. Confirmation packets have been mailed to those who graduated from St. Gabriel School and the Religious Education Program in 2024. Registration forms will also be available at the Parish Center. **The deadline to return the registration forms and the program fee of \$235 is Wednesday, August 14, 2024.** Orientation for parents/guardians and candidates will be held on **Sunday, August 25, 2024 from 3:00 - 4:30 PM** in the Church. If you or someone you know is interested in the Confirmation Program, please email Nancy Becerra at dre@sgparish.org.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil and Jeff Keane



"That sure made me hungry when we sang 'Lasagna in the Highest.'"

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