

# ST. GABRIEL CHURCH

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**Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9am-5pm  
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**Pastoral Staff:** Rev. Thomas Hamilton, Pastor; Rev. Mr. John Hurst, Deacon; Rev. Paul Zirimenya, In Residence; Rev. Wilson Blas, In Residence; Mrs. Gina Beal, School Principal; Mrs. Nancy Becerra, Director of Religious Education; Mr. Matthew Shea, Pastoral Associate.

**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, 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](http://www.sgparish.org) and click on the "Register Online" link or call the Parish Center and we'll send you a form!

## August 11, 2024 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Today's Readings: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 4:30-52; Jn 6:41-51**

Our readings today continue to educate us on the Eucharist. Jesus tells us in our Gospel that He is this Food that sustains us as He says, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven... and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." This bread He is referring to is His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity that we receive. This bread becomes the flesh of Christ Himself.

And in consuming Him, we receive every grace we need to live forever in eternal life. We are strengthened in virtue and united more closely to Christ. This is the Food that will fill us as we journey through this life.

Mistakenly we often take the Eucharist for granted. Maybe we come to Mass to "check the box" instead of actively partaking in this intimate exchange or we receive Jesus in the Eucharist and then forget about Him the second we leave the church after Mass.

To receive all that God wants to give us in the Eucharist, we must do our part in being receptive to His grace and living out active discipleship in our day-to-day lives.

Let us approach the Lord acknowledging His Divine Presence and be open to all the graces He desires to pour out on us. Then we must go forth, being attentive to the moments that the Holy Spirit is calling us to act as He acts — in total love and sacrifice.

The Eucharist affects our lives more than we can comprehend. We are receiving God Himself. Let us strive to receive Him reverently and with open hearts.

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## LIFE FOR THE WORLD

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." (John 6:51)

## Question of the Week:

**Adults:** *When has the bread of life given you the strength you needed to face a difficult situation in your life?*

**Kids:** *What will you ask Jesus to help you with when you receive Holy Communion this week?*



## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Thursday, August 15, 2024 A Holy Day of Obligation

We will have two Masses for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Thursday, August 15th at 8:30 AM and 6:30 PM. Please join us!

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**AUGUST 12-18, 2024**

Mon.	8:30 am	Pacita Castillo (L)
Tues.	8:30 am	Lois Feeney (L)
Wed.	8:30 am	No service
Thurs.	8:30 am	For the Parishioners
	6:30 pm	Helga & Archibaldo Da Luz
Fri.	8:30 am	Maureen Mullens
Sat.	5:00 pm	Michael Lippi
Sun.	8:00 am	Collective Mass
	10:00 am	Nita Calagui
	5:30 pm	For the Parishioners

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

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

**BAPTISM**

*Let us welcome into our parish family*

**DYLAN LAU**

*Who was recently baptized*

**UPDATE ON FR. TOM**

Thank you all for your prayers for Fr. Tom while he continues to recover in the hospital. At this time, Fr. Tom is unable to receive phone calls or visitors. Please know that we will keep you updated on his health as appropriate. Please continue to pray for his swift recovery and we thank for your continued understanding and support.

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

**August 3-4, 2024**

**Envelopes: \$3,512**

**Online Giving: \$2,146**

**Loose: \$842**

**Total Offertory: \$6,500**

*Thank you!!*



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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 **\$16,289** from **55** families which represents 19% 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/](http://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.



**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](mailto: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. The St. Gabriel Confirmation Program has begun 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](mailto:dre@sgparish.org).

**ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**  
**(Formerly known as RCIA)**

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or considering becoming Catholic? The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is a welcoming and supportive process designed for those who wish to explore and deepen their understanding of Catholicism. Who is OCIA for?

- ◆ Non-Catholics who want to learn more about the Catholic faith.
- ◆ Those who want to join the Church through Baptism, or Profession of Faith.
- ◆ Those who were baptized Catholic, but have not yet received First Communion and/or Confirmation.

The process begins with a period of inquiry. You will find an open space to ask questions about the Catholic faith and meet with others who strive to learn more about the gospel values. Know that your initial inquiry does not mean you are committed to initiate...just come and see if it's right for you. The program will start in late September. Please call Matt Shea at 415-731-6161 for more information or email him at [mattshea@sgparish.org](mailto:mattshea@sgparish.org).