

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 18, 2024 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings: Prov 9:1-6; Ps 34; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58



Woman Baking
Jean Francois Millet, 1854

Jesus said to the crowd, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life..." We can hardly blame the crowd for their shock at this statement — eating the Flesh and drinking the Blood of our Lord should cause us a bit of a shock. Yet how easy it is to show up at Mass Sunday after Sunday, receiving the Eucharist as simply part of a weekly routine.

If we really spent time contemplating the gift our Lord is offering us in this sacrament, we would be awestruck at the love and power in this gift. Through it, our Lord is giving us the very best He has to give — Himself. Not even the greatest theological

scholar or the holiest of saints can fully understand this mystery.

Thankfully we don't need to be a saint or a scholar to receive this gift. But we should do our best to receive the Eucharist with gratitude. And we can look to today's readings to glean two fundamental principles for becoming better Christian stewards.

The Eucharist is the foundation for a stewardship way of life. Through His gift of the Eucharist, God fills us with His love and strength. This love and strength empower us to live as generous stewards — to be faithful to the ministries we serve in, joyful in material giving, and offer our very best to our families and secular work.

The Eucharist is the ultimate inspiration for a stewardship way of life. When we contemplate this gift of God, we will want to make a joyful return to Him. Mass will become anything but routine and we will live each day as His passionate disciples.

Catholic Stewardship Consultants www.CatholicSteward.com

PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day." (John 6:54)

Question of the Week:

Adults: How does Jesus' promise of eternal life affect the way you live today?

Kids: How often do you think about heaven? Does it make a difference in the choices you make?

MASS INTENTIONS
AUGUST 19-25, 2024

Mon.	8:30 am	Special Intention
Tues.	8:30 am	Dionisio Espulgar, Sr.
Wed.	8:30 am	No service
Thurs.	8:30 am	Tom Murphy & Family (L)
Fri.	8:30 am	Priscilla Oropesa & Tong Gond Jew
Sat.	5:00 pm	For the Parishioners
Sun.	8:00 am	Collective Mass
	10:00 am	The Porter & Becker Families
	5:30 pm	Jane Lampe

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

ARLOWE PRAXEDES

ROBERT BARRY

RORY BARRY

Who were recently baptized

"For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body." — 1 Corinthians 12:13

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

August 10-11, 2024

Envelopes: \$2,685

Online Giving: \$2,240

Loose: \$852

Total Offertory: \$5,777

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 **\$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/ 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

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



The mandatory orientation meeting for parents/guardians and candidates will be held on **Sunday, August 25, 2024 from 3:00 - 4:30 PM** in the Church. If you have any questions, please email Nancy Becerra at 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.



WELCOME BACK STUDENTS!

Welcome back to another exciting school year at St. Gabriel School! As we gather to start this new chapter, we are reminded of the strength and guidance that our faith provides. Let us embrace this year with hearts full of hope and hands ready to grow and learn. May God's grace be with us all, illuminating our path and enriching our journey together. Here's to a blessed and successful year ahead!