

# ST. GABRIEL CHURCH

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**Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9am-5pm  
Fri-Sat 9am-12pm  
Closed Daily for Lunch from 12-1pm**

**Pastoral Staff:** Rev. Andrew Spyrow, Administrator (Sept. 10); 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!

## September 8, 2024 *Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Today's Readings: Is 35:4-7A; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37**

### WELCOME FR. ANDREW SPYROW

We gratefully announce that Fr. Andrew Spyrow has been assigned as our new Administrator of St. Gabriel Church beginning September 10th. Fr. Andrew is the Vicar for Clergy at the Archdiocese of San Francisco and is no stranger to the St. Gabriel community. He was in residence here for a short time and has supported St. Gabriel throughout the years. Fr. Andrew has been instrumental during these past several weeks helping our community navigate through this very difficult time. Please join in with our staff as we welcome Fr. Andrew in his new role as Administrator.



Our readings today offer us a message of hope — God is with us and wants to heal us. May this message come ablaze in our hearts so that we might live with unwavering faith.

The Gospel presents us with the story of the profound physical healing of a deaf man with a speech impediment. People brought him to Jesus and begged for his healing. Jesus took the man off by himself, touched his ears and his tongue, then proclaimed, "Be opened!" Immediately he was healed.

This story in our Gospel overwhelms us with comfort and peace because we have a compassionate God who sees our physical needs. Yet if we reflect further on this reading, we see that God uses this moment of physical healing as an opportunity to restore something much deeper — our souls.

Often times we are blind and deaf to God in our lives. We miss countless opportunities to see God working in our day-to-day moments — through our loved ones, our community, or even a stranger. We miss the quiet voice of Jesus in our hearts telling us to choose Him instead of sin, respond in love instead of anger, or care for someone else in a moment instead of ourselves.

These are how we need to be spiritually healed. And the scriptures remind us that God is with us and wants to heal us.

This week let us seek God to heal our souls and transform our hearts. Let us pray that our eyes and our ears might "be open" to His workings, words, and promptings in our lives.

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### RICH IN FAITH

Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? (James 2:5)

#### **Question of the Week**

**Adults:** *When has your faith in Jesus enabled you to speak out on an issue of importance?*

**Kids:** *What does your belief in Jesus mean to you?*

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**SEPTEMBER 9-15, 2024**

Mon.	8:30 am	Kevin Ivers
Tues.	8:30 am	The Clonce Family (L)
Wed.	8:30 am	No service
Thurs.	8:30 am	Gerry DeRyan
Fri.	8:30 am	Special Intention
Sat.	5:00 pm	Rafael Labutan
Sun.	8:00 am	Collective Mass
	10:00 am	Jean Mont-Eton
	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, and Lottie Gonzales.

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY**  
**August 31– September 1, 2024**

Envelopes: \$4,234

Online Giving: \$1,582

Loose: \$751

Total Offertory: \$6,567

*Thank you!!*

**BAPTISM**

*Let us welcome into our parish family*

**THEODORE LEM**

*Who was recently baptized*

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

**ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL**

Thank you to everyone who has already generously donated to the AAA. To date, we have collected **\$21,621** from **62** families which represents 25% 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.



**ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL**

St. Gabriel School, mindful of its mission to be witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded to or made available to students at this school. St.

Gabriel does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin, age, gender or disability in administration and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.

**FUNERAL SERVICES FOR**  
**FR. TOM HAMILTON**

**Vigil Service at St. Gabriel Church**  
**Friday, September 13, 2024**  
**Visitation: 4:00 - 6:00 PM**  
**Vigil: 6:00 PM**

**Funeral Service at**  
**Holy Name of Jesus Church**  
**39th & Lawton**  
**Saturday, September 14, 2024**  
**1:00 PM**

**Mass will be livestreamed at:**  
**<https://www.facebook.com/holynamenameofjesus>**

**Committal will follow at**  
**Holy Cross Cemetery**

**A reception will be held in Fr. Tom's honor on Sunday, September 15th after the 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Masses in Bedford Hall. Please plan to join us in this celebration of our beloved pastor.**

*A photo slideshow is being made. If you would like to contribute any pictures of Fr. Tom, please email them to [gfair@stgabrielsf.com](mailto:gfair@stgabrielsf.com) before September 9th.*

**SO MANY THANKS TO GIVE**

In the wake of the unexpected loss of Fr. Tom, our parish faces a challenging time of mourning and transition. During this period of grief and uncertainty, we are incredibly blessed to have the unwavering support and dedication of the following priests who stepped up to celebrate Mass and minister to our community:

**Fr. Andrew Spyrow; Fr. John Mitchell, SJ; Fr. David Schunk; Fr. John Gribowich; Fr. Michael Lilledahl; Fr. Martin Achin Yusuf, OSA; Fr. Dan Nascimento; Fr. Anthony Giampetro; and Fr. Stewart Wilber**

We are profoundly thankful for the dedication and kindness shown by these remarkable individuals. Their contributions have been a vital part of our healing process, and we are blessed to have such devoted servants of the Lord among us. Thank you!

**CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA**  
**SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY!**

The USCCB has designated September 8th for the National Collection for the Catholic University in America. Your gift to the special collection will support Catholic University of America students who go on to serve the nation and transform the world. Catholic University serves dioceses and parishes through innovative research initiatives and training programs. There are envelopes in the vestibule for your kind consideration.