

# ST. GABRIEL CHURCH

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**Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9am-5pm  
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**Pastoral Staff:** Rev. Andrew Spyrow, Administrator; 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.

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**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 22, 2024 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Today's Readings: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6, 8; Jas 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37**



*Jesus Christ Exhortation to the Twelve Apostles  
James Tissot*

Our readings today bring to light the daily struggle between good and evil and how we can combat this struggle through gratitude.

In our Gospel, we see an example of how surrendering to our passions negatively affects us. Jesus was with His disciples when they began to argue amongst themselves as to who was the greatest in the group.

If we look at our own lives, we might find many instances where we fall into the same tendencies — we constantly compare ourselves to others, out of pride we feel the need to point out another's faults or choose to fight back in an argument. We know we should act one way but choose another.

When Jesus hears what the apostles are discussing, He has them focus on a child. "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me."

If we reflect on the moment someone receives a child, oftentimes their hearts are overwhelmed with joy and gratitude for this gift. There is no jealousy or anger, just thanksgiving, and appreciation.

The apostles are busy bickering about who was the best. Their vision was clouded, and they could not even stop and be grateful for the gift to be so close to our Savior and that they were chosen to be His closest followers.

When we are caught in the raging war of jealousy, fighting, and pride, and begin to become enslaved to our passions we are ultimately being ungrateful for what we have been given. We overlook the blessing God has given us and the gifts and talents He has entrusted to us.

Today, let us recall that we have an infinitely loving God who cares deeply for us. Consider all that He has blessed you with, and how you can use those blessings for His glory.

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## TRUE WISDOM

He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." (Mark 9:35)

### **Question of the Week**

**Adults:** What evidence do you see in the world around you that many do not accept Jesus' teaching on power and ambition?

**Kids:** Why do you think Jesus says if you want to be first you should take care of others?

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**SEPTEMBER 23-29, 2024**

Mon.	8:30 am	Tavita & Laurie Letele
Tues.	8:30 am	Special Intention
Wed.	8:30 am	No service
Thurs.	8:30 am	Special Intention
Fri.	8:30 am	Special Intention
Sat.	5:00 pm	For the Parishioners
Sun.	8:00 am	Collective Mass
	10:00 am	L. Paul DeMartini
	5:30 pm	Tom Murphy & Family



**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**

**September 14-15, 2024**

**Envelopes: \$2,472**

**Online Giving: \$1,537**

**Loose: \$886**

**Total Offertory: \$4,895**

*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!

**PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND COLLECTION**

Today, we take up the Priests' Retirement Fund Collection. Our priests have dedicated their lives to serving others. They have been with us and those we love for many of life's most precious moments, from birth to death, showing us the love and compassion of God. In their retirement years, these men of God need and deserve our help. As in 2023, the money raised this year will be directed to repairing and renovating the Serra Clergy House in San Mateo, where several of our retired priests reside. Thanks to the generosity provided in last year's Luncheon and Special Collection, a new roof has been installed, the irrigation system has been repaired and the glass patio doors have been replaced. The funds raised in 2024 will fund seismic and electrical panel upgrades already underway. Your generosity will also enable us to paint the Clergy House, revitalize landscaping, and install double-paned windows, among other projects. There are envelopes in the vestibule for your kind consideration.

***A Loving Laugh to Lighten our Hearts***

*A humorous memory of Fr. Tom as told at his Vigil:*

*"I've had the pleasure of having breakfast with him. Together, we kept IHOP in business for many years. Instead of closing the bars at 2am, we opened the IHOP at 6am before Sunday Mass."*

~Mike Woo  
 Parishioner & Finance Council Member

**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR**

The weekend of **October 5th & 6th**, the Little Sisters of the Poor will be visiting our Parish, giving us the opportunity to share their ministry in caring for the elderly poor. The Little Sisters care for 65 elderly residents in "St. Anne's Home" in San Francisco, and most of their financial support comes from the generosity of people like you, beloved brothers and sisters in Christ. Any assistance you are able to give will be deeply appreciated. To know more about the work of the Little Sisters, you can go to their website at [www.littlesistersofthepoorsanfrancisco.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoorsanfrancisco.org).



**SODALITY MEETING**

The Ladies Sodality of the Miraculous hopes you will join them for their first meeting of the year on **October 6th** for their opening Mass at 10:00 AM and general meeting to follow in the Parish Center. Coffee and refreshments will be served. Please consider bringing any of your lady friends to accompany you. We welcome prospective members who choose to pray, work and spend time with and for others!

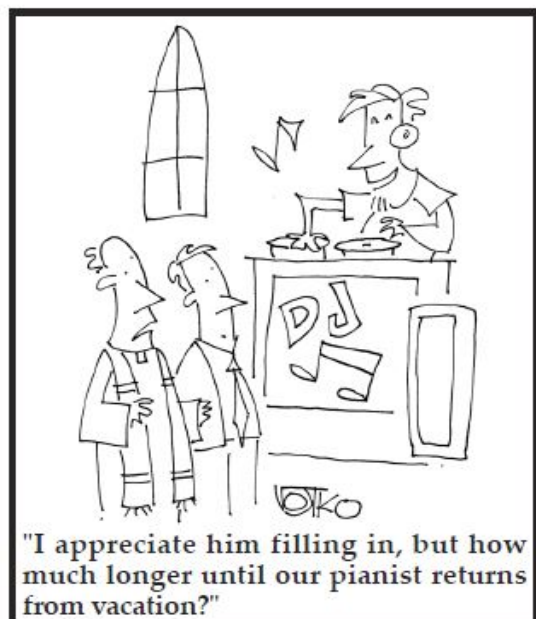
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**Book Fair! September 29-October 3**

Get an early start on your holiday shopping! The Book Fair starts **Sunday, September 29th through Thursday, October 3rd**. Visit the St. Gabriel School Scholastic Book Fair in the art room on the lower level of the main building behind the kindergarten building. The fair features award winning books, educational products, and adult NY Times Bestsellers. Accepted payments: cash, credit/debit cards and personal checks made out to SGPO. Fair hours: Sunday, 9am-1pm; Monday, 8:30am-3pm; Tuesday, 8:30am-6pm; Wednesday, 8:30am-4pm; Thursday, 10:30am-4pm.



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