

ST. GABRIEL CHURCH

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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/Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA/OCIA) 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!

October 13, 2024 Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27



Christ and the Rich Young Ruler
Heinrich Hoffman 1889

In our Gospel today we hear the story of a man who ran up to Jesus and asked Him what he must do to reach eternal life.

Jesus said, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

It says the man went away sad because he had much.

We might cringe when we hear this story because it is sad — this man was so close to becoming an active disciple of Jesus, but instead turned away. We also might cringe because it could be deeply applicable to our lives.

Jesus states that, "It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

One of the metaphors for the "eye of a needle" was a tight passageway into Jerusalem that people had to enter to get into the city. In order for their camels to pass through, they had to remove whatever the camel was carrying, only then, could they enter.

If we look at our own lives, we can most likely think of something that we tightly carry with us. Maybe it is possessions — material goods or money — like Jesus references in our Gospel. Or maybe it is something less material — like status, pride or control.

Jesus doesn't want our "stuff" — our job promotions, our designer house or our bank account. He just wants us. So, we need to be willing to strip those things from our lives in order to reach Him. It might seem difficult, but the outcome will be more than we could have ever imagined — peace on earth and treasure in heaven.

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DANGER OF RICHES

Jesus said, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." (Mark 10:25)

Question of the Week

Adults: How can the pleasures and comforts of this world become barriers to your relationship with God?

Kids: What favorite toy, game, video, etc., of yours would you be willing to share with someone this week?

MASS INTENTIONS
OCTOBER 14 - 20, 2024

Mon.	8:30 am	Rita Fogarty
Tues.	8:30 am	Gordon Wertz Family (L)
Wed.	8:30 am	No service
Thurs.	8:30 am	Don Fogarty
Fri.	8:30 am	Michael Werts Family (L)
Sat.	5:00 pm	Sophia Schymeinsky (L)
Sun.	8:00 am	Collective Mass
	10:00 am	The Porter & Becker Families
	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

October 5-6, 2024

Envelopes: \$3,501

Online Giving: \$3,196

Loose: \$718

Total Offertory: \$7,415

Little Sisters: \$2,228

Thank you!

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www.sqparish.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!

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY NEXT WEEK

Next week, **October 20th**, we take up the collection for World Mission Sunday. It is not just another Sunday; it is a powerful reminder of our call to be missionaries. The collection is unique as it is mandated by the Code of Canon Law and is essential for the survival and growth of the church in mission territories. These funds support the pastoral and evangelizing work of the Church, including building churches, providing healthcare and education, and training future priests and religious. Please give prayerful consideration in giving to this collection. There will be envelopes in the vestibule for your convenience.

On October 3rd, Deacon John Hurst took on the noble challenge of blessing our furry, feathered and even scaly friends for the Feast of St. Francis Blessing of Animals. From barking pups to purring kittens to stuffed animals (who knew they could use a little holy water, too?) and a very calm tortoise, the event was a delightful reminder of God's creations.



Rest in Peace

DAVID DILL
PATRICIA THRUSH
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*



PARISH CENTER
CLOSED

The Parish Center will be closed on **Monday, October 14th**, in honor of the Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, October 15th at 9:00 AM. Have a blessed holiday!

MASS INTENTION BOOK 2025

The Mass Intention Book for 2025 will be opened on **Tuesday, October 29th** at 9:30 AM. In fairness to everyone, **requests will be limited to four intentions per individual** so that everyone will have the chance to have their Masses said on their special dates. If you are homebound or cannot come to the Parish Center in person, you may call the parish secretary at 415-731-6161 beginning on **Thursday, October 31st** or email her at secretary@sqparish.org.

SKILLS FOR MARRIAGE BUILDING

The Office of Marriage and Family invites you to join them for a Skills for Sacramental Marriage Building. You'll discover ways to communicate more clearly, improve understanding and make marriage a priority. The next session is on **November 11th** at St. Bart's Church in San Mateo from 9:00 AM—4:30 PM. Cost is \$25 and includes lunch. For registration info contact Ed Hopfner at HopfnerE@sfarch.org or go to <https://tinyurl.com/SFAIM2025>.

