

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

## October 20, 2024 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Today's Readings: Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45**



*Christ and the Fishermen  
Ernst Zimmermann 1888*

Our Gospel today conveys how we are called to imitate Jesus through humility and service.

We are reminded that the Son of God became man and surrendered His life into the hands of men so that we might be saved. The life of Jesus was centered around His Father's mission and the service of mankind. And this is how we ought to live — in imitation of Christ.

James and John wanted to ensure they had a spot in heaven with Jesus. They were concerned about themselves in that moment — "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left."

Jesus quickly reminded them, "whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all."

Our culture constantly encourages us to do what we can to get ahead in this world, to do what feels good, no matter the effects — that power, authority, and wealth should be our goals in life.

Our faith offers us something different and fulfilling — a life of humility and service. As Christian stewards, we are called to live our lives in service of God and neighbor, just as Jesus did. Our life is not about us. It is about fulfilling God's glorious plan for each one of us.

So, we must ask ourselves, are we living out God's plan for our lives? Is my life centered on Christ and those around me or is it centered on me?

It can be difficult to know God's plan for our entire life. He sees the whole picture — we only see the now. All we can do is seek Him daily. If each day is centered on Him, then our entire lives will become the work of Jesus.

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## QUIET SACRIFICE

Jesus said, "Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be the slave of all." (Mark 10:44)

### **Question of the Week**

**Adults:** *Why is it hard to do good works if you will not be acknowledged for them?*

**Kids:** *Are you willing to do a good deed even if no one knows that you did it? Why?*

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**OCTOBER 21 - 27, 2024**

Mon.	8:30 am	Tom Murphy & Family (L)
Tues.	8:30 am	Mae Woo
Wed.	8:30 am	No service
Thurs.	8:30 am	Bernabe Marania
Fri.	8:30 am	Robert & Kathryn Willimas
Sat.	5:00 pm	Seamus Carolan
Sun.	8:00 am	Collective Mass
	10:00 am	For the Parishioners
	5:30 pm	Rafael Labutan

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

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



*Rest in Peace*

**PAUL GREGSON**

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord  
and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

**October 12-13, 2024**

**Envelopes: \$4,366**

**Online Giving: \$1,424**

**Loose: \$942**

**Total Offertory: \$6,732**

*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!

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY  
COLLECTION TODAY!**

Today, **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.

**ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL**

Thank you to everyone who has already generously donated to the AAA. To date, we have collected **\$23,866** from **65** families which represents 28% 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.

**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@sgparish.org](mailto:secretary@sgparish.org). We will continue our Collective Mass on Sundays at 8:00 AM for the immediate needs of our parishioners. Up to five names only will be accepted for the Collective Mass.

**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](mailto:HopfnerE@sfarch.org) or go to <https://tinyurl.com/SFAIM2025>.

**PRO-LIFE SAN FRANCISCO  
"NIGHT FOR LIFE"**

Join Pro-Life San Francisco in fellowship and education on **Sunday, October 27th, from 5:00—8:00 PM** at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption Event Center, 1111 Gough Street. The keynote speaker will be Jason Jones, award-winning film producer, army veteran, and human rights activist. Tickets are \$25 and dinner will be served. Please call 650-273-0761 or email [info@prolifefsf.com](mailto:info@prolifefsf.com) for more information.

**THE FAMILY CIRCUS** By **Bil and Jeff Keane**



*"That sure made me hungry when we sang 'Lasagna in the Highest.'"*

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