

# 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/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!

## December 1, 2024 First Sunday of Advent

**Today's Readings: Jer 33: 14-16; Ps 25:4-5,8-9,10,14; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36**



We have arrived at the powerful season of Advent, a season to prepare with awe and wonder for the Feast of the Incarnation of Jesus — born to us as Savior and Brother. It is a season to prepare for His return at the end of time. It is also a moment to remind ourselves that

our individual judgment day is coming, too, when we will be called to give an account for all that God has given to us during our lifetimes. In other words, Advent is a steward's season!

Our readings for the first week of Advent waste no time in calling our urgent attention to these themes of reflection and preparation. They seem to shout, "Wake up! Get ready!" and offer us some practical advice as we enter into this season.

The Gospel, from Luke, warns, "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life." How easy it is to lose focus on our Lord either by too much indulgence in our lives or by too much worry about our lives. During Advent, we Christian stewards must ask ourselves some hard questions. Am I staying faithful to my prayer life? Am I using my energy and skills to serve others? Am I overly concerned about material gain? Am I relying on my "stuff" or my investments as my source of comfort or security? Am I living for the moment or for the coming of the Lord?

Get ready Christian stewards! He's coming! Let us prepare with awe and wonder.

*Catholic Stewardship Consultants, [www.Catholicsteward.com](http://www.Catholicsteward.com)*

### THE HABIT OF PRAYER

Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man. (Luke 21:36)

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

**Adults:** *What have been the strengths of your prayer life? What habit of prayer could you strengthen during this Advent season?*

**Kids:** *What prayers will you say each day and each week during Advent?*

### THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY—DECEMBER 9TH

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on **Monday, December 9th**, and is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. We will have three Masses at 8:30 AM, 10:45 AM (School Mass) and 6:30 PM.

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**DECEMBER 2 - 8, 2024**

Mon.	8:30 am	Ben Santos
Tues.	8:30 am	Virginia Fetter
Wed.	8:30 am	No service
Thurs.	8:30 am	Tom Murphy & Family (L)
Fri.	8:30 am	Kevin Maguire
Sat.	5:00 pm	For the Parishioners
Sun.	8:00 am	Collective Mass
	10:00 am	The Young Ladies Institute
	5:30 pm	Carl Bides

**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**

**November 23-24, 2024**

**Envelopes: \$3,075**

**Online Giving: \$2,047**

**Loose: \$763**

**Total Offertory: \$5,885**

*Thank you!*

**ADVENT GIVING PROGRAM**

**Little Brothers—Friends of the Elderly:** Gift Cards of \$25 from Target, Safeway or Trader Joes

**Epiphany Center:** Gift cards of \$25 from Target or Amazon; Diapers, size Newborn through size 5; Layette sets, pacifiers, receiving blankets, baby wipes; wearable baby blanket sleeping bags.

**The Gubbio Project:** Large Hefty trash bags; razors; toothbrushes/toothpaste; non-dairy creamer; 1-lb bags of coffee and/or sugar.

**Little Sisters of the Poor:** Kleenex, lotion, mouthwash, Dove soap, body wash, toilet tissue, baby wipes.

We will collect your donations beginning the weekend of **November 24th through December 15th.** There will be a box available at Mass or you may drop your items off at the Parish Center. Thank you!

**RETIREMENT FOR RELIGION COLLECTION**

Aging religious need your help. "Your support acknowledges that we continue the mission of Christ even in our retirement," says Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart Sister Celeste Burgos, 80. Donations provide for the care, medicine, and daily needs of over 24,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to service. There will be envelopes in the church for your consideration.

**ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL**

Thank you to everyone who has already generously donated to the AAA. To date, we have collected **\$32,708** from **85** of our 1100+ registered families which represents 38% of our goal of **\$86,018**. There are envelopes in the church for your prayerful consideration.

**BAPTISM**

*Let us welcome into our parish family*

**LEVI LAM**

*Who was recently baptized*

**2025 CALENDAR**

The 2025 calendar is here! Thank you to Duggan-Serra Mortuary who graciously donates these calendars each year. They are located in the vestibule. Please take one!

**FLOWER OFFERING ENVELOPE**

We will be decorating our sanctuary for the Christmas services. If you would like to contribute to the cost of flowers, there are envelopes in the vestibule. Thank you!

**ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL'S**  
**ANNUAL SANTA'S STROLL**  
**& BREAKFAST**



Please join us for our annual Santa's Breakfast on **Sunday, December 8th** in Bedford Hall. Enjoy the holiday season with this time-honored tradition and join Santa for a pancake breakfast, morning run or stroll around the Sunset District. Visit all your favorite holiday booths including Santa's Bake Shop, Holiday Boutique, auction, and of course, pictures with Santa. Breakfast will be served from 8:30—11:30 AM. Enjoy pancakes, scramble eggs, sausages, fresh fruit, hot chocolate, and coffee or tea. For more information and to pre-purchase tickets go to [www.stgabrielsf.com](http://www.stgabrielsf.com).



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