

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 and click on the "Register Online" link or call the Parish Center and we'll send you a form!

December 8, 2024 Second Sunday of Advent

Today's Readings: Bar 5:1-9; PS 126: 1-6; Phil 1: 4-6, 8-11; Lk 3: 1-6



The readings for the Second Week of Advent offer both encouragement and challenge as we reflect and prepare for the two "comings" of Christ — His coming as a baby on the great feast of Christmas, and the anticipation of His second coming at the end of time.

Our First Reading, from Baruch, is a wonderful reminder that God has triumphed over sin and death and that we — His faithful disciples — will live in the light of His glory one day. Until He comes again, we must remain faithful to Him as true disciples and good stewards of all the gifts He has given us. While it can be tempting to give in to the materialism and calls for self-indulgence that surround us, (ironically more than ever at this time of year), this reading calls us back to the spiritual reality that this life is passing and that we are made for eternal life with God. We are called to prepare for eternal life by the way that we use our time, our talents, and our treasure now.

The Gospel reading from Luke shows us how personal and detailed is God's love for humanity as He prepared the way for Christ's coming among us. We are told the precise time, place, and person, John the Baptist, He appointed to announce the arrival of our Savior. John tells us how to celebrate to the fullest this first "coming" on the feast of Christmas and how to prepare for the second coming — through repentance.

Let's turn away from any bad habits or sin that may have crept into our lives and turn our hearts and minds back to Christ this Advent. This is what the stewardship way of life is all about — moving closer ever closer in relationship with Christ and imitation of Him, ready to celebrate His birth, with eyes fixed on eternal life with Him.

Catholic Stewardship Consultants, www.Catholicsteward.com

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

John went into all the region around Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (Luke 3:3)

Question of the Week

Adults: *In what areas of your life do you need God's forgiveness right now? What Advent practice would assist you in expressing your repentance?*

Kids: *What do you want to ask God to forgive you for? What can you do during Advent to show you are sorry?*

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 9 - 15, 2024

Mon.	8:30 am	Rolando Valle (L)
	10:45 am	Priest Intention
	6:30 pm	Priest Intention
Tues.	8:30 am	Fr. Tom Hamilton
Wed.	8:30 am	No service
Thurs.	8:30 am	Gerry DeRyan
Fri.	8:30 am	Patrick Bailey
Sat.	5:00 pm	For the Parishioners
Sun.	8:00 am	Collective Mass
	10:00 am	L. Paul DeMartini
	5:30 pm	Jeanie Barry

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 30 - December 1, 2024

Envelopes: \$3,522
Online Giving: \$1,665
Loose: \$988
Total Offertory: \$6,175

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 THANK YOU!

Women and men religious offer gratitude. Your gift impacts over 24,000 senior woman and men religious, providing them dignified retirement. For more information on how your gift helps, visit retiredreligious.org. St. Gabriel collected \$854.50 for the collection. Thank you!

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who has already generously donated to the AAA. To date, we have collected **\$33,708** from **88** of our 1100+ registered families which represents 38% of our goal of **\$86,018**. There are envelopes in the church for your prayerful consideration.



Rest in Peace

ROBERT BILAFER

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

Christmas

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

4:00 PM & 6:00 PM

There will be no midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

New Year's Day

The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

10:00 AM

A Holy Day of Obligation

HELP US DECORATE THE CHURCH!



We will be decorating our sanctuary for the Christmas services on **Monday, December 23rd** after the 8:30 AM Mass. We invite you to help us prepare our church for the joyous celebration of Jesus' birth. Come be a part of this special tradition as we prepare our hearts and our worship space to celebrate the birth of our Savior. In addition, we welcome monetary donations to help fund the flowers, ensuring our church is a place of reverence and beauty for this holy season. There are envelopes in the vestibule for your consideration.

21ST ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE
Sunday, January 25th, 2025

The Walk for Life will be on **Sunday, January 25, 2025** and is an important event opportunity to stand together in defense of life and human dignity, especially in an age where the sanctity of life is increasingly being degraded by societal norms. Please consider attending! More information will be forthcoming in future bulletins. Go to www.walkforlifewc.com for detailed event info. Our St. Gabriel contact person for questions is Mary Fogarty, 415-681-7286.



I have learned that the greater part of our happiness or misery depends upon our disposition, not our circumstance.

~Martha Washington