

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 15, 2024 Third Sunday of Advent

Today's Readings: Zep 3:14-18A; IS 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk3:10-18



John the Baptist
Bartolomeo Veneto circa 1503

We have arrived at Gaudete Sunday (*Gaudete* is the Latin word for "rejoice") this Third Week of Advent, and the Scriptures take on a joyful tone as we continue our preparations for the feast of our Savior's birth.

Our Second Reading gives us cause for joy as St Paul reminds us, "The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all..." Then he gives us a prescription for maintaining this peace: "In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Paul's instructions for obtaining peace come as an early Christmas gift. They remind us that we can and should go to God with all our needs and present them to Him *along with our thanks*. This guidance calls to mind a vital aspect of a stewardship way of life: gratitude to God in response to His great love and countless gifts to us.

The Gospel passage, from Luke, shows us how to *live out* this sense of thankfulness, making our lives a "Christmas gift" to Christ in joyful response to His love for us. When the crowds hear John the Baptist's message that their Savior is coming, they ask him what they should do to prepare. He responds, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do the same." He tells tax collectors to stop collecting more than is prescribed and soldiers, to be satisfied with their wages. In other words, he tells them to be good and generous stewards of all God's gifts to them!

As the great feast of Christmas draws near, let us rejoice in Christ's extravagant love. Let's avail ourselves of the peace He longs to give us. And let's look carefully at our lives to make sure we are indeed making of them a gift fitting for Him.

Catholic Stewardship Consultants, www.Catholicsteward.com

THE JOY OF KINDNESS

Rejoice in the Lord always: again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. (Philippians 4:4-5)

Question of the Week

Adults: What might John the Baptist challenge you to do differently in your life?

Kids: Do you have extras that you can share with others this week?

MASS INTENTIONS
DECEMBER 16 - 22, 2024

Mon.	8:30 am	Patrick Lucey
Tues.	8:30 am	The Henderson, Siebert & Feeney Families
Wed.	8:30 am	No service
Thurs.	8:30 am	Fred Lippi
Fri.	8:30 am	Dominga Espulgar
Sat.	5:00 pm	Joseph Byrne
Sun.	8:00 am	Collective Mass
	10:00 am	Vasilias & Marcos Valle
	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
November 30 - December 1, 2024

Envelopes: \$3,969
Online Giving: \$3,198
Loose: \$767
Total Offertory: \$7,934

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Just a gentle reminder that there is still time for you to make a charitable donation to the Archdiocese Annual Appeal (AAA) or your Christmas donation to St. Gabriel Parish. To get the tax deduction for 2024, please make your contribution by **Tuesday, December 31, 2024**. Your tax benefit (if any) will depend on your individual tax return situation, so please consult with your personal tax adviser for the impact of your gift. Also, if you wish to make your AAA contribution with a credit card or with a direct debit, please use the following SF Archdiocese website link to make your contribution: <https://sfarchdiocese.org/aaa/#aaa-donate-form>. Please make sure to select St. Gabriel Parish from the drop down menu and provide your name to ensure proper crediting. *To date we are at 42% of our goal of \$86,018!*

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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

JOIN US FOR COFFEE & DONUTS TODAY
AFTER THE 10:00 AM MASS

The St. Gabriel Men's Club will be hosting coffee and donuts today after the 10:00 AM Mass in Bedford Hall. Catch up with old friends or meet new ones. It's not just about the donuts (but let's be real, they are quite heavenly, too) but about coming together as a community, one donut at a time. See you there!

HELP US DECORATE
THE CHURCH!



We will be decorating our sanctuary for the Christmas services on **Monday, December 23rd** at 9:30 AM after the morning 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.

FLOWER OFFERING
ENVELOPES



We will be decorating our sanctuary for the Christmas services. Please consider donating to defray the cost of flowers. There are envelope in the vestibule for your consideration.

RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

If you or a loved one is homebound and unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We are happy to arrange for a volunteer to bring the Eucharist to you. Contact the Parish Center office to make arrangements with Matt Shea at 415-731-6161, and we will ensure that you can continue to receive this precious sacrament. Let us help you stay connected to the Church and the grace of the Eucharist.