

# ST. GABRIEL CHURCH

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**Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9am-5pm  
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Closed Daily for Lunch from 12-1pm**

**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.

**Parish Center Support Staff:** Mrs. Cheryl Bailey, Bookkeeper; Mrs. Marie Dimapasoc-Arima, Payroll; Ms. Luana Letele, Secretary.

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

## December 22, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Today's Readings: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10: 5-10; Lk 1: 39-45**



Our Blessed Mother takes center stage on this fourth Sunday of Advent, and fittingly so, as we draw near to the celebration of her Son's birth. After our Lord Himself, Mary is our model and guide to a stewardship way of life.

Today's Gospel passage from Luke describes Mary's actions immediately after her "yes" to the angel Gabriel's message. "Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah... and greeted Elizabeth." Mary immediately begins to think of others before herself, setting out quickly to be with her cousin, modeling two of the pillars of stewardship – Hospitality and Service.

What warmth and humility the Mother of our Savior shows, traveling to Elizabeth to spend time with her, rejoicing with Elizabeth over her own incredible pregnancy, and assisting her in a time of need. And what joy this hospitality and service brings to Elizabeth.

Our Blessed Mother's example of a stewardship way of life is one that we, her children, can follow in our own lives today. With all the gifts God gives us — our time, our talents, our material possessions — we, too, can offer ourselves to God by using these gifts to serve and glorify Him. In so doing, we will effectively spread the Good News of the Gospel to the world around us today.

We will be stewards after our Mother's own heart.

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

## OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S WILL

Elizabeth said, "Blessed is she who believed that there would be fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." (Luke 1:45)

### **Question of the Week**

**Adults:** *When was it hardest for you to trust in God's plan for you, as Mary did? What can help you at such times?*

**Kids:** *When is it hardest for you to obey a parent or teacher? What can help you obey with more trust?*

## PARISH CENTER CLOSED

The Parish Center will be closed at **12:00 PM on Tuesday, December 24th and closed all day on December 25th & 26th.** We will reopen on Friday, December 27th from 9:00 AM—12:00 PM. Additionally, we will be closed at **12:00 PM on Tuesday, December 31st and closed all day on January 1st & 2nd.** We will reopen on Friday, January 3rd from 9:00 AM—12:00 PM. A blessed Christmas and New Year to you and your family!

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**DECEMBER 23 - 29, 2024**

Mon.	8:30 am	The Nardi, MacConaghy & Feeney Families
Tues.	8:30 am	Margaret Keohane
	4:00 pm	Priest Intention (Christmas Eve)
	6:00 pm	Priest Intention (Christmas Eve)
Wed.	8:00 am	Priest Intention (Christmas Day)
	10:00 am	Priest Intention (Christmas Day)
Thurs.	8:30 am	Dcn. Thomas Reardon
Fri.	8:30 am	No Daily Mass
Sat.	5:00 pm	Daurene Uydinco
Sun.	8:00 am	Collective Mass
	10:00 am	L. Paul DeMartini
	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**

**December 14 - 15, 2024**  
**Envelopes: \$2,777**  
**Online Giving: \$1,764**  
**Loose: \$1,010**  
**Total Offertory: \$5,551**

**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 52% of our goal of \$86,018!*



On behalf of all Sodalists, "Thank You!", to all who helped on our Christmas luncheon, all those wonderful folks who attended, and all those who in so many ways supported this event. The bakers from the bake sale, the incredible decorations, the raffle, and those working the event: AMAZING!!! This event supports both the liturgical needs of our beloved St Gabriel Church and the needs of Epiphany Center. We are humbled and grateful for all of the support. Thank you!! And...if you missed this one, all ladies are invited to our March 2nd meeting as we plan for the Spring Event on April 6th. *(More pictures were posted to our Flocknote weekly bulletin. Text sgc to 84576 from your phone to subscribe!)*

*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** 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.

**HELP US HELP YOU**  
**(AND SAVE A LITTLE TIME)**

As we continue to give thanks for the many blessings this Christmas season, we ask for a small favor that will help us spread even more joy (and keep our office elves from working overtime!). If you're using your offering envelopes, please, if you know your parishioner number, write it on the envelope. This simple step helps us ensure you get proper credit for your generous gifts and helps us avoid the fun treasure hunt of tracking down your number. It's a small thing, but it means a lot to us. And who doesn't love a little more time for eggnog and Christmas cheer? Wishing you a Blessed Christmas and a New Year full of peace and joy!