

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, Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (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.

August 17, 2025 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4,18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53



*Rubens detail, Christ on the Cross
Between Two Thieves, 1618-1620*

Today's readings set a high bar for us Christian stewards, reminding us that a stewardship way of life is meant to be a challenging way of life.

In the second reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, we are told to live as Christ lived. And how did Christ live? "For the sake of the joy that lay before Him He endured the cross." If we are tempted to complain about the sufferings we must endure in living as Christ's disciples, we are told, "In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood." In other words, "If you're not bleed-

ing, what are you complaining about?" That is quite a high bar!

The Gospel reading from Luke continues this challenging theme. Our Lord tells His disciples "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing." A couple of verses later Jesus adds, "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."

Jesus's life on this earth and the message He brought were not meant to simply make us feel good. In fact, His words can make us downright uncomfortable at times. That's because His Good News (and it is indeed good news!) is meant to change us, to make saints of us.

The stewardship way of life sets a high bar indeed. But deeply embraced, this way of life focused on God and others will make us the saints we are called to be.

Catholic Stewardship Consultants, www.Catholicsteward.com

AN UNSETTLING TRUTH

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Question of the Week

Adults: *When has your taking a strong stand on a moral issue created division rather than healing in the short term?*

Kids: *Is it important to do the right thing even if others are angry as a result? Why or why not?*

MASS INTENTIONS
AUGUST 18 - 24, 2025

Mon.	8:30 am	Mary Higgins
Tues.	8:30 am	Fr. Tom Hamilton
Wed.	8:30 am	No Service
Thurs.	8:30 am	Patrick Bailey
Fri.	8:30 am	Frank Jimenez & Maria Jimenez (L)
Sat.	5:00 pm	Priscilla Oropesa & Tong Gond Jew
Sun.	8:00 am	Collective Mass
	10:00 am	The Porter & Becker Families
	5:30 pm	For the Parishioners

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

In the coming week we ask for your prayers for the following: Joan Aragone, Denise Foley, Virginia Fox, Debbie Gaffney, Lottie Gonzales, Emo Lieu, and Colleen Wood.



Rest in Peace

LEONARDA RABAGO

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

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

August 9 - 10, 2025

Envelopes: \$3,087

Online Giving: \$2,588

Loose: \$809

Total Offertory: \$6,484

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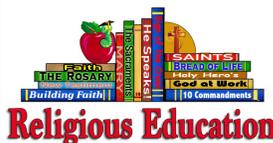
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2025 ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed or pledged to the Appeal. **We are at 40% of our goal with 72 families out of our 1100+ registered families donating. Our campaign goal is \$82,537 and we still need \$48,799 to meet our assessment.** There are envelopes in church or at the Parish Center for your consideration or you may donate online at www.sfarch.org/aaa and choose St. Gabriel Church as your church of designation.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are excited to announce that registration is now open for Religious Education 2025/2026. The classes are a wonderful way for our parish children who attend public school to deepen their understanding of our Catholic faith, grow spiritually, and develop a strong foundation in the Church's teachings. Classes for grades 1-8 will begin on **Sunday, September 7, 2025 at 9:00 AM**. Your child/ren must be registered by **August 30th**. The cost of the program is \$70 per child. Registration forms are available at the Parish Center or online at www.sgparish.org under the Religious Education section. If you have questions please email our Coordinator, Diane Lawrence, at dlawrence@sgparish.org or call the Parish Center.

SG MEN'S CLUB MEETING

Are you looking to grow in fellowship and service? The St. Gabriel Men's Club brings together men of the parish and school for community service and social connection. The next Men's Club meeting will be held on **Thursday, August 28th from 6:00—8:00 PM in Bedford Hall**. If you have any questions or want to know more about the Men's Club, email sgmensclubsf@gmail.com.

**77TH ANNUAL
POLICE, FIRE, SHERIFF MASS**

Sept. 7, 2025 at 9:30 AM

St. Cecilia Church, 2555 17th Ave., San Francisco

The Police-Fire Mass originated as an annual way to honor the firefighters who lost their lives during the 1946 Herbert Hotel Fire and continues to honor all of our first responders. The Mass is sponsored by the SF Fire Department, SF Police Department, SF Sheriff's Office, SF Park Rangers, and the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

**MISSION APPEAL COLLECTION
THIS WEEKEND!**

This weekend, **August 16th & 17th**, we will welcome Sr. Mary Margaret Link, F.M.A., who will speak at all Masses about the missionary work of the Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco. Born in Laredo, Texas, Sr. Mary has served for 55+ years in Catholic education, youth ministry, and faith formation across the U.S., bringing the joy of the Gospel to young people and families. The Salesian Sisters were founded in 1872 by St. John Bosco and St. Mary Mazzarello to serve youth, especially the poor and marginalized. Today, over 12,000 Sisters serve in 96 countries, including schools, youth centers, camps, and outreach programs for at-risk youth and women. A second collection will be taken to support their vital mission. Thank you for your generosity and prayers!

Just for Laughs



Son: I want a car.

Dad: Get a haircut.

Son: Jesus had long hair.

Dad: Jesus walked everywhere.