

# ST. GABRIEL CHURCH

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**In Residence:** Rev. Paul Zirimenya

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**Confirmation Coordinator:** Edgar Estonina

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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

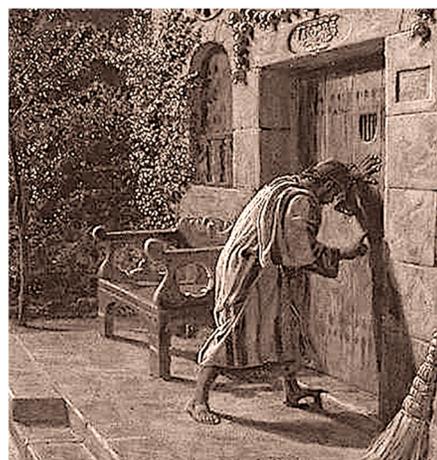
For information on Baptism, Marriage, Sunday School, Anointing of the Sick, Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) or Confirmation, please call the Parish Center.

## 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 24, 2025 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117: 1-2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30



William Holden Hunt, detail  
*The Importunate Neighbor, 1895*

Today's readings show us that it is not enough to be Christ's disciples in name only. To be a real disciple, we must live for Christ every day and in every aspect of life. This kind of life takes strength and discipline.

Intentionally and consistently offering the Lord the best of our Time, Talent, and Treasure through a stewardship way of life is a form of spiritual discipline. These spiritual disciplines teach us to become ever more aware of God's constant provision for us and they keep us on the narrow path towards the Kingdom of Heaven. The more we embrace this way of life, the more we can be "trained" by the Lord in the ways of true discipleship. Though difficult, these disciplines become a source of spiritual strength.

Our Lord Himself speaks of the difficult path to the Kingdom of Heaven in today's Gospel passage from Luke. He is asked, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" Jesus responds, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." Showing up for Mass on Sunday while living as if Christ is an afterthought the rest of the week does not make us disciples. What's more, this approach to our faith is an unjust and unloving response to our good God who has given us all that we have and are.

Jesus does not want us to merely go through the motions of faith. He wants much more from us and for us. He wants to know us deeply and for us to get to know Him so that we become His holy disciples. This is not a burden; it is a privilege. But it does take discipline, the discipline of a stewardship way of life.

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

## THE NARROW DOOR

Jesus answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able." (Luke 13:24)

### **Question of the Week**

**Adults:** *What daily choices are you making that will allow you to be recognized at the doorway of the reign of God?*

**Kids:** *What good habits are you practicing in order to be a good Christian?*

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**AUGUST 25 - 31, 2025**

Mon.	8:30 am	Giovanni Perez (L)
Tues.	8:30 am	The Sejane Family (L)
Wed.	8:30 am	No Service
Thurs.	8:30 am	Michael Cunningham
Fri.	8:30 am	Dionisio Espulgar, Sr.
Sat.	5:00 pm	William Conaway
Sun.	8:00 am	Collective Mass
	10:00 am	Michael Cunningham
	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*

**KATHRYN KOZUCH**

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

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

**August 16 - 17, 2025**

**Envelopes: \$3,596**

**Online Giving: \$1,883**

**Loose: \$1,235**

**Total Offertory: \$6,714**

**MISSION APPEAL THANK YOU!**

Thank you for your very generous donation to our second collection last week for the Mission Appeal. As a community we were able to collect \$2,751. We are truly grateful for your generosity!



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**BAPTISM**

*Let us welcome into our parish family*

**COLE MILLS**

*Who was recently baptized*



**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](http://www.sgparish.org) under the Religious Education section. If you have questions please email our Coordinator, Diane Lawrence, at [dlawrence@sgparish.org](mailto:dlawrence@sgparish.org) or call the Parish Center.

**CONFIRMATION 2025/2026  
REGISTRATION**



Our Confirmation Program for high school students is now open. The deadline to register is **Friday, September 12, 2025**. Registration can be accessed via the QR code or you may go online to our website at [www.sgparish.org](http://www.sgparish.org) under the "Sacrament" tab, then scroll to "Confirmation". The link will also contain other important information regarding Confirmation. Once your child is registered, please plan to attend our Confirmation orientation meeting on **Sunday, September 14, 2025 at 3:00 PM** at St. Gabriel Church. If you need help with registration, please contact Luana Letele at 415-731-6161 or email her at [secretary@sgparish.org](mailto:secretary@sgparish.org). If you have questions regarding the program itself, please contact the Confirmation Coordinator, Edgar Estonina, at [eestonina@sgparish.org](mailto:eestonina@sgparish.org).

**SG MEN'S CLUB MEETING DATE CHANGE!**

The August 28th Men's Club Meeting has been rescheduled to **Thursday, September 4th at 6PM**. Meeting spot will soon be determined! Stay tuned!

**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.