

# ST. GABRIEL CHURCH

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

**Pastoral Staff:** Rev. Ian Quito, Pastor; Rev. Mr. John Hurst, Deacon; Mrs. Gina Beal, School Principal

**In Residence:** Rev. Paul Zirimenya

**Religious Education Coordinator:** Diane Lawrence

**OCIA Coordinator:** Rev. Mr. John Hurst, Deacon

**Confirmation Coordinator:** Edgar Estonina

**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, 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.

September 7, 2025  
*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Today's Readings:** Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6,12-14, 17; Phmn 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33



On July 1, 2025, Father Ian Quito began his assignment as the ninth pastor of St. Gabriel Parish. Father Ian was assigned to Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Redwood City following his 2020 ordination.

Father was born and raised in Pampanga Province in the Philippines. He was Catholic school educated at St. Nicholas Academy, Center of Catholic Education from grade school through high school. He entered Mother of Good Counsel Seminary after high school where he studied Philosophy for five years. His seminary class chose St. Theresa of the Child Jesus (also known as St. Theresa of

Lisieux, doctor of the grace) as their class sponsor. For Father Ian, her writings in *A Story of a Soul* explore the simplicity of holiness. It is a book he returns to often for inspiration.

In 2014, Father Ian, his mother, father and sister emigrated to the United States joining a large maternal family here. This side of the family includes five aunts and two uncles who live nearby. His dad's family remains in the Philippines where he visits annually. His sister and brother-in-law live in the East Bay and are nurses. Father's face lights up when he speaks of his three-year-old nephew and two-year-old niece—he visits frequently and then enjoys returning to the cool air of the Sunset. He continued his seminary studies at St. Patrick's Seminary after his arrival.

For Father, reading is a great love, especially biographies. When we spoke, he mentioned he had just finished the biography of St. Maximilian Kolbe, a recent saint who ministered to people awaiting the gas chambers at Auschwitz. St. Maximilian's story is captured in the new film *Triumph of the Spirit*. He went on to explain about St. Maximilian's doctor, Takashi Nagai who not only treated St. Maximilian during his missionary years in Japan, but ministered to the survivors of the atomic bombings of Nagasaki.

A lover of nature, Father enjoys the outdoors—the woods, beach and local spots in the Bay Area. As mentioned before, enjoys the cool ocean air when returning from the warmer areas of the Bay Area.

When asked about his new role as pastor, he describes himself as the spiritual father of the parish providing for the spiritual needs of the people. He envisions a community who encounters Christ in the liturgy and among the Community itself. His goal is a St. Gabriel Parish growing deeper in its love of Christ through devotion to the Blessed Mother, and a parish that grows deeply in faith, hope, and love.

Welcome Father Ian—we all look forward to getting to know you better and to walk with you on this journey of faith.

~Interview by Diane Lawrence

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**SEPTEMBER 8 - 14, 2025**

Mon.	8:30 am	Rosario Reyes
Tues.	8:30 am	Joan Boland
Wed.	8:30 am	No Service
Thurs.	8:30 am	Walter Soules (L)
Fri.	8:30 am	Lawrence Soules (L)
Sat.	5:00 pm	Rafael Labutan
Sun.	8:00 am	Collective Mass
	10:00 am	The Young Ladies Institute
	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.

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

**August 30-31, 2025**

**Envelopes: \$2,835**

**Online Giving: \$1,309**

**Loose: \$916**

**Total Offertory: \$5,060**

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**St. Vincent de Paul**

**SVDP SANDWICH SUNDAY TODAY!**

Members of your St. Vincent de Paul conference will be collecting sandwiches at the Saturday 5:00 PM Mass and Sunday's 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses this weekend, **September 6 & 7**. Monetary donations are also welcomed. The sandwiches will be taken to the downtown shelter on Sunday. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**TRIENNIAL ARCHDIOCESE FOR MILITARY COLLECTION TODAY!**

Our parish will take up the Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS), this weekend, **September 6 & 7**. To learn more about the AMS, go to [www.milarch.org/national](http://www.milarch.org/national) collection. There are envelopes in the vestibule for your kind consideration.

**INSTALLATION MASS FOR FR. IAN**

Fr. Ian Quito will be installed as pastor by Archbishop Cordileone on **Sunday, September 21st, at the 10:00 AM Mass**. A welcome and congratulatory reception will be held in Bedford Hall directly following the Mass. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this St. Gabriel Community event! If you would like to help in any way please contact the Parish Council at [parishcouncil@sgparish.org](mailto:parishcouncil@sgparish.org) or call the Parish Center at 415-731-6161. Let's welcome Fr. Ian in true St. Gabriel style and joy!



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Classes for grades 1-8 will begin today, **Sunday, September 7, 2025 at 9:00 AM**. 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.

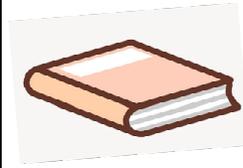
**CONFIRMATION 2025/2026**

**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 can 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@sparish.org](mailto:eestonina@sparish.org).

**LECTOR WORKBOOKS ARE HERE!**



The 2026 Year A Workbook for Lectors is here! If you are one of our lectors, kindly come to the Parish Center and pick up your book. Thank you for all that you do for St. Gabriel!

**ALLOWING TIME FOR GRIEF - LIVING TODAY**

Reflection on what to expect, do, rely on, pray for, HOPE. All are welcome to attend on **September 19th from 10:00 AM—1:00 PM** at Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Flanagan Center, 3300 Lawton St. This session is hosted by Valerie Toy and facilitated by Sr. Toni Lynn, RSM. To RSVP and for more information email [tgallagher@sistersofmercy.org](mailto:tgallagher@sistersofmercy.org) or [parish@holynamesf.org](mailto:parish@holynamesf.org). Refreshments will be provided.