

ST. GABRIEL CHURCH

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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 Friday from 7:30am-8:30am and 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.

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

Every first Friday of the month after the 8:30am Mass until 9:30am.

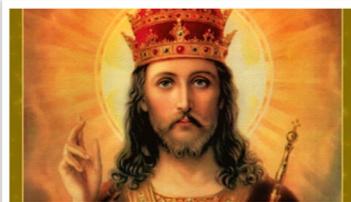
Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is observed before our daily Masses. Everyone is welcome to pray with us.

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.

November 23, 2025
Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Today's Readings: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43



Q n this Feast of Christ the King, our readings show us that we serve the greatest of Kings, who is at the same time the humblest of Kings. Christ is the perfect model of servant leadership. And what an indescribable privilege that He has called us to be servant lead-

ers — stewards in the work of advancing His Kingdom.

In our second reading, from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians, Paul describes the great power and dignity that characterize Christ the King. "All things were created through him and for him. He is before all things and in him all things hold together." It makes you want to stand up and cheer. That's our King!

Yet, what a contrasting description of the same King we find in our Gospel passage, from Luke. Now we see our King nailed to the Cross. Everyone from rulers to soldiers, to the criminals on either side of Christ is mocking, sneering, and reviling him. They tauntingly urge him to prove His kingship by coming down from the Cross to end his suffering with a great show of power. "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself."

But He does not. Amazingly, it is in this moment of seeming weakness and humiliation, when all appears hopeless and lost, that the full breadth of his greatness as king is displayed. Though all things were created through and for Him — Christ chooses to live entirely for others, for us!

What does this mean for us as his followers and stewards of His kingdom? Precisely that our lives are not about us. They are about Christ and others. And we will advance his kingdom to the extent that we embrace this mindset: my life is not about me; it is about serving the King of kings.

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SVDP THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 2025

The St. Gabriel Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is asking for donations of non-perishable goods to share with the poor. Canned fruit, vegetables and meat, canned tuna, chili and soups, dry goods and unopened packages of rice and pasta are in high demand. You may also give a cash or check donation to the SVdP Society. Kindly keep your food gifts until the Presentation of the Gifts at Mass. **Please note there will be only one Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 10:00 AM.** If you are unable to attend Mass on Thanksgiving and wish to contribute to the food drive, please bring your items to the Parish Center by noon on Wednesday, November 26th. Thank you!

Additionally, next week, November 30th, is the fifth Sunday of the month and, as is tradition, a collection will be taken for SVdP. Envelopes will be in the vestibule.

MASS INTENTIONS
NOVEMBER 24 - 30, 2025

Mon.	8:30 am	Msgr. Harry Schlitt
Tues.	8:30 am	Sylvia Oropesa
Wed.	8:30 am	No Service
Thurs.	10:00 am	For the Parishioners
Fri.	8:30 am	Vilma Soares
Sat.	5:00 pm	Vilma Soares
Sun.	8:00 am	Collective Mass
	10:00 am	For the Parishioners
	5:30 pm	Donna Jordan

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, Rich O'Toole, Fr. Ray Reyes, and Colleen Wood.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

November 16-17, 2025: \$5,156
Camp. For Human Dev: \$986

Thank you for supporting St. Gabriel Church!



2025 ANNUAL APPEAL

Campaign Goal: \$82,537
Payments Received: \$48,113
Still Need: \$34,424

ADVENT GIVING PROGRAM

We would like to seek the generosity of the St. Gabriel Community to share their blessings with the following organizations for our annual Advent Giving Program:

Little Brothers—Friends of the Elderly: Gift Cards of \$25 from Target, Safeway or Trader Joes; small wall calendars for their rooms.

Epiphany Center: Gift cards of \$25 from Target or Amazon; Diapers, size Newborn through size 5; Layette sets, pacifiers, receiving blankets, baby wipes; wearable baby blanket sleeping bags.

The Gubbio Project: Large Hefty trash bags; razors; toothbrushes/toothpaste; non-dairy creamer; 1-lb bags of coffee and/or sugar.

We will collect your donations beginning the weekend of **November 23rd through December 14th.** There will be a barrel available in the vestibule or you may drop your items off at the Parish Center. Thank you!

PARISH CENTER CLOSED

The Parish Center will be closed November 27th & 28th for the Thanksgiving holiday. **Happy Thanksgiving!!**

HEALING MASS

Please attend our Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick on **Saturday, December 13, 2025** (Memorial of St. Lucy, Patron Saint of those with eye problems). Schedule: Praying of the Holy Rosary from 2:30 - 2:45 PM, Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick from 2:45 - 4:00 PM.

A THANKSGIVING MESSAGE FROM FR. IAN



While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and **when he had given thanks**, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." (Matthew 26:26).

We celebrate Thanksgiving Day! At the heart of St. Gabriel Church is the very act of thanksgiving, the Eucharist! *Eucharistomen* in Greek means "thanksgiving". Thanksgiving is the summit and font of our faith and therefore, our Christian life in

general.

We have so many things to be thankful for. In our parish, we experience a harvest of goodwill and kindness from our many parishioners. You, our beloved parishioner, being with us during the celebration of the Holy Eucharist builds up the local church of St. Gabriel and spiritually strengthening our community through the prayers we offer to one another.

Your great abundance of generosity assists us to continue our mission to share the love of God to all, especially to the vulnerable and those who are in need in our community. The works of St. Vincent de Paul Society as our social action arm and our outreach are essential in our mission.

The seeds of evangelization that we have planted to our religious education and confirmation students will grow and come a time, we will all reap the good and fruitful harvest.

The deep devotion of our Young Ladies Institute and Ladies Sodality to the Blessed Virgin Mary inspires us to offer ourselves fully to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The communal joys and sharing of the Men's Club and the initiative of the Women's Guild make us hopeful for deeper relationships as brothers and sisters.

The liturgical ministries that are doing their best to make our liturgies beautiful; praising and thanking God from our souls and hearts. Particularly, we are grateful to our re-established Altar Servers' Team and their work together reflect the overall dedication of St. Gabriel parishioners.

We are blessed to have a strong enrollment at St. Gabriel School. May the school community flourish as we walk side by side with one another.

Our ever committed Parish and Finance Councils embark the whole parish into a journey of oneness, hope, joy, faith, and above all, love.

I know that we all have many things to be thankful for in our personal lives. We offer everything back to the Giver of all Gifts, our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we sit around the thanksgiving table, with our loved ones, families and friends, may we say, "*Thank God, this feast is a glimpse of heaven.*"

And as we come back to the Eucharistic table, may our hearts be renewed with endless thanksgiving and praise to the God of all gifts and blessings!

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving to all of you and your families!

May our Blessed Mother pray for you always and may St. Gabriel bring the Good News of Salvation to your homes!

Fr. Ian

Your Priest and Friend