

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 30, 2025
First Sunday of Advent

Today's Readings: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13: 11-14; Mt 24:37-44



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, In the life of the Church, Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical calendar. In a sense, Advent is considered our New Year!

Our Gospel readings for the new liturgical year use the lens of St. Matthew. What makes the Gospel of St. Matthew quite unique as compared to the other Synoptic Gospels of St. Luke and St. Mark is that it exceeds the other two with many citations from the Old Testament. St. Matthew focuses on the person of Jesus Christ as the fulfillment of the Law and the prophets. He shows that Jesus has taken on real human flesh and entered our world and our history.

Jesus dwelt among us, becoming one with us in all things but sin.

Advent means "coming". Whenever we come together to celebrate the Eucharist, we anticipate the coming of Jesus to us on the altar, and we eagerly desire to receive Him in the Eucharist. Because of this great sacrament, we are nourished and strengthened inwardly. Therefore, the Holy Eucharist is also the Sacrament of Hope.

As we continue to walk during this Jubilee Year of Hope, may we be pilgrims full of confidence and hope, awaiting the coming of our Lord in our lives and in our homes. Although we may encounter difficulties and, at times, experience uncertainties, as Christians, we always walk with the Light, our Hope, our Emmanuel. We are never alone in our journey.

St. Paul reminds us that "Hope does not disappoint" because God has poured out His love for us and that love is the Incarnate God, Our Emmanuel (Rm 5:5).

I pray that you may have a prayerful Advent season.

May our Blessed Mother, our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for you and may St. Gabriel bring the Good News of Salvation into your hearts.

Your priest and friend,

Fr. Ian



SVDP SANDWICH SUNDAY NEXT WEEK

Your St. Vincent de Paul Conference will be collecting sandwiches at the Saturday 5:00 PM and Sunday 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses on the weekend of **December 6th & 7th**. Your generosity is appreciated.

We also accept monetary donations. Sandwiches will be taken after the 10:00 AM Mass to the Multi-Service Center. Thank you as always for your kind consideration and contribution.

MASS INTENTIONS
DECEMBER 1-7, 2025

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| Mon. | 8:30 am | Denise Ourtiague |
| Tues. | 8:30 am | Virginia Fetter |
| Wed. | 8:30 am | No Service |
| Thurs. | 8:30 am | Archibaldo & Helga da Luz |
| Fri. | 8:30 am | Marie Ann Hughes |
| Sat. | 5:00 pm | Victor & Jane Schymeinsky |
| Sun. | 8:00 am | Collective Mass |
| | 10:00 am | Ita McCarron (L) from The Ladies Sodality |
| | 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, Fr. Ray Reyes, Colleen Wood and especially for Oscar Collaco.



Rest in Peace

KATHLEEN MARIE KEOGH

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

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

November 22-23, 2025: \$8,961

Thank you for supporting St. Gabriel Church!



2025 ANNUAL APPEAL

Our pastor, Fr. Ian, the parish staff and the parish leadership teams are very grateful for your generous support and contribution to our Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. Your support is very vital to continue the mission of our Lord through the many ministries in the Archdiocese. Sincere **THANK YOU** to all that have already contributed to this year's

Appeal. **We are at 42% and \$34,400 away from our goal.** We need everyone's help to pitch in and make the goal before December 31st. Please consider your contribution now!

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Monday, December 8, 2025

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on **Monday, December 8th**, and is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be three Masses: **8:30 AM, 10:45 AM (School Mass) and 6:30 PM.**

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.

BAPTISM

Let us welcome into our parish family
ALPHA CENTAURI TACATA
Who was recently baptized

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 **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!

SIMBANG GABI NOVENA, DEC. 16-24, 2025

"Simbang Gabi" is a Filipino Marian Devotion that has been celebrated for almost 500 years. It typically involves attending a novena of nine Masses leading up the Christmas Eve in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary's nine months of pregnancy as she awaited the birth of Jesus. During Simbang Gabi, we are called to prepare ourselves spiritually, in anticipation of celebrating the birth of Christ on Christmas Day. Simbang Gabi is also rich with tradition including the play of journeying through darkness into the light of hope as we begin Mass in the predawn hours and walk out into the daylight afterwards. This harkens to a journey of hope representing the light of hope in Christ. This year, Simbang Gabi will be held at St. Stephen Church, 601 Eucalyptus Dr. **All Masses begin at 6:00 AM starting on December 16th. Fr. Ian will be presiding over the December 16th Mass.**

THE MEANING BEHIND THE WREATH

First Sunday of Advent—Purple

Advent wreaths with its four candles help us prepare for Christmas. Three purple candles remind us that Advent is a time of penance, prayer and sacrifice. The rose or pink candle reminds us that we are close to the joy of Christmas. Each candle represents a theme. The light of the candles represent Jesus, the light of the World coming as light into the world.

"The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah, in those days, in that time I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her; 'The Lord our justice.'"

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