

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 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.

January 4, 2026 *The Epiphany of the Lord*

Today's Readings: Is 60: 1-6; Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2: 1-12



As our celebration of Christmas continues, today we observe the great feast of The Epiphany of the Lord. The word "epiphany" comes from Greek and means manifestation or appearance. The stewardship way of life is one in which we live in grateful response to God's countless manifestations in our lives.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, has much to

teach us about stewardship, through the actions of the magi.

As good stewards, the magi were watching for manifestations of God's presence in their lives. "We have seen the star at its rising," they say. Good stewards are keenly aware of the "star" of God's presence and His gifts in their lives. It is this awareness that fills them with gratitude and the desire to both worship God and share His gifts with others.

The magi, upon seeing the manifestation of God's presence in their lives, "were overjoyed." Good stewards, who live with the awareness of God's presence and gifts to them, simply can't help but be filled with joy. Not necessarily the fleeting and superficial kind of joy the world promises through wealth or power, but rather the deep, unalterable joy only God can give.

Finally, the magi were so filled with awe upon encountering the newborn Jesus, they prostrated themselves before him and "opened their treasures and offered him gifts." This is precisely why good stewards generously share their material gifts — as a loving act of worship to an extravagantly loving God.

Let us rejoice in God's manifestations in our lives and be watchful for the new ways He is calling us to share ourselves and our gifts in gratitude to our King in the year ahead.

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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

January 18-25, 2026

From **January 18-25, 2026**, the Catholic Church joins Christians around the world in observing the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*. This annual observance invites us to pray for the unity of all who confess Jesus Christ, in response to the Lord's prayer "that they may all be one." The theme for 2026, drawn from *Ephesians 4:4*, is "*There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling.*" May this week deepen our commitment to unity, reconciliation, and faithful witness to the Gospel.

MASS INTENTIONS
JANUARY 5 - 11, 2026

Mon.	8:30 am	Dick Walsh
Tues.	8:30 am	Rogelio Marania & Eden Marania (L)
Wed.	8:30 am	No Service
Thurs.	8:30 am	Matthew Manalo (L)
Fri.	8:30 am	Ita McCarron (L)
Sat.	5:00 pm	John O'Connell
Sun.	8:00 am	Collective Mass
	10:00 am	For the Parishioners
	5:30 pm	Mike Montague

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

In the coming week we ask for your prayers for the following: Joan Aragone, Oscar Collaco, Denise Foley, Virginia Fox, Debbie Gaffney, Lottie Gonzales, Emo Lieu, Mary O'Donnell, Fr. Ray Reyes, and Colleen Wood.

WEEKLY & CHRISTMAS OFFERTORY

Our deepest gratitude to the Community of St. Gabriel for your generous Christmas contributions of \$26,208.

**Weekend of Dec. 27 & 28, 2025: \$12,745.
Thank you for supporting St. Gabriel Church!**



GIVE ONLINE AT:
www.sgparish.org

Click the "Donate" tab on the upper right corner of the homepage to get started...OR just click on the QR code!

2025 TAX REPORTS

If you would like a report of your donations to St. Gabriel's for tax purposes, **you must request one**. Please call the Parish Center at 415-731-6161 to arrange to have one mailed to you or email secretary@sgparish.org. Due to the large volume of calls, **please allow 1-2 weeks for your request to be processed and mailed. All those parishioners who gave a one-time donation of \$250 or more will automatically have their report sent to them on or before January 31, 2026. You do not need to call the office. Thank you!!**



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**New Year's Resolution:
More prayer, less judgement...
starting tomorrow!**

Happy New Year!

**A BEAUTIFUL CELEBRATION...
THANKS TO YOU!**

We offer our sincere and heartfelt thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make our Christmas Masses so beautiful and welcoming. We are deeply grateful to our clergy, musicians, lectors, hospitality ministers, liturgical planners, altar servers, parish staff, maintenance and custodial staff, and all who decorated the church with such care. Thank you as well to those who generously donated financially, volunteered their time and talents behind the scenes, and to all who attended Mass and prayed with our parish family during this holy season. We apologize profusely if we have unintentionally missed anyone — please know that every act of service, seen and unseen, was truly appreciated and helped make our celebration of Christ's birth so meaningful. Thank you!!



**SVDP SANDWICH
SUNDAY TODAY!**

Members of our St. Vincent de Paul Conference will be collecting sandwiches at the beginning of Saturday's 5:00 PM Mass as well as Sunday's 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses. Monetary donations are also accepted. Let's start the New Year remembering those in need. Your thoughtfulness in helping the marginalized community in San Francisco is appreciated. Thank you!

**THE YOUNG LADIES INSTITUTE
DAY OF RECOLLECTION**

Saturday, January 10, 2026 10:00 AM

The Young Ladies Institute, will hold its Annual Day of Recollection on **Saturday, January 10, 2026**. Registration begins at 9:30 AM in the Parish Center with Mass at 10:00 AM in the Chapel. Registration is \$15. Please bring your own bag lunch. Dessert and drinks will be provided. **All the ladies of the parish are welcome and encouraged to attend!**



**WALK FOR LIFE
WEST COAST
2025**

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 22nd Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on **January 24th**. There will be Mass at 9:30 AM celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone at St. Mary's Cathedral. The rally begins at 12:30 PM in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk, down the city's Market Street, begins at 1:30 PM. For more information, call 415-658-1793 or visit www.walkforlifewc.com