

# ST. GABRIEL CHURCH

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**In Residence:** Rev. Paul Zirimenya

**Religious Education Coordinator:** Diane Lawrence

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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.

*December 7, 2025*  
*Second Sunday of Advent*

**Today's Readings:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12



**Q** n this Second Sunday of Advent, our second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans encourages us to focus our Advent preparations in this way: "Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God." And how does

Christ welcome us? With unconditional love.

This is the essence of Christian hospitality, a vital aspect of stewardship living. Fully embraced, it has the power to transform our lives and the lives of those who experience it through us.

The practice of Christian hospitality is also a way for us stewards to answer the call of John the Baptist, in our Gospel passage from Matthew. His words apply just as much to us today as they did to the people awaiting the Savior's arrival. John says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" And he recalls the words of the prophet Isaiah, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." There is a definite connection between repentance and effective hospitality.

So how can we make repentance a regular part of our everyday lives? We can make an "examination of conscience" a daily part of our prayers, thanking God for the times we said "yes" to Him, and asking forgiveness for the times we chose our own will. We can (and should!) go to Confession this Advent. We can reach out to a family member or friend where there is distance or discord and make peace.

As we "straighten the paths" of our own hearts and minds, we become more hospitable people, better stewards of God's grace and mercy, and far more open and ready to invite others into our lives, homes, and parish. This is preparation fitting for our merciful Savior.

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## SVDP SANDWICH SUNDAY TODAY!

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 this weekend. 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.

## ...AND SPECIAL THANKS!

Your participation in the donation of canned goods, dried goods, and monetary contributions during the Thanksgiving Day Mass is greatly appreciated! We are humbled and grateful for the outpouring of generosity from our parish family for those in need. A multitude of food donations were collected and promptly delivered to the food bank at St. Dominic's Church and the Epiphany Parish Food Pantry. God bless you and your families for your continued support in helping the marginalized. Thank you!!

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

Mon.	8:30 am	Patricia Rogers
	10:45 am	Special Intention
	6:30 pm	For the Parishioners
Tues.	8:30 am	Vilma Soares
Wed.	8:30 am	No Service
Thurs.	8:30 am	Mary & Tony Cozzie
Fri.	8:30 am	Bill Conaway
Sat.	5:00 pm	Victor & Jane Schymeinsky
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, Oscar Collaco, Denise Foley, Virginia Fox, Debbie Gaffney, Lottie Gonzales, Emo Lieu, Fr. Ray Reyes, and Colleen Wood.

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

**November 29-30, 2025: \$6,217**

**St. Vincent de Paul : \$1,215**

**Thank you for supporting St. Gabriel Church!**

**2025 ANNUAL APPEAL**

Apologies for last week's bulletin typo—turns out 58% of our goal has been collected, not 42%, proving once again that we should pray *and* double-check our math! We are **\$34,308** away from our goal for this year's Appeal. We are so very grateful for your support, which is so vital to continue the mission of our Lord through the many ministries of the Archdiocese. There are envelopes in the vestibule for your consideration.

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

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.

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION NEXT WEEK**

A lifetime of service deserves care in return. "Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the very best care to the sisters in our community," says Sr. M. Stephanie Belgeri, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton, Illinois. Donations to the Retirement Fund for the Religious provide housing, medical assistance and essential support for thousands of aging religious. Please consider giving next week. There are envelopes in the vestibule for your kind consideration.

**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!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HELP NEEDED!**

Our Religious Education Program is looking for someone to share their time and talent with the young people of St. Gabriel Parish. We have a need for an additional teacher and someone to help with attendance and substitution. Classes are Sunday from 9:00 - 9:50 AM excluding the first Sunday of the month. Training will be provided. If you're interested, please contact Diane Lawrence at [Dlawrence@sgparish.org](mailto:Dlawrence@sgparish.org) and/or leave a message at the Parish Center at 415-731-6161.

**SIMBANG GABI NOVENA, DEC. 16-24, 2025**

The Advent tradition of Simbang Gabi, a nine-day Novena of Masses leading up to Christmas, 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.**



**FLOWER OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Christmas is coming...and so are the poinsettias! Festive, holy, beautiful...and not cheap. If you would like to help defray the cost of flowers for our Christmas services, we would be very grateful! Envelopes are in the vestibule and we

thank you for helping our worship space look glorious for the season!

**THE MEANING BEHIND THE WREATH**

**Second Sunday of Advent—Purple**

**Second Candle—Peace—Also called Bethlehem**

*John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: A voice of one crying out in the desert; "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."*

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