

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.

December 14, 2025
Third Sunday of Advent

Today's Readings: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Good news, Christian stewards — we are gaining ground on our Advent mountain climb and it is time to take a moment to rejoice in the Good News that our Savior will come again in triumph one day. Today's readings on this Gaudete ("Rejoice") Sunday are filled with reminders of God's final victory over suffering and injustice, and encouragement to remain steadfast in our mission to live as faith-filled disciples.

Such a day almost seems too good to be true, especially when we look around at the dire circumstances we face in our world at present. But by faith, we know this day is coming. Lest we grow weary as we await the glorious day of Christ's return, St. James, in our second reading, offers wise counsel. "Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord." "Make your hearts firm... Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged."

This is excellent advice for us Christian stewards as we face the challenges of everyday life in our broken world, especially in the hectic days that precede Christmas when stress can make us and those around us less than our best selves. St. James reminds us that we can choose our response to both the great strains and the minor annoyances of life. In other words, we can be good stewards of our attitude, "making our hearts firm" by practicing patience with others and refusing to give in to the temptation to complain.

We can choose to see and rejoice in God's presence with us, no matter the circumstances surrounding us.

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ACTIONS WORTHY OF PRAISE

Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." (Matthew 11:11)

Question of the Week:

Adults: How do you prepare yourself to meet Christ in those around you?

Kids: What good thing have you done so far during Advent to be like Jesus?

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND!

They gave their lives in service—now they need your help. For decades, women and men religious have cared for others, teaching, praying, and serving in need. Many now face retirement without sufficient savings. Your support ensures they receive the care they deserve. Let us now offer them the dignity they have so selflessly granted to others. Your generosity today is not just a donation—it's a way of thanking them for their lifelong service. There are envelopes in the vestibule for your consideration.

Livestream

We did a switcheroo! Here is the new link to watch the 10:00 AM Mass on Sundays or just go to our website at www.sgparish.org and click on the "Livestream" button.

youtube.com/@stgabrielchurchsf

MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 15 - 21, 2025

Mon.	8:30 am	Jeanie Barry
Tues.	8:30 am	Anacleto Artificio
Wed.	8:30 am	No Service
Thurs.	8:30 am	Chris Moran
Fri.	8:30 am	Fred Lippi
Sat.	5:00 pm	Dominga P. Espulgar
Sun.	8:00 am	Collective Mass
	10:00 am	L. Paul DeMartini
	5:30 pm	For the Parishioners

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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



Rest in Peace

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

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

December 6-7, 2025: \$7,852

Thank you for supporting St. Gabriel Church!

2025 ANNUAL APPEAL



Just a gentle reminder that there is still time for you to make a charitable donation to the Archdiocese Annual Appeal. To get your tax donation for 2025, if applicable, please make your donation by December 31, 2025. Your tax benefit, if any, will depend on your individual tax return situation, so please consult with your personal tax advisor for the impact of your gift. We are **\$34,306** away from our goal of \$82,537! Please help us reach it!

DISCOVER THE CREED

In 325, bishops met in what is present-day Turkey where they debated and wrote what became the Nicene Creed which we recite at Mass every Sunday. This January, the Archdiocesan School of Pastoral Leadership will offer a 6-week online course on the Creed. Dr. Sean Innerst, co-founder and Professor of Theology and Catechetics at the Augustine Institute in Florissant, MO, will lead the course. Classes begin on **January 6th** and you can register by going to sfarch.org/creed-course/#registerhere.

ST. GABRIEL CHURCH **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

4:00 PM

6:00 PM

Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25, 2025

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

New Year's Day

Thursday, January 1, 2026

**The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
A Holy Day of Obligation**

10:00 AM

(No 8:30 AM Mass)

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 and/or leave a message at the Parish Center at 415-731-6161.

CALENDARS ARE HERE!

The 2026 Calendars are here and in the vestibule for you to take home! We are ever so grateful to Duggan-Serra Mortuary in Daly City who kindly provide these calendars for us at no charge!

FLOWER OFFERING ENVELOPES



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

Third Sunday of Advent—Purple

Third Candle—Joy—Also called Shepherds

Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

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