

ST. GABRIEL CHURCH

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Mon-Thurs 9am-5pm
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Pastoral Staff: Rev. Ian Quito, Pastor; Rev. Mr. John Hurst, Deacon; Mrs. Gina Beal, School Principal

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 21, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Today's Readings: Is 7:10-14, 10; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

As our Advent preparations end and Christmas fast approaches, it is fitting that today's readings demonstrate the intensity of the Father's perfect and passionate love for each of us, culminating in the gift of His own Son, Jesus Christ, on Christmas Day.

In response to such an overwhelming gift, what can we do except offer our lives as gift in return, embracing a stewardship way of life with all the love and strength we have to give?

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, we find an unparalleled example of one who embraced this way of life in St. Joseph, as he obeys God's call to him through the message of an angel.

We never hear St. Joseph speak, but the Scriptures tell us he was always listening, attentive to the leading of the Holy Spirit for his family. It was Joseph who found the stable where the baby Jesus would be born. No doubt it was Joseph who cleaned it up and prepared it for Mary and Jesus since we know that Mary was about to give birth. Joseph protected the family, guarded them, and tended to their safety, their comfort, and their well-being at the expense of his own plans and preferences. Though we do not hear any words from St. Joseph his actions clearly show that he offered himself, his whole life, as a gift to his family through his strong guidance, protection, and service.

Let us imitate St. Joseph, then, as good stewards, giving our very lives to those around us in love and gratitude to God, who has given us everything we have, especially His own Son, Jesus Christ.

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HELP US DECORATE THE CHURCH!

We need joyful hands and willing hearts to come together and transform our church into a place that reflects the wonder of Christ's birth! If you can spare a little time, or simply have the ability to untangle lights, we'd love to have you join us on **Monday, December 22nd at 10:00 am** to prepare a space where we can all encounter hope, peace, and the joy of Jesus. Everyone is welcome!! Bring a friend!

PARISH CENTER CLOSED

The Parish Center will be closed at **12:00 Noon on Wednesday, December 24th, and closed all day on December 25th & 26th.**

A SMALL REQUEST FROM OUR OFFICE ELVES

As we celebrate Christmas, we thank you for your generous support of our parish. To help ensure your Christmas offering is properly credited, we kindly ask parishioners to please write their parishioner number on their offertory envelopes (if known). We are truly grateful for your generosity and wish you all a blessed Christmas!

MASS INTENTIONS
DECEMBER 22 - 28, 2025

Mon.	8:30 am	Nancy Porter (L)
Tues.	8:30 am	William Simms
Wed.	4:00 pm	Christmas Eve
	6:00 pm	Christmas Eve
	12:00 am	Christmas Eve
Thurs.	8:00 am	Christmas Day
	10:00 am	Christmas Day
Fri.	8:30 am	Michael Reid
Sat.	5:00 pm	Joseph Byrne
Sun.	8:00 am	Collective Mass
	10:00 am	Remedios Ochoa
	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, Mary O'Donnell, Fr. Ray Reyes, and Colleen Wood.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

December 13-14, 2025: \$10,568
Retirement for Rel: \$1,256

Thank you for supporting St. Gabriel Church!

2025 ANNUAL APPEAL

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 **\$31,036** away from our goal of \$82,537! Please help us reach it!

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)



FR. IAN'S CHRISTMAS
MESSAGE

The Christmas story begins with our patron saint, Archangel Gabriel's visit to the earth with his salutation to our Blessed Mother: "*Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you... Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus*" (Lk.

1:26;30-31).

The Archangel Gabriel came to the world to bring the Good News of Salvation not just to the Blessed Virgin Mary, but to all of us, men and women of goodwill.

As we enter this special season, I am very joyful to wish you all a grace-filled Christmas!

Christmas reminds us that the Source of all blessings and graces is dwelling among us. The story of Christmas and our daily celebration of the Eucharist are intimately connected to each other. They both reveal the inner desire of God to dwell among His people. God the Father sent His only begotten Son to us through the *fiat* of Mary and after Jesus' Ascension, He is continuously dwelling among us through the Sacrament of Charity, the Eucharist. How consoling it is to be reminded that we do not walk alone in this life. We have our Emmanuel (*God is with us*).

St. John tells us that through Jesus, the fullness of the revelation of the Father, we have been receiving grace upon grace (*Jn. 1:16*). In other words, there is a continuous flow of grace in our lives; one wave of grace constantly replaced by a fresh one because of our Emmanuel.

This Christmas season, ***I invite you to always name graces in your lives.***

Here at St. Gabriel's, we have received so many graces. I am thankful for the grace of generosity from many parishioners who share their time, talent, and financial help in so many ways. I am especially grateful for the many volunteers from our various committees, programs, and groups that make our liturgical celebrations beautiful, our outreach to the poor and those in need fruitful, and church and school events successful. Your commitment and generous hearts inspire all of us to serve the Lord with full confidence and love.

Together with Fr. Paul, Deacon John, and our parish staff members, Luana, Cheryl, Marie, Diane, Edgar and Gina, we pray that you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

I pray for all the families of our St. Gabriel Parish and School and your loved ones, especially in this season of Christmas. May Almighty God, the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit bless you all now and forever. Amen.

May our Blessed Mother, our Lady of the Annunciation, watch over your families always, and may St. Gabriel always bring the Good News of Salvation into your homes.

With love and prayers,

Your priest and friend