

# ST. GABRIEL CHURCH

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Mon-Thurs 9am-5pm  
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**In Residence:** Rev. Paul Zirimenya

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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 28, 2025

## *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

**Today's Readings:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128: 1-5; Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15; 19-23

As we continue our celebration of the Christmas season, today's feast of the Holy Family invites us to reflect on the gift and calling of family life. The Church calls the family the "domestic church," the place where our faith takes root — and where the stewardship virtue of hospitality begins.

Why is hospitality vital to family life? Because our homes should be a place of love, welcome, and restoration. We can't expect to grow in prayer, service, or faith if our home atmosphere is disconnected or tense. Though no family is perfect, we must intentionally create homes where everyone feels loved and valued.

Our readings offer practical wisdom. In the Book of Sirach, we hear about the blessings that come when children respect their parents — and when adult children lovingly care for their aging parents. Respect and tenderness build a home filled with unity and peace.

St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians offers even more insight. He reminds us that each family member is "God's chosen one," and urges us to "put on" compassion, kindness, humility, and patience — even when we may not feel like it. These small, daily acts of love foster true hospitality at home, which then extends to the wider community.

The Holy Family, too, knew hardship. As today's Gospel reminds us, they faced danger, displacement, and uncertainty. Yet Mary and Joseph remained faithful, trusting in God's plan. They are powerful intercessors for our own families today.

On this feast, may we recommit to making our homes places of love and welcome. Let's honor God through the way we treat each other at home — with patience, forgiveness, and care.

Happy Feast of the Holy Family to all who live the stewardship way of life!

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## RESPECT FOR ELDERS

Jesus went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. (Luke 2:51a)

### **Question of the Week:**

**Adults:** *What does your family do to honor and respect its older members?*

**Kids:** *Why did Joseph leave Israel? How can he be an example for you?*

## PARISH CENTER CLOSED

The Parish Center will be closed at **12:00 Noon on Wednesday, December 31st, and closed all day on January 1st & 2nd.** We wish you and your family a blessed New Year!

*Write it on your heart that every day is the best day of the year.*

*~Ralph Waldo Emerson*

## MASS INTENTIONS

**DECEMBER 29, 2025 - JANUARY 5, 2026**

Mon.	8:30 am	Daurene Uydingco
Tues.	8:30 am	James McCarron
Wed.	8:30 am	No Service
Thurs.	10:00 am	For the Parishioners
Fri.	8:30 am	Jeanie Barry
Sat.	5:00 pm	For the Parishioners
Sun.	8:00 am	Collective Mass
	10:00 am	The Ladies Sodality
	5:30 pm	Segundo Jacinto

## 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 20-21, 2025: \$10,054**

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

## GIVE ONLINE AT: [www.sgparish.org](http://www.sgparish.org)

Click the "Donate" tab on the upper right corner of the homepage to get started.

## 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!



## *Rest in Peace*

**MICHAEL GRIFFIN**

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

## THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is on **Thursday, January 1, 2026** and is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have one Mass only at 10:00 AM. There will be no 8:30 AM Mass.

## SVDP SANDWICH SUNDAY NEXT WEEK, JANUARY 3 & 4, 2026

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!

## IS THE PERMANENT DIACONATE FOR YOU?

The Office of Formation for the Permanent Diaconate will hold Informational Evenings for men considering the possibility of serving the Church as Permanent Deacons. Come see us for more information on:

**January 7, 2026 - St. Raphael Church, San Rafael**

**January 14, 2026 - Archdiocese of San Francisco**

**January 21, 2026 - St. Mark Church, Belmont**

For info, email Dcn. Fred Totah at [totah.fred@sfarch.org](mailto:totah.fred@sfarch.org). All sessions are from 7-9 pm.



## MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

Thank you to everyone who shared their time, creativity, and hard work to decorate our church for Christmas. Your efforts have helped create a beautiful, welcoming space that reflects the joy and hope of the season. We are truly grateful for you!

*Pictured back row from left: Roger Gargano, Janice Percy, Eammon O'Toole, Elizabeth Murphy, Rich Murphy, Zeny Lawhon, Diane Lawrence. Front row from left: Danial Khayatan, Rose Murphy, Erin O'Toole, Kiran Rey, Cherrymae & JJ Jumoc-Casas. **Not pictured:** Kathleen Maguire, Caroline Maguire, Bridget Shanley, Mary Jo Schymeinsky, Mary Fogarty and Attie Carolan.*

See more pictures by going to our website at [www.sgparish.org](http://www.sgparish.org) under the Photo Gallery!

