

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.

February 15, 2026 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37



Dear St. Gabriel Parishioners,

The Lord is with you!

This coming Ash Wednesday, February 18, we will once again hear the Gospel of St. Matthew being proclaimed to prepare us in the discipline of Lent. The heart of the Gospel invites us to go deeply into our interior lives as we observe the threefold practices of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

I remember when I was in 6th grade, my dad shared with me a passage from our Ash Wednesday Gospel: "But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret." For a while, I observed that when my dad was praying, he would always close the door of their bedroom and would pray alone. At times, when my mom was available, he would ask her to accompany him. Later on, I realized that my dad was observing the literal meaning of the Scripture, Jesus, in a deeper way, talks about our interior lives---to go into our hearts.

St. Augustine was searching for God in the world only to find Him in his heart: "Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you! **You were within me**, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you." (*Confessions of St. Augustine*).

With the noise, hurry and busyness of our lives, I could understand that it becomes all the more difficult to find God in the world. However, the Church, in her wisdom, invites us this Lenten season to go to our "inner room." To enter into our "inner room" is not just about being away from all the distractions that life brings to us but, in a deeper way, **to seek and find God deep in the desires, longings, and prayers of our hearts.**

God dwells in our hearts. Love dwells within us.

As we encounter God in silence during this sacred time in the Church, let us meditate on God's Word, seek His mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, receive His love in the Eucharist and share God's love through our works of charity.

I pray that you all have a meaningful and reflective Lenten season.

May Mary, Our Lady of the Anunciation, pray for you and your loved ones and may St. Gabriel, our Archangel, protect you always.

In Christ,

Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS
FEBRUARY 16 - 22, 2026

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| Mon. | 8:30 am | Jean Jew |
| Tues. | 8:30 am | Julia & John Blanco |
| Wed. | 8:30 am | Patrick Carolan |
| | 10:45 am | Priest Intention |
| | 6:30 pm | For the Parishioners |
| Thurs. | 8:30 am | Rosa Ah Phyu Yar |
| Fri. | 8:30 am | Josefa & Eloy Contreras |
| Sat. | 5:00 pm | Kit Christopher Casey |
| Sun. | 8:00 am | Collective Mass |
| | 10:00 am | The Hardman Family |
| | 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, and Fr. Ray Reyes and especially for TJ Liu.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week of February 7– 8, 2026: **\$8,077**
Thank you for supporting St. Gabriel Church!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THEM!

Lord, as these OCIA candidates prepare to be initiated into the Catholic Church, fill them with Your Holy Spirit, strengthen them in faith, and guide them ever closer to your loving heart:

Shanna Moore Gumina, Diana Clark Smith, Heidi Luttjohann, Nikki Clancy, Shawn Aquino and Vanessa Chilton.



PARISH CENTER CLOSED

The Parish Center will be closed on **Monday, February 16, 2026** in honor of the President's Day holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, February 17th at 9:00 AM. Have a blessed holiday!

SVDP LENTEN SOCK DRIVE

Your St. Vincent de Paul Conference will be collecting new adult white socks at all Masses the weekend of **March 7th & 8th**. There will be members at the entrance of the church before and after each Mass to collect your generous donation. There will also be a barrel in the vestibule to place your donation. These socks will be given to the shelters in San Francisco. Monetary donations are always welcome. We thank you, our parish family, for your loving generosity.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FR. TOM GOLF CLASSIC!

The Fr. Tom Golf Classic will take place on **Thursday, April 16th** at the Crystal Springs Golf Club in Burlingame. \$235 includes, green fee, cart, range balls, tee prizes, drink tickets, box lunch and buffet dinner. More info to follow!



ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

There will be three Masses on Ash Wednesday as follows:

8:30 AM, 10:45 AM (School Mass), 6:30 PM

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE

As in the past, the following regulations are in place for abstaining and fasting during Lent:

ABSTINENCE: Everyone 14 years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.

FAST: Everyone 18 years of age and older but under the age of 60 is also bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

On these two days, the law of fast allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. In the spirit of penance, the faithful should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

St. Gabriel will offer confessions on all Saturdays of Lent from 3:30 pm—4:30 pm.

ST. PATRICK GATHERING



St. Gabriel will hold it's Annual St. Patrick Gathering on **Saturday, February 28th at 6:00 PM** in Bedford Hall! Appetizers, no host bar, and corned beef and cabbage dinner. Entertainment provided by The Irish Pipers of San Francisco,

Irish Dancers, and Christy O'Connell. Purchase tickets at the Parish Center for \$40 (\$45 after February 21st), scan the QR code, or go to www.sgparish.org in the "Announcements" section.

TRIUMPH OF THE HEART SCREENING

March 7th in Bedford Hall



Celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope and deepen your Lent with a special screening of *Triumph of the Heart*, the powerful true story of Maximilian Kolbe. This

PG-13 film highlights his courage, sacrificial love, and unwavering faith in Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary—even in the darkest moments of Auschwitz. Doors open at 6:00 PM and the movie begins at 6:30 PM. Registration is required. Scan the QR code to sign up. Suggested donation is \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. Contact Angie Estonina at angienettepaz@gmail.com for questions.