

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 22, 2026 First Sunday of Lent

Today's Readings: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6,12-13,17; Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11



As we begin the season of Lent, the Church invites us into 40 days of renewal and refocusing. Lent is not only about giving something up, but about making room for God. For Christian stewards, this season invites us to

reflect on how we are using the time entrusted to us.

In the first reading, Adam and Eve turn their attention away from God and allow doubt to take root. Trust is replaced by self-reliance, and the harmony of the Garden is broken. These same temptations remain familiar when our days become crowded with distractions that pull us away from God.

In the Gospel, Jesus shows us a different path. In the desert, He gives time to prayer and fasting, remains grounded in Scripture, and places His complete trust in the Father. By intentionally giving time to God, Jesus resists temptation and remains faithful.

Lent invites us to do the same. By making space in our schedules for prayer, Scripture, and quiet reflection, we grow in trust and gratitude. When we place God at the center of our time, stewardship becomes a way of life, and our hearts are prepared to celebrate the joy of Easter.

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OVERCOMING TEMPTATION

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. (Matthew 4:1)

Question of the Week:

Adults: *What helpful advice could you offer someone faced with temptation?*

Kids: *What helps you do the right thing when you want to do something wrong?*

St. Gabriel will offer confessions on all Saturdays of Lent from 3:30 pm—4:30 pm from February 21st through April 4th.

We will have Stations of the Cross every Friday after the 8:30 AM Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 23 - MARCH 1, 2026

Mon.	8:30 am	Pablo, Sr. & Cresencia Calonia
Tues.	8:30 am	Cesar Perez
Wed.	8:30 am	No Service
Thurs.	8:30 am	Jun & Norma Quimson
Fri.	8:30 am	Baldomero de Castro
Sat.	5:00 pm	Jeannie Barry
Sun.	8:00 am	Collective Mass
	10:00 am	The Ladies Sodality
	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.



Rest in Peace

BRIAN SPIERS

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

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week of February 14 - 15, 2026: \$8,100

Thank you for supporting St. Gabriel Church!

AAA 2025 THANK YOU!

We are truly grateful to the 141 parishioners who helped reach our AAA assessment of \$82,537. We actually exceeded this goal by \$5,446 which will be returned to our parish and will go to support maintenance projects as well as our Church programs, particularly our Youth programs. Thank you so much for your generous support!

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THEM

Please join us in praying for our OCIA & OCIC catechumens and candidates as they celebrate the Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion this weekend, the First Sunday of Lent: **Shanna Moore Gumina, Diana Smith, Heidi Luttjohann, Nikki Clancy, Shawn Aquino, Vanessa Chilton, Fern Bittner, Maian Tran, and Blaine Aquino.**

NEW YOUTUBE CHANNEL- PLEASE SUBSCRIBE!

We have moved our parish videos and livestreams to a new YouTube channel. Our previous channel will be phased out soon, so we kindly ask all parishioners to subscribe to the new one to continue receiving Mass livestreams. **Please note that the names of the two channels are very similar, so be sure you are subscribing to the correct one:**

New Channel: youtube.com/@stgabrielchurchsf

Old Channel: youtube.com/@stgabrielchurchsanfrancisco

Thank you for staying connected with our parish family!

ST. PATRICK GATHERING



St. Gabriel will hold its 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.sgparrish.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.

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.

SVDP SANDWICH SUNDAY NEXT WEEK!

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 for the weekend of **February 28—March 1**. Sandwiches will be taken to the Multi-service Center after the 10:00 AM Mass. Monetary donations are gratefully accepted as well. Thank you for your kind consideration.



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!



Words of Wisdom

*When you cannot see the way forward,
trust that God sees the whole path and
walks it with you.*