

# 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

**OCIA Coordinator:** Rev. Mr. John Hurst, Deacon

**Confirmation Coordinator:** Edgar Estonina

**Altar Serving Coordinator:** Cherrymae Jumoc

**Parish Center Support Staff:** Mrs. Cheryl Bailey, Bookkeeper; Mrs. Marie Dimapasoc-Arima, Payroll; Ms. Luana Letele, Secretary.

**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.

## May 31, 2026 The Most Holy Trinity

**Today's Readings:** Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52-56; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18



I was 16 years old on a youth group retreat in the mountains. One night, I opened my heart to the message being proclaimed: that God so loved the world that He sent His Son for us. Later, I lay under the pine trees and looked up at the countless stars. They seemed different. No longer cold, distant balls of chemical reactions, they appeared as an expression of God's love, as if He were giving those stars directly to me. The truth of

God sending His Son changed how I saw the whole universe.

That is what today's Gospel reveals: **"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son."** (John 3:16) The universe is not just a whirl of impersonal forces or empty space. At its heart is a gift: the Father eternally giving the Son, not to condemn, but to bring life.

This is not abstract doctrine but deeply personal. God gives His Son for you and me. Each human life is precious enough to be caught up in that eternal gift.

It is in the Mass where we encounter this most directly. In the Word proclaimed, in the assembly gathered, in the priest, and above all in the Eucharist, the Father once again gives His Son. What looks like bread and wine is the drama of the Trinity, laboring to love us here and now.

The Trinity is not a puzzle to solve but the blazing Truth at the center of everything: the Father gives the Son for you and me. Lord, help us to see this more clearly.

— *Father John Muir*

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

We hear how God proclaims His name as "Lord" to Moses on Mount Sinai, describing Himself as merciful, gracious, kind, and faithful. How would you describe your experience of God?

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Paul speaks of the grace, love, and fellowship of our triune God and encourages the Corinthians to treat each other likewise. Who needs your love and fellowship this week?

### **Gospel Reading**

Jesus speaks of God's love and commitment to both people and planet. What do you imagine a "saved" world will look like?

## MASS INTENTIONS

JUNE 1 - 7, 2026

Mon.	8:30 am	Kate Morse
Tues.	8:30 am	Una Cunnigham
Wed.	8:30 am	No Service
Thurs.	8:30 am	Azucena "Nini" Leigh
Fri.	8:30 am	Fr. Tom Hamilton
Sat.	5:00 pm	Lindo "Paul" Demartini
Sun.	8:00 am	Collective Mass
	10:00 am	Florence Morris from 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, Ramon Briones, Oscar Collaco, Denise Foley, Virginia Fox, Debbie Gaffney, and Lottie Gonzales.

## WEEKLY OFFERTORY

May 23-24, 2026: \$5,329

Thank you for supporting St. Gabriel Church!

## A NEW LOOK NEXT WEEK

We're excited to debut our new bulletin format next week. We hope it will better serve and connect our community. It will be a work in progress, but rest assured, we'll iron out all the kinks as soon as possible. Special thank you to the generous sponsors who will be featured on the back of the bulletin who helped make this possible.

## 2026 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

The Annual Appeal is our chance to annually join with Catholics throughout the Archdiocese and assist those who depend on us. We are at **21% of our goal with 31 families out of our 1000+** registered parishioners contributing. Please help us reach our goal! There are envelopes in the pews for your consideration.

**Campaign goal: \$79,618**

**Gifts received: \$16,660**

**Still needed: \$62,958**

We are so grateful for your support!!

## MASS INTENTION BOOK

Singular Masses for the Mass Intention book for this year have all been reserved. As a reminder, St. Gabriel celebrates a Collective Mass on most Sundays at 8:00 AM. **What is a Collective Mass?** Collective Mass intentions enable the faithful to combine their offerings for a celebration of a single Mass, as long as they have been previously informed and have freely consented to combining their intentions and offerings with others. Collective intentions are intended to accommodate the immediate needs of our parishioners, e.g., the recently deceased or those needing an upcoming surgery. In accordance with Canon Law, only one stipend from the Collective Mass will go to the celebrating priest and no more than five names will be accepted for the Collective Mass. Beginning next week, names can be announced in the bulletin only if they are received at the Parish Center two weeks prior to the date of the Mass.

## SVDP NEWS

### SVDP SANDWICH SUNDAY

Next weekend, **June 6 & 7**, is St. Vincent de Paul Sandwich Sunday. Members will collect your offerings at the Saturday 5:00 PM and Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Masses. The sandwiches will be taken to the Multi-purpose Center downtown and distributed to those in need. Monetary donations are always most welcome and appreciated, too! Thank you!

### SVDP 5TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

**May 31st** is the 5th Sunday of the month and, as is custom, we will take up a collection for SVdP. There will be envelopes in the vestibule for your consideration.

## FATHER'S DAY SPIRITUAL BOUQUET CARDS

Don't forget fathers on Father's Day! We honored moms last month, now let's give tribute to fathers. Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet cards are in the vestibule and you're invited to take a card to honor a dad, granddad or special man in your life. A donation may be offered with the envelopes provided and you can drop them off in the collection basket or drop them off at the Parish Center. Make sure to place your loved one's name on the envelope. The envelopes will be placed on the altar during the month of June to offer intentions for your fathers.

## CONGRATULATIONS EDGAR ESTONINA

On Thursday, May 21st at St. Dominic's Church in San Francisco, eight men (*including our own Edgar Estonina, second row from bottom on the left*) were installed as acolytes in the church by Bishop Liam Cary. The installation is the next step in their preparation to become permanent deacons in the Church. Each of the men have two more years of preparation before their ordination in 2028. Please pray for these acolytes as they continue on their journey to become deacons.



# A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

## *Maraming Salamat po!*



In 2016, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI expressed a personal and thankful message to Pope Francis at the Apostolic Palace. He shared a story about a fellow priest that was ordained with him five years ago. On the memorial card of the priest's first Holy Mass were his name, the date, and a word in Greek: *Eucharistomen*.

The center of the life of the Church is the "Eucharistomen," the Eucharist. It means thanksgiving!

As we close another year in the liturgical life of the church and another school year, I would like to express in words what we celebrate on a daily basis at the heart of St. Gabriel's: *Thanksgiving, the Eucharist*.

Thank you to the Blessed Mother for watching us and guiding us throughout this graceful and meaningful year for all of us here at St. Gabriel's. I owe all the graces that we have received to her maternal intercession.

The Blessed Mother's statue always welcomes everyone who enters our church. Thank you to Attie for maintaining Our Lady's beautiful garden in front of our church. She also welcomes everyone who comes to the parish center. Thank you to Marie for having her lit up especially in the evening. Thank you Marie for your "*light up St. Gabriel project*" as well. The Blessed Mother also welcomes everyone who enters the rectory and even those who enter my own room.

Thank you to all of you, our parishioners, for your love, support, and commitment to our church, St. Gabriel's for many years. Your communion, participation, support, and prayers have assisted St. Gabriel to really be

a place of prayer and community. I extend my endless gratitude for your commitment and generosity!

Thank you to all of our staff members who assist us in the daily operations of the parish. I particularly thank you, our three dedicated and hardworking ladies at the parish office: Luana, Cheryl, and Marie. I am always confident that we are in good hands because of your harmonious dynamism and enthusiasm to serve the SG community.

Thank you to Deacon John for all your tireless service which is shown in your pastoral accompaniment and availability in our parish activities. Thank you for leading our OCIA Program together with your wife, Diane and our other volunteers. I am deeply inspired by your humanity and deep spirituality.

Thank you to soon-to-be Deacon Edgar and his wife Angie for your joy in leading our Confirmation Program. You are really on fire to the youth ministry which has made our program more dynamic. Your generous service and commitment are always appreciated. Thank you to your catechist-volunteer, Nancy and to your very dedicated Confirmation Core Team. They are gifts to St. Gabriel's!

Thank you to Diane Lawrence for shepherding our grade school children in our religious education program. I appreciate your constant commitment to St. Gabriel's in various ministries as well and for making sure that the church environment is always ready and beautiful for sacred celebrations. I especially thank your team for this wonderful endeavor.

Thank you to Cherrymae for assisting in re-establishing our altar servers' program. Because of your commitment, we have made another avenue for the SG children to have a wider participation in the life of the church. We are excited for your upcoming newborn! Know that you and your family are always supported by our prayers.

Thank you to our maintenance personnel, Michael, who assisted me to renovate and improve our rectory, sacristy, and conference rooms at our rectory. Your hard work is well-recognized and appreciated. I also thank your wife, Rochelle, for keeping our buildings clean. You really work as a team. I extend my endless gratitude!

I also want to thank Ramir and Andy for keeping our church building clean.

Thank you to our volunteers who make sure that we have candles ready for our parishioners at our side altars. Thank you to Maureen and Juliana for your commitment in this valuable ministry of prayer to our parishioners.

Thank you to the members of the Parish Pastoral Council who have assisted me to see a wider picture of St. Gabriel since I started here last July. Your patience, kind assistance and devotion to SG, have inspired me to serve more the community you truly love.

Thank you to the ever-supportive members of the Finance Council. Your care to the temporal goods of the parish is very notable. I look forward to working with you again.

Thank you to all the organizations in our parish particularly, the SVdP Society, Ladies Sodality, Legion of Mary, Young Ladies Institute, Men's Club and the Women's Guild. You serve the parish in different gifts and charms of your organizations which make it more vibrant. May you continue the work of charity, service, and communion with one another.

Thank you to all our generous parishioners who have been supporting the wider Church and family, the Archdiocese of San Francisco, through your generosity to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. I am always grateful for your support. Without your assistance, we will not be able to reach our goal and contribute to the Archdiocese. I am always thankful for your generosity!

Thank you to all our liturgical ministers: our lectors, eucharistic ministers, musicians, cantors, ushers, money counters, hospitality and altar servers. Through your service, you truly glorify the Lord with all your

hearts! You make our liturgical celebrations beautiful and a true encounter with the Lord.

My special gratitude to Kristine, Mark and their family for assisting us in our special liturgical celebrations. Our liturgies have become more prayerful because of your heart and music. Thank you.

Thank you to my "morning glories" companions who faithfully open the church and prepare it for our daily Masses: Roger and Bridget. Thank you for your faithfulness to the church.

Thank you to all our countless volunteers. If I missed anyone, my apologies but know that we are very thankful for all your contributions to our SG community!

Thank you to our school leadership team, Gina, Melissa, our dedicated teachers, faculty members, and school personnel for guiding our school to always achieve her mission: to instill the Catholic values to our diverse students. I am always grateful for their thoughtful accompaniment and patient guidance.

Most especially, I am thankful to our loving and merciful Father who loves and cares for us unconditionally.

I echo Psalm 89: *May we always and forever sing the goodness of the Lord!*

Thank you very much!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!  
St. Gabriel, our Archangel, intercede for us!

In Christ I remain,



Fr. Ian

