

ST. GABRIEL CHURCH

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Pastoral Staff: Rev. Thomas Hamilton, Pastor; Rev. Mr. John Hurst, Deacon; Rev. Paul Zirimenya, In Residence; Rev. Wilson Blas, In Residence; Mrs. Gina Beal, School Principal; Mrs. Nancy Becerra, Director of Religious Education; Mr. Matthew Shea, Pastoral Associate.

Parish Center Support Staff: Mrs. Cheryl Bailey, Bookkeeper; Mrs. Lynda Paradise, Payroll; Ms. Luana Letele, Secretary.

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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 first Saturday at 3:30pm in the Church with individual confession and absolution

For information on Baptism, Marriage, Sunday School, Anointing of the Sick, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) or Confirmation, please call the Parish Center.

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.

WELCOME!

Would you like to register in our parish? Go to www.sgparish.org and click on the "Register Online" link or call the Parish Center and we'll send you a form!

January 14, 2024 *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Today's Readings: 1 Sm 3:3b-10,19; Ps 40: 2,4,7-10; Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20; Jn 1:35-42

"Speak, for your servant is listening." With those few words, Samuel humbles himself and declares his loyalty and obedience to God. There are perhaps for many of us challenges in those words. Initially, Samuel responds, "Here I am," but thinks it was Eli who called him. The idea of being a servant and the willingness to serve are what may be trials for us in terms of how we live.

Samuel does not recognize the voice of the Lord. That, too, might be a problem for us. First, we need to be listening. Are we, or are we merely going through the motions? Responding to God with "Here I am" is a magnificent way to react to God. It is not that God does not know where we are but saying that can serve as a reminder to us that we are stewards and servants to Him, and it implies we are prepared to hear what He wants us to do.

"Here I am" is said numerous times by those in the Old Testament including Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Isaiah, and by Ananias in the New Testament. When Jesus says, "Come follow me," as He does to us, do we hear Him, and even more importantly do we respond, and do we follow?

In order to do that properly we have to be prepared to serve Him and others. Thus, like Samuel, we need to listen, and then we need to serve. At a recent papal audience, Pope Francis said, "Love and charity are service, helping others, serving others. When you forget yourself and think of others, this is love!"

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TIME COME AND SEE

They said to him, "Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying and they remained with him that day. (John 1:38b-39)

Question of the Week:

Adults: *What qualities do you have that would cause others to recognize you as a disciple of Jesus?*

Kids: *What does it take to be a follower of Jesus?*

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

January 18-25, 2024

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity invites the whole Christian community throughout the world to pray in communion with the prayer of Jesus "that they all may be one" (John 17:21). It gives Christians an annual opportunity to continue their quest for the unity they already share in Christ. This year's theme is, "You shall love the Lord your God...and your neighbor as yourself." (Luke 10:27) The Week of Prayer also invites those who participate to use it as an opportunity to examine the effectiveness of the ecumenical movement in seeking to end the divisions among Christians. An accounting of each Christian's discipleship and faithfulness to the proclamation of the Gospel—the good news of reconciliation—can be taken every year during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

MASS INTENTIONS
JANUARY 15-21, 2023

Mon.	8:30 am	Lynette Espulgar (L)
Tues.	8:30 am	Rose Nelson (L)
Wed.	8:30 am	No service
Thurs.	8:30 am	Ellie McDonagh
Fri.	8:30 am	Patrick Reaney
Sat.	5:00 pm	Joseph Byrne
Sun.	8:00 am	Collective Mass Intention
	10:00 am	For the Parishioners
	5:30 pm	John O'Connell

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

In the coming week we ask your prayers for the following: Debbie Gaffney, Lottie Gonzales, Ariel Shaak, and Terry Siligo.



Rest in Peace

MARGARET DUFFY

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

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

January 6-7, 2024

Envelopes: \$2,557

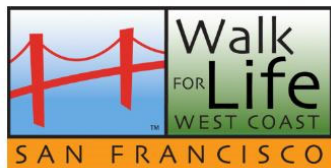
Online Giving: \$3,207

Loose: \$1,275

Total Offertory: \$7,039

PARISH CENTER CLOSED

The Parish Center will be closed on **Monday, January 15th** in honor of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. We wish everyone a blessed and safe holiday!



WALK FOR LIFE
WEST COAST 2024

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 19th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on **January 20th**. There will be Mass at 9:30 AM celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone at St. Mary's Cathedral. The rally begins at 12:30 PM in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk, down the city's Market Street, begins at 1:30 PM. For more information visit www.walkforlifewc.com or call 415-658-1793.

2023 TAX REPORTS

If you would like a report of your donations to St. Gabriel's for tax purposes, **you must request one**. Please call the Parish Center at 415-731-6161 to arrange to have one mailed to you. Due to the large volume of calls, **please allow 1-2 weeks for your request to be processed and mailed**. All those parishioners who gave a one-time donation of \$250 or more will automatically have their report sent to them on or before January 31, 2024.



SATURDAY, FEB 3RD

BEDFORD HALL

6-11 PM

Please join our Parish and School community for a night of great food, dancing and cheer!

Online ticket sales open

Wednesday, January 17th at NOON!

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PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN

Please pray for our St. Gabriel children who are preparing for their First Reconciliation on **Tuesday, January 16th**. This is an important first step for our young people which will help them foster a sense of responsibility for their own actions, understand the need for forgiveness and experience the grace of God through the sacrament. May God bless them!

SODALITY DAY OF REFLECTION
Thursday, February 8, 2024

The Sodality Day of Reflection is a free event, presented by the members of Sodality. All ladies of the parish (regardless if they are members of Sodality or not) are invited to join us in gathering for the 8:30 AM Mass on **Thursday, February 8th**. Mass will be followed with coffee and light refreshments in the Parish Center. Our featured speakers will be Sr. Betty Marie Dunkel, DC, Executive Director of Epiphany Center and Mary Rhoades, Director of Development and Communications at Epiphany Center. For several years, we have been collecting and donating feminine products and diapers to the Epiphany Center, along with the St. Gabriel Youth Group led by Nancy Becerra. The appreciation for this generosity has been awesome and consistent. We believe this is a great time to invite this important and much-needed program, and its directors, to come and share their journey of faith, focus, and dedication to providing critical care to women and families in need in San Francisco. Please plan on joining us on this day and maybe consider bringing a friend. Although the event is free, a donation basket will be passed with all the proceeds going directly to the needs of Epiphany Center. If you have any questions, please call Moyra Trigueiro at 415-203-7191.