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Welcome New Parishioners! Would you like to register in our parish or join our mailing list?
Please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket, or leave it at the Parish Center Office.

NAME:_________________________________________  HOME PHONE:______________DATE:_______________
ADDRESS:_____________________________________________________________________________________
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ST. GABRIEL PARISH MISSION STATEMENT
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.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES
Saturday Vigil Masses: 5:00 pm
Sunday Masses: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM and 5:30 PM
Weekday Masses: Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Saturday: 8:30 AM
(Wednesday: Communion Service 8:30 AM)
Communal Reconciliation Service: every first Saturday at 3:30 pm in the church with individual confession and absolution.
Individual Reconciliation (Confession): By appointment with any priest.
Infant Baptism: Please contact the Parish Center to schedule baptism preparation if needed. Baptism is administered any Sunday at 1:30 pm.
Marriage: Please contact the Parish Center at least six [6] months prior to the proposed wedding date.
MAY 3, 2020
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

IN NEED OF A SHEPHERD
For a while it was very fashionable to own pigs as pets. The publicity surrounding these creatures informed us that they were—contrary to their popular image—very clean animals, and also quite smart. Sad to say, sheep will most likely never enjoy this sort of domestic vogue. They are neither clean nor smart and are largely defenseless when left on their own, even in large numbers. The biblical image of us as the flock of sheep is not a particularly flattering one. Sheep without a shepherd are truly sad, because they most likely will perish either from their inability to fend for themselves or from their lack of defenses against predators. Placing ourselves in the heart of this unflattering image can reinforce our faith. Until we come to a profound realization of how much we need a shepherd, we cannot appreciate how deeply blessed we are to have been given a Shepherd, one who laid down his life for us and was raised to life eternal in the Spirit, so he might guide us and we might follow him in faith forever.

TODAY'S READINGS
First Reading — All peoples called by God will receive the gift of the Spirit if they repent and are baptized (Acts 2:14a, 36-41).
Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).
Second Reading — Once we were like straying sheep; but now we have been returned to the shepherd, our guardian (1 Peter 2:20b-25).
Gospel — The shepherd leads the sheep out into pastures of abundant life (John 10:1-10).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Tuesday: Cinco de Mayo
Thursday: National Day of Prayer

READINGS, MAY 10, 2020
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

Watch St. Gabriel Mass on our YouTube channel at: Tinyurl.com/sgchurchsf

Happy Flores de Mayo

PRAYER TO MAKE A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION
St. Alphonsus Liguori
Saint Thomas Aquinas defined “spiritual communion” as “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him.” Saint Teresa of Avila wrote, “When you cannot receive Communion and cannot attend Mass, you can make a spiritual communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you.”

An Act of Spiritual Communion
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES
May 3
Call Philip the gospel’s “Answer Man.” “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Nathaniel asked Philip, who had proclaimed Jesus “the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets” (John 1:45). Jesus asked Philip, “Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?” (John 6:5). Greeks brought Philip their request: “We would like to see Jesus” (John 12:21). Philip’s answer to each question: bring people to Jesus! At the Last Supper, finally, Philip had a request of his own: “Show us the Father!” (John 14:8). Jesus had three last questions for Philip: “You still don’t know me? How can you ask that? Don’t you believe?” And an answer: “I am in the Father and the Father is in me” (John 14:10). Today’s James is not John’s brother, Zebedee’s son, but, tradition says, author of the New Testament Letter of James, who died praying for his murderers in Jesus’ words: “Forgive them, for they know not what they do.” Few historical details for either saint, but lessons aplenty: Bring every question we have and everybody we meet to Jesus; be, as James’ letter challenges, “doers of the word and not hearers only” (James 1:22).
ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL NEWS

Keep up to date with all the news and excitement at St. Gabriel School. Follow us on Facebook @ St. Gabriel School, SF or Instagram @stgabrielschoolsf

The St. Gabriel School campus will be closed for the remainder of the 2019/2020 school year. As we implement distance learning, know that we are committed to ensuring that your children continue to achieve academically and grow in their faith. We are grateful for our principal, teachers, parents and our students who have risen to this challenge and continue to be engaged and on task.

INTERCESSIONS

For families and individuals struggling with financial hardship,
For small businesses struggling to stay afloat,
For teachers and professors, school administrators, and staff members,
For elementary, high school, and college students at home,
For parents who are working and caring for children at home,
For employees who are finding new ways to work remotely,
For people who continue to work in essential positions,
For mail carriers, delivery services, package handlers, and drivers,
For staff who clean and sanitize buildings,
For retail employees who are working longer shifts and additional days,
For cooks, bakers, and servers who continue to provide meals,
For volunteers who serve in food pantries, in homeless shelters, and at blood drives,
For people with resources who are sharing them generously,
For poets, composers, artists, and musicians,
For pastors, parish coordinators, and parish staff members,
For all who are finding innovative ways to provide pastoral care,

LET US PRAY TO THE LORD

PUBLIC TRANSIT HELP FOR SENIORS

The city bus and train system, SFMTA, has made reductions in service during this crisis. Many people with disabilities and older adults do not have access to their regular transportation. The SFMTA is offering the Essential Trip Card to help older adults and people with disabilities take and pay for essential trips in taxis. An adult 65 or older or a person with a disability can apply for the Essential Trip Card by calling 311 and mentioning the Essential Trip Card. More information can be found at SFMTA.com/ETC.

HELP FOR THE ELDERLY

If any of our elderly parishioners need help with groceries or essentials, please contact the Parish Center at 415-731-6161 and we will coordinate with someone to help you. We are blessed to have a small contingent of parishioners who have selflessly volunteered to help those who are most in need. Other resources available for updates and help are:

- www.sf.gov for updates on resources and services
- 311 is the central phone line in San Francisco
- Text COVID19SF to 888-777
- Love Your Neighbor Hotline: 888-237-7807 or https://sfarch.org/loveyourneighbor—This ministry offers grocery assistance for those who are homebound. We especially invite pregnant women, disabled, elderly and those with compromised immune systems to take advantage of this system.

FOR SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

In the coming week we ask your prayers for the following: Deanna Aguello, Lauren Belluomini, Madeleine Bonpin, Louise Camilleri, Billfield Cheng, Mary B. Chien, Delia Dumantay, Pedro D. Dy, Dan Feeney, Victoria Fox, Shirley Latham, Michael Madden, Janet McCarthy, Mari-an Ritchie, Erlinda Ronas, Edward Schuldt, Katie Simms, Alfredo Siy, Gary Sommerfeld, and Louise Vaillencourt.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Archdiocese of SF has determined to take proactive measures to ensure the health and safety of our students; therefore the St. Gabriel Religious Programs are being asked to no longer hold classes through May 2020.

FIRST COMMUNION

During this difficult time of uncertainty, we are aware that there continues to be many concerns regarding the COVID-19 virus. As situations change daily, we have decided to postpone the Sacrament of First Holy Communion until further notice. We recognize the importance of this celebration in the lives of our students, their families, and the parish community. We want to be able to celebrate this Sacrament when everyone can come together to participate joyfully without the threat of spreading the virus. I ask that you continue to work with your children to help prepare them for First Holy Communion by completing God’s Gift Eucharist book. Please don’t hesitate to reach out if there is anything I can help you with. We invite you to join the staff at St. Gabriel Parish and School in continued prayer, especially for the sick, health care providers, public health officials, and all community leaders during this unprecedented time.

Blessings for health for you and your family,
Nancy Becerra
Director of Religious Education
MASS INTENTIONS
MAY 4 - 10, 2020

Mon.   8:30 am   J.J. Murphy
Tues.   8:30 am   Special Intention
Wed.   8:30 am   No services
Thurs.   8:30 am   Fran Rogers
Fri.   8:30 am   Marie Hong Tran
Sat.    8:30 am   Henri Leonardi
         5:00 pm   Donald Lando
Sun.    8:00 am   For the Parishioners
         10:00 am  Felomino Tabontabon
         12:00 pm  The Chiocchia & McCarthy Families
         5:30 pm   Archibaldo & Helga Da Luz

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ANNUAL APPEAL 2020
We are encouraged by the response of our parish family thus far to the Annual Appeal. If you have not yet made your gift, we humbly ask you to do so. Every gift is greatly appreciated and very beneficial. Your gift will help our Church continue helping those who need and depend on the ministries and services of the Archdiocese. Our assessment this year is $113,329.

Campaign Goal: $113,329
Total Received: $18,320*
Still Needed: $95,009

*As of April 20, 2020

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