

December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent



ST. GABRIEL

THE ARCHANGEL • CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FEAST OF THE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

English Mass

- Monday thru Friday 8am.
- Saturday 4pm.
- Sunday 8am and 10am.

Spanish Mass

- Sunday 12 pm.

Confession

- Wednesday 8:45-9:30am.
- First Friday Confessions 8:45am-9:30am.
- Saturday 2:45-3:45pm.
- Sunday 11:15—11:45 am-or anytime with a priest in the office.



Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration: Monday—Wednesday & Friday 8:30am to 9pm in Adoration Chapel.
Thursday 8:30 am—6:00pm in Adoration Chapel.

PASTORAL TEAM

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SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptism

Please call the office to schedule the sacrament or to register for the Baptism class. Our Baptism class is offered on the Second Saturday of the month from 8:30am-10:00am and are offered in both English and Spanish.

Marriage

Preparation sessions must begin twelve months prior to marriage date. Please contact the office before any arrangements are made regarding the wedding.

Permission Letter

If you are in need of a permission letter for a sacrament or to be a Godparent, call or come to the office. Submit permission letter request 1 week prior to pick up.

Sick or Homebound

If you are homebound and wish to receive Eucharist please call the office.

Funerals

Please call the parish office before scheduling date and time with a funeral home. The parish office schedules presiders, musicians, and servers in consultation with family members.

SIGN UP TO BRING OUR PRIESTS A MEAL!

We have openings on Mondays and Wednesdays for parishioners to volunteer to make our priests a healthy dinner. Suggestion is to make a protein, salad, and vegetable. Drop off your completed meal at the church office between 9-4pm or at the rectory from 4-5pm. If you have any questions, please call Dorothy Burke at 618-222-2200. Sign up at this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0d4BAFA6EA6F49-60191231-bring>

AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICIAN NEEDED FOR SUNDAY 10 AM MASS:

If you regularly attend the **Sunday 10 am Mass** and would like to support this ministry or just get more information, please contact **David White** at dwhite052387@gmail.com or text him at 719-433-8406. Thank you.

SAINT NICHOLAS ADVENT GIVING TREE IS IN THE NARTHEX

Thank you for participating in the Christmas Giving Tree Program. Just a reminder that gifts with the tags attached are due back to the church by Sunday, December 14.

MISSED GETTING A TAG FROM THE GIVING TREE?

If you did not get a tag from the Giving Tree or just are not able to provide a physical gift, we are accepting monetary donations that we will use to augment the giving tree and ensure families in need receive a boost this Christmas. We are also accepting donations for the God's Sneakers in Panama effort. You can place donations in the white mailbox outside the parish office clearly labeled for St Nicholas Advent Tree Giving or make a donation online on the parish website.

MASS INFORMATION

*If you are unable to receive Precious Body due to gluten sensitivity, please talk with the sacristan or usher before Mass and they can make arrangements for you.

*Please silence all electronic devices.

*We ask that a parent or responsible adult to please accompany children 12 and under if they need to go to the narthex or restrooms.

*During sign of peace, please respect those who do not wish to shake hands and safely offer each other the sign of peace.

*During cold and flu season: stay home if you are sick.

POINSETTIA MEMORIAL



Our Pastor Fr. Francisco, invites you to consider a Poinsettia Memorial for your deceased loved ones as we prepare to ready for the Sanctuary Décor at Christmas!

Please approach the table after Mass and a fellow parishioner will assist you!

"When we see a beautiful object, a beautiful garden, or a beautiful flower, let us think that there we behold a ray of the infinite beauty of God, who has given existence to that object." ~ St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguor

HOLIDAY MASS TIMES

The Immaculate Conception Monday, Dec. 8

7:00 AM — English
12:00PM — English
2:15 PM (School/Parish Mass) — English
6:00 PM — Bilingual

National Night of Prayer for Life Holy Hour (8:30 – 9:30 PM)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Friday, Dec. 12

5:00 AM Mañanitas — Spanish
6:00 AM Mass — Spanish
8:00 AM Mass — English
6:30 PM Mass — Spanish

Christmas Eve Wednesday, Dec 24

4:30PM Mass — English
6:30 PM Mass — English

Christmas Day Thursday, Dec 25

Midnight Mass 12:00 AM
8:00 AM Mass — English
10:00 AM Mass — English
Noon Mass — Spanish

Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday Dec 31
Vigil Mass 5:00 PM — English
Thursday, Jan 1
9:00 AM Mass — English
11:00 AM Mass — Spanish

CALENDAR/ELCALENDARIO

This Weekend

Sat	Confessions 2:45-3:45pm.
Sat	English Mass at 4pm
Sun	English Masses 8am & 10am.
Sun	Confessions 11:15—11:45 am.
Sun	Misa en español 12 pm.

Upcoming

Dec 8	Masses for the Immaculate Concepcion 7:00 am, 12:00pm, 2:15 pm, and 6:00pm. Adoration 8:30am-9pm.
Dec 9	Daily Mass at 8am. Adoration 8:30am-9pm.
Dec 10	Daily Mass at 8am. Confessions 8:45am-9:30am. Adoration 8:30am-9pm.
Dec 10	Rosary and Evening Prayer 6pm in Adoration Chapel.
Dec 11	Daily Mass 8am. Adoration 8:30am-6pm.
Dec 12	Daily Mass 8am. Adoration 8:30am-9pm.

ADVERTISING DEADLINE

The deadline for advertising in bulletin, and Mass announcements is:

**Wednesday, December 10th for the Dec 20th/21st Bulletin
and Thursday, December 18th for the December 27th/28th Bulletin.**

All submissions are due by 10am.

**Please send all submissions for bulletin and slides to:

bulletin@saintgabriel.net.

**Please send all Mass announcements
to :**massannouncements@saintgabriel.net**

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

If you would like to read the latest minutes from the finance council or pastoral council, please go to our website. Click on the "About" and the "Councils" tab, from there you can see the members of both councils, their mission statements, and the meeting minutes.

BROKEN ROSARIES

To all parishioners, if you have any damaged, broken rosaries, or rosary parts, around your home please bring them to the parish office for proper disposition.



FUNERAL MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill Fodor Funeral Mass on **Dec. 11 at 10:00 a.m.**

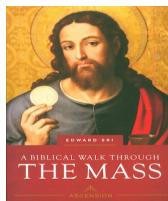
Mariela Styers Funeral Mass on **Dec. 18 at 2:00 p.m.**



Eleanor and Leonard Kochanski

vigil Dec. 21 at 5:30 p.m.

Funeral Mass on Dec. 22 at 10:00 a.m.



BIBLE STUDY

Join us for A Biblical Walk Through The Mass: on Monday nights or Tuesday mornings beginning on Jan. 5th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30, or Tuesday, January 6th at 9:00 a.m. The study will continue for 5 weeks.

For more information or to register for the study, contact the church office at 719-528-8407.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

TITHING RECIPIENT GOD'S SNEAKERS

Charity organization in Panama dedicated to making sure all children have a pair of shoes to wear.

SHARING OUR TREASURES

November 24-30 Offertory

Online Giving: \$9058.12

Weekend Collection: \$10,713.17

Total: \$19789.29

Archdiocese 2nd Collection for Military Services

Total: \$1,737.00

Thank you to all who continue their support to the church with donations.

Please feel free to continue to mail or drop off your donation at the office.

Online Giving is available for you to make contributions to the church. This option makes use of current technology and security standards and allows you to easily setup recurring contributions. Online Giving Parishioner Benefits:

- Secure and confidential. No need to share payment information with the church office.
- Efficient. Set up direct withdrawals from your checking, savings account or a credit card.
- Simple. Start, stop and change your contributions at any time.
- Convenient. No need to write a check or have cash available.
- Remote flexibility. You can give from virtually anywhere anytime.

Start giving online today! Visit www.saintgabriel.net and click on the online giving link, Create an account, Schedule your recurring gifts. Please prayerfully consider giving online. If you have any questions, contact the office.

2025 DIOCESAN MINISTRY APPEAL

Parish Goal: \$122,982

Amount Pledged: \$167,024.12

% of goal: 135.81%

Amount paid: \$160,703.26

% paid: 130.67%

GABRIEL'S GIFTS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION IS DECEMBER 13 AND 14

Our monthly food pantry collection for Mercy's Gate is next weekend. The need is high for hearty, comforting food suited to our colder weather. You might also consider spreading Christmas cheer by including holiday baking mixes. Demand continues to be high, and your help is greatly appreciated!

This month's most needed items: cereal, oatmeal, shelf-stable milk, Ramen noodles, spaghetti sauce, canned meals (chili, stew, ravioli, Spam, Vienna sausage), condensed soups (chicken noodle, tomato, cream of chicken), Chunky soups (clam chowder, chicken and dumplings, beef vegetable), and canned beans.

Regularly stocked pantry items: canned fruit and vegetables, canned and boxed meals (Hamburger Helper, Manwich, chili, stew, ravioli, rice mixes, instant potatoes), pasta, rice, cereal, crackers; and Ramen noodles. Also, baby food, baking items, dried or canned beans, coffee, condiments, and crackers.

Stocked non-food items include: diapers, toilet paper, toothpaste and toothbrushes, bar soap, shampoo, deodorant, razors and shaving cream.

Make someone's birthday special by including cake mixes, canned icing and candles.

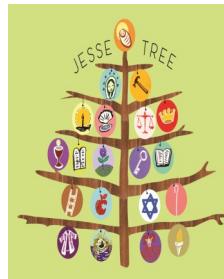
Please drop off your donations at the Knights of Columbus trailer before the weekend masses December 13 and 14. Collection times are 3:00 – 4:00 on Saturday and 7:15 – 8:00 and 9:15 – 10:00 on Sunday. Your donations make a huge difference to families in crisis in El Paso County.

DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED!

The Jesse Tree is an Advent practice which recounts the history of salvation by tracing the lineage of Christ — the foretold “shoot from the stump of Jesse” who will bring peace and unity to the people of God (Isaiah 11:1).

In a way, creating a Jesse tree is the telling of one big story — the redemption of man — through the telling of many smaller stories — the fall of Adam, God's promise to Abraham, the wandering of the Israelites, the greatness of David and the humble submission of Mary. A Jesse tree is adorned with symbols of these various people and stories, with the earliest ones hung from the topmost branches, progressing downward.

There are different versions of the Jesse Tree featuring different Old Testament figures and stories, but all begin with Adam and end with the birth of Jesus. It is an easy tradition to practice at home — all you need is a tree, paper, markers, scissors, string and a Bible.



MARIAN HOUSE FOOD KITCHEN AND PANTRY

Everyone is invited to sign up for either the Kitchen or the Food Pantry or both. Catholic Charities is requesting volunteers from St. Gabriel to reach out to the Volunteer Office directly for registration as well as scheduling. Please contact by phone or email the Volunteer & Training Coordinator, at (Volunteer@ccharitiescc.org) 719-866-6559 or the Helpdesk at 719-866-6286. New volunteers with questions regarding Marian House may contact: Kitty Dalechek (dalecksr@hotmail.com) 719-344-5560.

PREPARE THE WAY ADVENT RETREAT:

In the Gospel of John we read, “***The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.***” Are we prepared for this *True Light*? All are invited to join us in preparing our hearts and minds for this *True Light*, Jesus Christ! The retreat journey begins at Saint Gabriel, 6:00pm – 8:00pm on December 1, 8, 15, and 22. For more information contact

Deacon Mike McGrady, mmcgrady@dioces.org or call the office at 719-528-8407.

MATER FILIUS

Would you like to become a prayer warrior for a pregnant mom and her unborn baby living at Mater Filius? We are looking for individuals willing to join our prayer warrior team. If you are interested, please email Kathy at: Spirituality@materfiliuscs.org

WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED

St. Gabriel Flock Note

FlockNote is St. Gabriel's text messaging system. When you sign up for FlockNote, your cellphone number will automatically receive general messages. In addition, you can choose other message categories (including K-5 Faith Formation, Middle School EDGE, SIT HS Youth group, funeral notifications, and Saintly Reflections).

St. Gabriel Eblast

St. Gabriel sends out a weekly ***Parish News*** e-mail with upcoming event reminders and Parish news updates.

If you wish to sign up for FlockNote or Eblast, go to : <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/49a214aa-7cea-4a58-8c4c-de58d63edcd>

Come and
celebrate with us!

12/11

07:00 PM | Rosary
07:45 PM | Mariachi
Band



12/12

05:00 AM | Mañanitas
06:00 AM | Mass in
Spanish
08:00 AM | Mass in
English
06:00 PM | Rosary
06:45 PM | Mass in
Spanish
7:45 PM | Music and
Refreshments

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

St. Gabriel Catholic Church
All are welcome!

COMMUNITY MASSES AND QUINCEAÑERA PREPARATION 2026

Dear Parents,
We wish to inform you that beginning next year, 2026, our parish will offer **Community Masses for Quinceañeras**, to celebrate this stage in the lives of your daughters, for those who are interested.

Details of the Community Masses:

Frequency: The third Saturday of each month.

Season: April through October 2026.

Time: 12:00 noon.

Preparation:

Start of the course: January 26, 2026.

End of the course: March 2, 2026.

For additional details:

on requirements and registration, please contact
Noemy Cortes (719) 308-8945 or email
noemy4545cortez@gmail.com

We look forward to celebrating with you.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN

IT'S TIME FOR THE POSADA!

There is no Christmas without Jesus.
The Posada is about Joseph and Mary's journey
to find a place to stay.

St. Gabriel's Catholic Church invites you
to be part on this celebration.

12/19

7PM



There will be
traditional food, carols,
and piñatas.

If you are interesting
to bring a dish please contact
Dharlyn
719-213-0859

We are going to
pray the Rosary
and do the Posada.

**¡BRING YOUR FAMILY AND
FRIENDS! LOOKING FORWARD
TO SEEING YOU THERE!**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

Knights of Columbus will have Keep Christ in Christmas magnets and Annunciation Statue
Ornaments available to purchase for one weekend only, 13-14 December after all the Masses.

The magnets are designed to go on cars, but can go on any magnetic surface.

Each magnet costs \$5 and each ornament costs \$25.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

"Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing!" December 8th is one of our feasts celebrating Mary - the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. From the beginnings of the Church, spiritual writers and theologians have acknowledged the innocence and holiness of Mary. St. Irenaeus called her the "new Eve." Both faced with the pure freedom to accept or reject God, Mary began with work of redemption with her yes to Christ! The Church began to celebrate the feast of Mary's conception in the early Middle Ages. In 1854, Pope Pius IX infallibly declared that Mary was free of original sin from the first moment of her conception. On this feast day, we celebrate the beauty and goodness of Our Lady!

Les invitamos a
nuestra fiesta

12/11

07:00 PM | Rosario

07:45 PM | Serenata
con Mariachi

12/12

05:00 AM | Mañanitas

06:00 AM | Mass
Español

08:00 AM | Mass
English

06:00 PM | Rosario

06:45 PM | Misa Español

7:45 PM | Musica y
Convivencia



Celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

St. Gabriel Catholic Church
¡No faltes!

¡VAMOS A PEDIR POSADA!

No hay Navidad sin una posada por eso
La Iglesia Católica de San Gabriel te invita
a ser parte de esta celebración.



Habrá platillos típicos
de cada país, villancicos
y piñatas.

Si estás interesada en traer un
platillo comunícate con
Charlyn
719-213-0859

12/19
7PM

Rezaremos el
rosario y haremos
la petición de
posada en
compañía de los
peregrinos.

¡TRAÉ A TU FAMILIA Y AMIGOS!
LOS ESPERAMOS!

NO HABRA HORA SANTA EN DICIEMBRE

El **11 de diciembre** y **12** estaremos celebrando la
festividad de nuestra Virgen de Guadalupe, por lo
tanto no habrá hora santa en diciembre. Gracias

MISAS COMUNITARIAS Y PREPARACIÓN PARA QUINCEAÑERAS 2026

Estimados padres de familia:

Les informamos que, a partir del próximo año 2026,
nuestra parroquia ofrecerá

Misas Comunitarias para Quinceañeras con el
fin de celebrar esta importante etapa en la vida de
sus hijas.

Detalles de las Misas Comunitarias:

Frecuencia: El tercer sábado de cada mes.

Temporada: De abril a octubre de 2026.

Horario: 12:00 del mediodía.

Preparación:

Inicio del curso: 26 de enero de 2026.

Fin del curso: 2 de marzo de 2026.

Para detalles adicionales:

sobre requisitos e inscripciones, por favor contacte a
Noemy Cortez a: (719)308-8945 o email:
noemy4545cortez@gmail.com

Agradecemos su atención y esperamos celebrar con
ustedes.

MEMORIALES DE NOCHEBUENAS

El Padre Frank les invita a participar en la
tradición de los **memoriales de**

Nochebuenas para honrar a sus seres queridos
fallecidos durante la temporada navideña. Esta es
una hermosa manera de
recordarlos mientras el
santuario se decora para
Navidad.



Le invitamos a pasar por la
mesa ubicada afuera de la
capilla de adoración
después de la misa, donde
un voluntario estará
disponible para guiarles
con el proceso.



STEWARSHIP REFLECTION

IS 11:1-10; PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; ROM 15:4-9; MT 3:1-12

On this Second Sunday of Advent, our second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans encourages us to focus our Advent preparations in this way: "Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God." And how does Christ welcome us? With unconditional love.

This is the essence of Christian hospitality, a vital aspect of stewardship living. Fully embraced, it has the power to transform our lives and the lives of those who experience it through us.

The practice of Christian hospitality is also a way for us stewards to answer the call of John the Baptist, in our Gospel passage from Matthew. His words apply just as much to us today as they did to the people awaiting the Savior's arrival. John says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" And he recalls the words of the prophet Isaiah, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." There is a definite connection between repentance and effective hospitality.

So how can we make repentance a regular part of our everyday lives? We can make an "examination of conscience" a daily part of our prayers, thanking God for the times we said "yes" to Him, and asking forgiveness for the times we chose our own will. We can (and should!) go to Confession this Advent. We can reach out to a family member or friend where there is distance or discord and make peace.

As we "straighten the paths" of our own hearts and minds, we become more hospitable people, better stewards of God's grace and mercy, and far more open and ready to invite others into our lives, homes, and parish. This is preparation fitting for our merciful Savior.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a request for needed prayers, strength, hope, courage or thanksgiving for yourself, family or friends, please email ncbelanger54@gmail.com.



Readings for the Week of December 8

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12,
13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11,
12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16,
18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
(see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

HAVE YOU PRAYED TODAY?

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PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Dec 8 Pope Leo XIV
Dec 9 Bishop James Golka
Dec 10 Julio Adon, Deacon Aspirant
Dec 11 Solomon Baase, Deacon Aspirant
Dec 12 Jeff Bodwell, Deacon Aspirant
Dec 13 Hector Cardenas, Deacon Aspirant
Dec 14 John Ellis, Deacon Aspirant

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK

Altar Flowers this weekend have been dedicated in Memory of Matilde Miguel.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Faith Community the newest members of God's family: **Frederick Stephen Kelly** Baptized on **November 29, 2025**.



The suggested donation for a Mass Intention is \$10. Mass Intentions can be booked for either living or deceased persons; a Mass Intention can be booked for more than one person if both or all the people for whom the Mass is being celebrated are either all living or all deceased. According to the Code of Canon Law, c. 953, we can only reserve Mass Intentions up to one year out from the current month. When booking Mass Intentions, especially more than three or four at one time, we would greatly appreciate receiving the Mass Intention donations at the time you reserve the dates of the Masses.

Sat	Dec 6	4:00pm	for: David John Busekist (+)
Sun	Dec 7	8:00am	Pro Populo
Sun	Dec 7	10:00am	for: Carmella Jones (+)
Sun	Dec 7	12:00pm	for: Miguel Santillan (SI)
Mon	Dec 8	7:00am	for: Nicholas Franchs (+)
Mon	Dec 8	12:00pm	for: Francis Wehner (SI)
Mon	Dec 8	2:15pm	for: Ramon & Maria Carolina T. Vasquez (+)
Mon	Dec 8	6:00pm	for: Jose Santiago Flores Balanza (+)
Tue	Dec 9	8:00am	for: Chris Gushikuma (SI)
Wed	Dec 10	8:00am	for: Jon Creighton (SI)
Thu	Dec 11	8:00am	for: Mary Horkulis (+)
Fri	Dec 12	6:00am	for: Parishioners of St Gabriel
Fri	Dec 12	8:00am	for: Dustin Halliwell (SI)
Fri	Dec 12	6:30pm	for: Benefactors
Sat	Dec 13	4:00pm	for: Nicholas Franchs (+)
Sun	Dec 14	8:00am	for: Chris Gushikuma (SI)
Sun	Dec 14	10:00am	Pro Populo
Sun	Dec 14	12:00pm	for: Manuel & Carmen Paravicini (+)