

FEBRUARY 9, 2026 PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

PC members in attendance: Fr. Francisco Quezada - Pastor, Chairman Alan Wesenberg, Secretary Linda Popolano, Antonio Garcia, Isaac Valencia, Rafael Perez, Zoraida Perez, Regina Applegate, Nancy Maney, Alexis Arbizzani, Andy Ziny (ex-officio for Finance Council information)

PC members absent: Fr. Christian Vaca – Parochial Vicar, Co-Chair Molly Shipp, Darlene Espinoza

Potential new members/stewardship guests discerning membership in attendance: Seth Jenkins, Ted Dibble, Gavin Vitt, Alejandra Macias, Patty Durow (D), Josh Durow (D), Christine Tavenner (D), Tyler Shiels (D)

Potential new members/stewardship guests discerning membership absent: Sylvia Vazquez, Rob Ramos (D)

1. Fr. Francisco opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Gregg Stein, Chairman of the St. Gabriel Finance Council, gave a brief financial overview. As of the date of this meeting, the church and the school have a total bank account balance of \$750K. As of the end of December 2025, the total Church income was \$1.2M, \$171K favorable to budget. There has been a 7% to 8% increase in offertory since the fiscal year started on July 1, which was also Fr. Francisco's start date at the parish. The additions to the nave were all targeted donations and not included in these numbers. The current budget is also \$86K favorable on expenses. The school is \$238K unfavorable to budget, mainly because the budget done last year for the current fiscal year assumed a headcount of 300 students whereas the actual current total headcount is just under 250. We are currently covering all our current debt payments with current cashflow.

Gregg also mentioned, at Fr. Francisco's request, that the "Together We Can" campaign, a three-year campaign begun in 2023 to cover the cost of building the school beyond the \$25M donor gift, ends in a few months. There was a \$1.8M goal, and Gregg reported that people are honoring the commitments they made back in 2022/23. There is, at this time, no debt on the rectory, and the statue in the circle has been paid for. We are also expecting a five-digit rebate on last year's Diocese Ministry Appeal for exceeding the goal for our parish.
3. Andy Ziny distributed the USCCB Pastoral Letter on Stewardship to those present (new and discerning members) who had not previously received it.
4. Holly Goodwin, interim Principal at SGCA, reported on Lenten activities at the school, as well as the recent Open House, attended by about 50 families, 15 to 20 of which have signed up their children to attend a "shadow day" with a current student. The enrollment for the

upcoming school year presently stands at a solid 243, with current prospective headcount of an additional 25-30 students, and there is always an additional influx of new students just before the school year begins at the end of summer as military relocations occur. To be more conservative with the budget for the upcoming fiscal year, they are budgeting for a final headcount of 275 rather than 300 for the next school year. Holly also reported that the three preschool classrooms are almost full to capacity, so serious consideration is being given to opening a 4th preschool classroom. Most of these new preschool students are from St. Gabriel parishioner families.

Father Francisco and Holly also updated those present on the new principal search, for which there are currently four candidates. Their goal is an experienced, faithful leader who understands classical education. If the candidate selected is relatively new to school administration, Holly is willing to mentor the person chosen, if necessary.

Gavin asked Holly what percentage of preschool students “roll over” into the elementary school. Holly estimates about 70% to 75%, but they are working up exact figures at this time.

5. Kathy Thomas, Director of Liturgy & Worship, gave a brief overview of liturgical plans for February, March, and April, including Ash Wednesday, Friday evening Stations of the Cross during Lent, and Holy Week. As in the past, Stations of the Cross will be followed by either a KofC Fish Fry or a Soup Supper. Kathy also mentioned the new sound system and how “wrinkles” in that are continuing to be worked out. Any positive or negative feedback from parishioners is welcome and encouraged.

6. Kim Seiler gave an update on parish Catechesis. There are currently 264 youth in catechism classes, including 66 in the First Communion class, 71 in the Confirmation class, and an additional 17 youth receiving sacraments at Easter Vigil this year. SGCA has an additional 18 First Communion students and an additional 8 Confirmation students. In OCIA classes this year, there are 22 in the English-language class and 10 in the Spanish-language class.

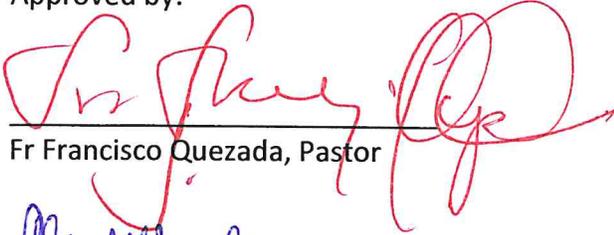
Fr. Francisco is planning on additional work in the area of catechesis at the parish, and one of his initiatives will be removing the fees charged in the past for catechism classes. Rather than hiring a Director of Religious Education, Fr. Francisco prefers a “Catechesis Board” model, led by the Parochial Vicar, to coordinate catechism at the parish.

7. Fr. Francisco is reviewing the “Vision Document” which was prepared by the previous Pastoral Council between 2022 and 2024, and that will be discussed further at the March meeting.

Fr. Francisco announced the dates of the next two Pastoral Council meetings: Monday, March 9 and Monday, April 20. Both meetings will begin at 6:15pm in the Saint Kateri room which will be arranged to fit our now-larger council. A small number of those present this evening will continue to attend the next meeting as observers discerning whether or not they want to make a three-year commitment as a council member.

8. Fr. Francisco closed the meeting with prayer.

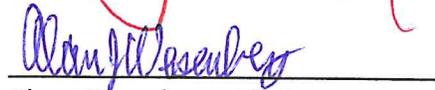
Approved by:



Fr Francisco Quezada, Pastor

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Alan Wesenberg, Chairman

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