

IN LOVING MEMORY Betty & Leonard Jones, Larry, Michael, and Ken Blessed Repose and Eternal Memory	Health and Blessings for the Lachowicz Family	HEALTH AND BLESSINGS for Marion D'andrea
In Gratitude for our Family. Pete and Anna Tiutiunnyk	HEALTH AND BLESSINGS FOR ELEANOR AND MICHAEL VASKO	Health and Blessings For FRAN CLAGETT
Pace e Bene (Peace and All Good) For information on living the Gospel life through the teachings of St. Francis call: Ann & Wayne Tao, OFS Secular Franciscans 702-362-7989	<i>IN LOVING MEMORY Richard Meara Blessed Repose and Eternal Memory</i>	Health and Blessings for Micheal Espinoza
HEALTH AND BLESSINGS FOR Mark Elefante and Kathy Rice- Elefante	Health and blessings for Elijah Kreutzer	Health and Blessings for Terry Zakanycz
Bulletin ads can be personalized for birthday and other occasions for only \$100.00 a year! Call the Parish Office at 702-810-9613	WE THANK ALL OUR PARISHIONERS WHO SPONSOR OUR WEEKEND SOCIALS	HEALTH AND BLESSINGS FOR THE Lopez & Babakhan Families
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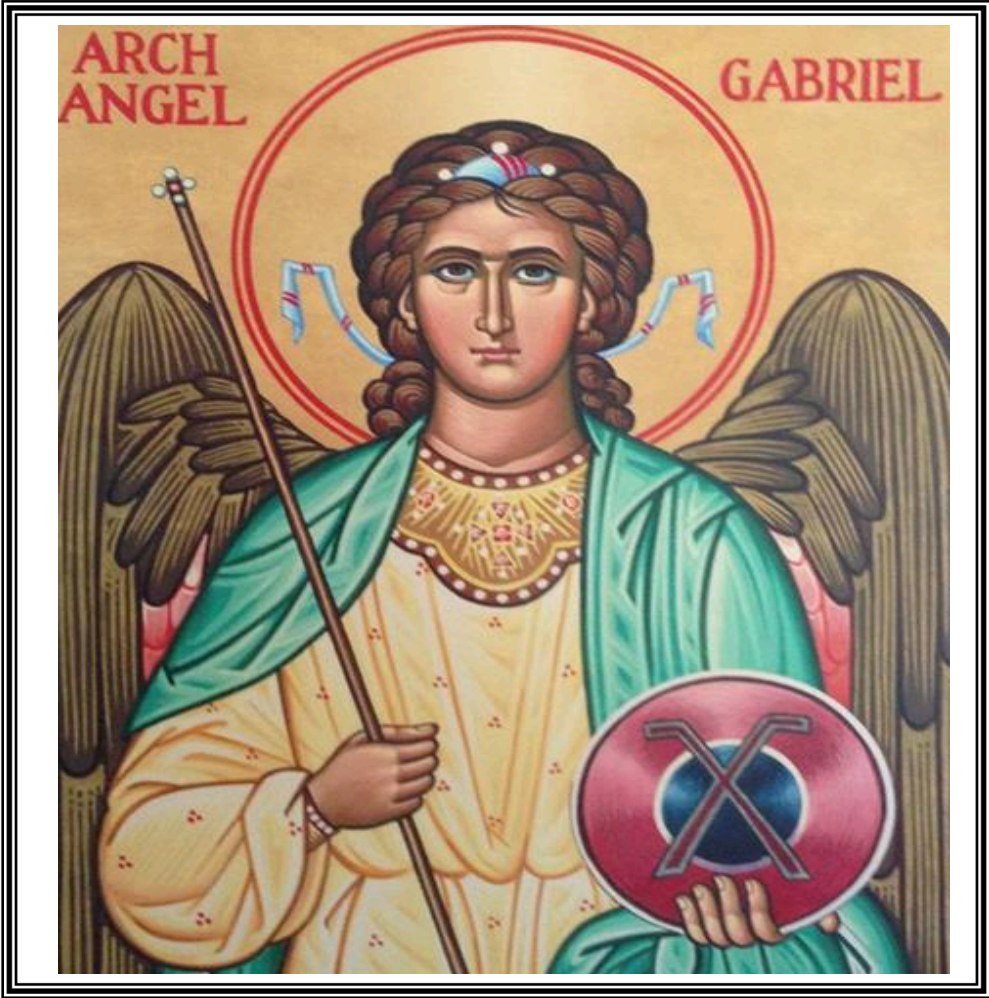
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SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

18 MAY 2025

Divine Liturgy Each Saturday 4 pm & Sunday 10 am

A Catholic Parish Established Under the Authority of Holy Protection of Mary

Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix

Most Reverend Artur Bubnevych, D.D.,S.T.L.

Very Reverend Marcus A. Gomori, M.A.P.S., Pastor

Reverend Deacon Brett Krautstrunk

WEEKLY SERVICES

SATURDAY

Divine Liturgy (Mass/Vigil) at 4:00 pm

SUNDAY

Third Hour at 9:45 am

Divine Liturgy (Mass) at 10:00 am

Holy Mystery of Penance

Forty-five minutes before Saturday Liturgy or by appointment.
Confessions NOT available before Sunday Liturgy.

Parish Advisory Council

The Parish Advisory Council is led by Father Marcus. We welcome any suggestions, comments and ideas that would help our Parish grow and raise money.
Please contact us by email at sgabrielchurchboard@gmail.com or call/Text

Monica Lopez (702) 355-2247 (President)

Saul Ramos (213) 880-1544 (Vice-President)

To reserve the hall to host a social or private event
Please call Monica at (702) 355-2247 to avoid
double booking

Finance Council

Please email the Financial Office for General questions regarding financial matters, Church services, deliveries, purchasing .

Email Address: stgabrielfinance@yahoo.com

Mike Parven (310) 592-1849 (Financial Officer)

FATHER MARCUS' DAY OFF

Mondays are Father Marcus' day off. Please do not call or visit the Rectory on Monday unless it is a true emergency.
Thank You!

In Loving Memory for Ruth Georgia and Vivian Blaine	THIS SPACE OPEN FOR RENT Only \$100 a year Contact Jan 702-810-9613	Health and Blessings for Irene Maskasziw
HEALTH & BLESSINGS for Deborah Pietrzak	Health and Blessings for the Porras (Bonilla) Family	Health and Blessings Moses and Josie Pastor
GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSINGS FOR ALL CHILIPKA, CAFFARELLI, MESZAROS, OLTAY, SIMON, SOLT AND VASH FAMILIES IN THE USA AND HUNGARY	HEALTH AND BLESSINGS FOR F. MICHAEL & JOYCE O'BRIEN	Health and Blessings for Kenneth and Cheri Ervin
Health and Blessings for Michael & Ruth Parven	HEALTH & BLESSINGS FOR FR. MARCUS THROUGH WHOM THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKS	<i>Health and Blessings for Michael Connolly</i>
HEALTH AND BLESSINGS FOR REVEREND DEACON BRETT KRAUTSTRUNK	HEALTH & BLESSINGS FOR AMY CANNATELLI	Health and Blessings for Cindy Bonko & Jan Manning
PRAY FOR AN END TO ABORTIONS		

The Gospel of John: a commentary & meditation

“Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give will never thirst”
(Please reference a bible for the full gospel of John 4: 5-42)

Meditation: Do you allow any barriers to distance yourself from the Lord and his will for your life? Jesus overcame the barriers of prejudice, sin, and misunderstanding with the truth of God’s word and the power of the Holy Spirit. The Jews and Samaritans had been divided for centuries. They had no dealings with one another, avoiding all social contact, even trade, and inter-marriage. If their paths crossed it would not be unusual for hostility to break out. When Jesus passed through Samaria he did the unthinkable. He conversed with a Samaritan, thus risking ritual impurity and scorn from his fellow Jews. He also did something no strict Rabbi would dare to do in public without loss to his reputation. He greeted a woman and spoke openly with her. Not only was she a woman, but a notorious adulteress. No decent Jew would even think of being seen with such a woman, let alone exchanging a word with her!

Why did Jesus meet alone with this Samaritan woman? Women normally gathered at the town well in the early hours of the morning while it was still cool. This would be a customary time for social contact and exchange of news. The fact that this notorious woman chose the midday hour to go out in public when the heat is greatest, shows her estrangement from her own community. Jesus broke through the barriers of nationality and orthodox Jewish custom. He showed the universality of the gospel. No one is barred from the love of God and the good news of salvation. There is only one thing that can keep us from God and his redeeming love — our stubborn pride and wilful rebellion.

What is the point of Jesus’ exchange with the woman about water? Water in the arid land was scarce. Jacob’s well was located in a strategic fork of the road between Samaria and Galilee. One can live without food for several days, but not without water. Water is a source of life and growth for all living things. When rain came to the desert, the water transformed the wasteland into a fertile field. The kind of water which Jesus spoke about was living, running water. Fresh water from a cool running stream was always preferred to the still water one might find in a pond or well. Living water was also a symbol for the Jew of thirst of the soul for God. The water which Jesus spoke of symbolized the Holy Spirit and his work of recreating us in God’s image and sustaining in us the new life which comes from God. The life which the Holy Spirit produces in us makes us a new creation in Jesus Christ. Do you thirst for God and for the life of the Holy Spirit within you?

Hippolytus, a second century Christian writer, explains the significance of the Holy Spirit’s work in us: “This is the water of the Spirit: It refreshes paradise, enriches the earth, gives life to living things. It is the water of Christ’s baptism; it is our life. If you go with faith to this renewing fountain, you renounce Satan your enemy and confess Christ your God. You cease to be a slave and become an adopted son; you come forth radiant as the sun and brilliant with justice; you come forth a son of God and fellow-heir with Christ.” (From a sermon, On the Epiphany)

Basil the Great (c. 330-379) speaks in a similar manner: “The Spirit restores paradise to us and the way to heaven and adoption as children of God; he instills confidence that we may call God truly Father and grants us the grace of Christ to be children of the light and to enjoy eternal glory. In a word, he bestows the fullness of blessings in this world and the next; for we may contemplate now in the mirror of faith the promised things we shall someday enjoy. If this is the foretaste, what must the reality be? If these are the first fruits, what must be the harvest?” (From the treatise, The Holy Spirit)

“Lord, my soul thirsts for you. Fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may always find joy in your presence and take delight in doing your will.

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Charter Protection of Children and Young People

Adopted by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops, The Eparchy, within all its parishes, institutions and programs, is committed to assuring a safe environment in ministry for its children and young people that conforms to the Charter requirements. For information regarding the Eparchial Safe Environment Program, please contact:

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THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Saturday, May 17th 4:00 PM –Divine Liturgy (Mass)
+ BR & EM for Henry D’Andrea By Patricia Bauer

Sunday, May 18th 10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy (Mass)
+ BR & EM for Richard Meara by Jan Shadowen

7 DAY CANDLE OFFERING

OPEN

14 DAY CANDLE OFFERINGS

May 1st thru May 14th
May 15th thru May 31st

Peace in Israel
Peace in Ukraine

NEXT WEEK’S GOSPEL READING

GOSPEL READING: John 9: 1-38

CANDLE OFFERINGS

Use the specially marked envelopes located at the back of the Church for Altar Candles or Eternal Light Candles. Candles will be lit on Saturdays, and remain lit for the duration of their offering.

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

One Saturday or Sunday Intention per week is reserved for “Parishioners of the Parish”.
Please contact the Parish Office at 702.361.2431 for available Liturgy intention dates and times.

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR
2nd weekend of the Month

There are green Love Thy Neighbor envelopes n the 2nd weekend of each month to help serve the less fortunate in our community. Thank you for your charitable support of this ministry.

HOLY WATER

Available in the rear of the Church.

Please remember St. Gabriel’s in your Estate and Will Planning. Thank You!

LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Lord, look upon your servants with eyes of mercy. May your healing hand rest upon them. May your life-giving powers flow into every cell of their bodies and into the depths of their souls, cleansing, purifying and restoring them to wholeness and strength for service in your Kingdom. Amen.

William Ralf	Bev, Joe & Angel Guarino	Frank & Carolyn Gervasio	Sara Beth Hopkins
Deb & Joe Guarino	Alexander Gomori	Gregory Gomori	Amy Cannatelli
Cindy Bonko	John Krobock	Bill Kviz	Jan Shadowen
Betty Chilipka	Marion D’Andrea	Ann & Wayne Tao	Tommy & Rosie Morgan
Mike Vasko	Carrie Alumbaugh	Peggy Randell	

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Week’s Offerings: 5/10-11/2025

Donations: \$ 2,279.00 Candles: \$ 74.00 SAT 58 & SUN 67

Our parish needs \$3,000.00 per week to meet expenses.

Thank you for your generosity and support of Saint Gabriel’s especially in these difficult economic times. It is encouraging to see families making an effort to see that our parish meets its bills. Thank you also for the good number of people that mail-in and include the parish in their financial planning. Sincerely, Very Rev. Marcus Gomori, Pastor+

We will be randomly giving registered parishioners one month of a free square in the back of our bulletin. The usual cost is \$100 but this is free and you will be able to put family birthdays, anniversary announcements, or even business information. If I don’t hear from you at least the Sunday prior the ad will read “Health and Blessings for and family name”. If you want to change your square every week I can if you send me the info this includes the people who already have a square. Contact Jan at 702-810-9613 and leave a message or write me a note (with phone #) and either give to me (I’m the one with the walker with the cats for those who do not know me) or give to Father.

January #20 T. Demyon, #46 B. Kviz, #2 J. Andross
February #14 F. Clagett, #121 E. Cruz, #75 A. Tao
March #97 M. Sanders, #136 D.Kouris April #130 R. Haskins, #128 P. McDonald May #5 M. Espinoza, #84 T. Zakanycz June #141 D. Georgia, #13 B. Chillpka July #79 M. Hill, #93 B. Dakake August #6059 D. Derbish, #6244 J. Gehring September #148 C. Perdok, #6179 P. Anthony October #43 R. Hawkins, #29 F. Gervasio November #25 J. Ploegman, #134 B.Shypkoski December #6107 A. Scott, #85 I. Williams

PARISH NEWS

2025 BISHOP’S APPEAL

This year you can give your contribution to the Bishops Appeal through Saint Gabriel’s and we will send it to the Eparchy in your name for credit.

Please write the check to Saint Gabriel’s and make a note it is for the Bishop’s Appeal or put it in the “Special Envelope”.

All Souls Saturday Schedule

1st All Souls Saturday February 22nd
2nd All Souls Saturday March 15th
3rd All Souls Saturday March 22nd
4th All Souls Saturday March 29th
5th All Souls Saturday June 7th

All Souls Saturday envelopes available at church entrance. Please make sure new names are on the envelope or write “no additional names”. Make Check payable to Fr. Marcus Gomori Thank you!

COMMUNITY

The Fraternity of St. Margaret of Cortona of the Secular Franciscan Order is a community of people dedicated to living the gospel life through the teachings of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Clare with service to the poor and homeless. We strive to live promises of poverty, obedience and chastity. Is the Holy Spirit calling you to the life of a Secular Vocation? Contact Ann Tao, OFS at 702-362-7989

Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites

Community of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Carmelite Seculars, together with the Friars, and Nuns are sons and daughters of the Order of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Teresa of Jesus. In our secular vocation, we strive to live a life of prayer, centered on the Gospels, the Liturgy, and the evangelical councils of chastity, poverty, obedience, and the spirit of the beatitudes in our daily lives. Is God calling you to a Secular Vocation? For more information, please contact Mike Parven at 310-592-1849

GREAT NEWS OUR GIFT SHOP IS NOW OPEN IN OUR HALL. IT ‘S OPEN BEFORE AND AFTER ALL LITURGIES. GREAT GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASION S! PLEASE CONSIDER DOING YOUR GIFT SHOPPING THERE TO HELP RAISE NEEDED FUNDS FOR SAINT GABRIEL.