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PRAY FOR AN END TO ABORTIONS		

The Gospel of Matthew: a commentary & meditation

"You shall love God with all your heart and your neighbor as yourself"

Scripture: Matthew 22:35-46

35 And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question, to test him. 36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" 37 And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment.39 And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets." 41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, 42 saying, "What do you think of the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." 43 He said to them, "How is it then that David, inspired by the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, 44 `The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, till I put thy enemies under thy feet'? 45 If David thus calls him Lord, how is he his son?" 46 And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did any one dare to ask him any more questions.

Meditation: What is the purpose of God's law or commandments? The Pharisees prided themselves in the knowledge of the law and their ritual requirements. They made it a life-time practice to study the 616 precepts of the Old Testament along with the numerous rabbinic commentaries. They tested Jesus to see if he correctly understood the law as they did. Jesus startled them with his profound simplicity and mastery of the law of God and its purpose. What does God require of us? Simply that we love as he loves! God is love and everything he does flows from his love for us. God loved us first and our love for him is a response to his exceeding grace and kindness towards us. The love of God comes first and the love of neighbor is firmly grounded in the love of God. The more we know of God's love and truth the more we love what he loves and reject what is hateful and contrary to his will. What makes our love for God and his commands grow in us? Faith in God and hope in his promises strengthens us in the love of God. They are essential for a good relationship with God, for being united with him. The more we know of God the more we love him and the more we love him the greater we believe and hope in his promises. The Lord, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, gives us a new freedom to love as he loves. Do you allow anything to keep you from the love of God and the joy of serving others with a generous heart? Paul the Apostle says: hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us (Romans 5:5). Do you know the love which conquers all?

"Lord, your love surpasses all. Flood my heart with your love and increase my faith and hope in your promises. Help me to give myself in generous service to others as you have so generously given yourself to me."

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THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Saturday, September 5th 4:00 PM –Divine Liturgy (Mass)

Health and Healing for Mark Elefanté and Kathy Rice-Elefanté.

Sunday, September 6th 10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy (Mass)

Health and Healing for Fran Clagette.

7 DAY CANDLE OFFERING

OPEN

14 DAY CANDLE OFFERINGS

September 1st thru September 14th
September 15th thru September 31st
Peace in Israel
Peace in Ukraine

NEXT WEEK’S GOSPEL READING

GOSPEL READING: John 3: 13-17

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.
Please make checks payable to: Fr. Marcus Gomori.

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	Peggy Randall
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PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Week’s Offerings: 08/29th - 08/30th of 2026

Donations: \$ 1,276.00 Candles: \$ 25.00 SAT 26 & SUN 37

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+

The following intercessions are provided for your use to support the development of vocations to the presbyterate, diaconate, minor orders, and consecrated monastic life in our Eparchy. They are keyed to the liturgical calendar. Please consider including them in the litany of fervent supplication.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.
Memory of the Miracle of the Holy Archangel Michael at Colossae in Chionia.
The Holy Martyr Eudoxius and His Companions.
September 6th, 2026

Lord our God, you show us that the greatest commandments are to love you with all our being and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We beseech you to give us eyes of faith to respond to these commandments in the best way by answering your calling for our lives. Help those called to the priestly, diaconal, and monastic life to hear your voice, to respond with open hearts, and to remain faithful to you all their lives, we pray you hear and have mercy.

!The entire law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.
” To love our God and our neighbor is the calling from God that is for each one of us. It manifests differently because each of us have a special vocation to make our lives the greatest gift of ourselves possible. May God be asking you to follow these commandments through a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, religious or monastic life?

Contact the Vocations Office at 602-861-9778 or email: vocations@ephx.org

PARISH NEWS

Our next regular Church Board meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 12th at 5:00pm in the hall.

Church Directory

"Our new church directory is a work in progress! We appreciate your patience as we make updates and corrections. If your contact details changed or would like to be listed, please let us know by emailing sgabrielchurchboard@gmail.com or leave a message at our church office at 702-361-2431."

~Thank you kindly~

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

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STOP BY AND DO YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING HERE!
LOTS OF NEW DIAMOND ART,
ALL HANDCRAFTED BY JAN SHADOWEN,
AND MANY RELIGIOUS ITEMS THAT MAKE GREAT GIFT IDEAS.
PLEASE CONSIDER DOING YOUR GIFT SHOPPING FOR ANY OCCASION
TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR SAINT GABRIEL.

COFFEE SOCIALS

HOSTS - “Thank you for serving the parish community”.

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

