

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>HEALTH AND BLESSINGS FOR ALL SAINT GABRIEL FAMILIES</i>	Health and Blessings for Terry A. Kouris
HEALTH AND BLESSINGS FOR Mark Elefante and Kathy Rice- Elefante	Health and blessings for Elijah Kreutzer	Health and Blessings for Micheal and Robin Sanders
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
HEALTH AND BLESSINGS FOR MYCHELLE & ALEX WEART	SELECT PROPERTIES GROUP Greta Young REALTOR/PROPERTY MANAGER NV Lic S.184268   PM.0167492 <a href="mailto:greta@greta-young.com">greta@greta-young.com</a> 2575 S. Cimarron Rd #104 Las Vegas, NV 89117	

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**4TH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**  
**JOHN CLIMACUS VENERABLE**  
**30 MARCH 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**  
 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](mailto:sgabrielchurchboard@gmail.com) or call/Text

Monica Lopez (702) 355-2247 (President)  
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For Hall Reservations  
 to host a social or private event  
 Please call Monica Lopez at (702) 355-2247.

**Finance Council**

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

**Email Address: [stgabrielfinance@yahoo.com](mailto: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
<b>HEALTH &amp; BLESSINGS for Deborah Pietrzak</b>	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
<b>PRAY FOR AN END TO ABORTIONS</b>		

# The Gospel of Mark: a commentary & meditation

## "All things are possible to him who believes"

**Scripture: Mark 9:14-29**

14 And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd about them, and scribes arguing with them. 15 And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed, and ran up to him and greeted him. 16 And he asked them, "What are you discussing with them?" 17 And one of the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; 18 and wherever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." 19 And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." 20 And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. 21 And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. 22 And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." 23 And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." 24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" 25 And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." 26 And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." 27 But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. 28 And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" 29 And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

**Meditation:** What kind of faith does the Lord expect of us, especially when we meet challenges and difficulties? Inevitably there will be times when each of us cause disappointment to others. In this gospel incident the disciples of Jesus brought disappointment to a pleading father because they failed to heal his epileptic son. Jesus' response seemed stern; but it was really tempered with love and compassion. We see at once both Jesus' dismay with the disciples' lack of faith and his concern to meet the need of this troubled boy and his anguished father. Jesus recognized the weakness of the father's faith and at the same time challenged him to pray boldly with expectant faith: "All things are possible to him who believes!"

Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) in his commentary on this passage reminds us that prayer and faith go together: "Where faith fails, prayer perishes. For who prays for that in which he does not believe? ..So then in order that we may pray, let us believe, and let us pray that this same faith by which we pray may not falter." The Lord gives us his Holy Spirit that we may have the confidence and boldness we need to ask our heavenly Father for his help and grace. Do you trust in God's love and care for you and pray with expectant faith that he will give you what you need?

When Jesus rebuked the evil spirit, the boy, at first, seemed to get worse rather than better as he went into a fit of convulsion. Peter Chrysologus (380-450 AD), a very gifted and inspiring teacher of God's Word (his second name literally means the "golden worded"), reflected on this incident recorded in Mark's Gospel:

"Though it was the boy who fell on the ground, it was the devil in him who was in anguish. The possessed boy was merely convulsed, while the usurping spirit was being convicted by the awesome judge. The captive was detained, but the captor was punished. Through the wrenching of the human body, the punishment of the devil was made manifest."

God promises us freedom from oppression, especially the oppression of sinful habits and the work of the evil one who tries to rob us of faith, joy, and peace with God. The Lord invites us, as he did this boy's father, to pray with expectant faith. Do you trust in God's unending love and mercy?

The mighty works and signs which Jesus did demonstrate that the kingdom of God is present in him. These signs attest that the Father has sent him as the promised Messiah. They invite belief in Jesus as the Son of God and Savior of the world. The coming of God's kingdom means defeat of Satan's kingdom. Jesus' exorcisms anticipate his great victory over "the ruler of this world" (John 12:31). While Satan may act in the world out of hatred for God and his kingdom in Christ Jesus, and may cause grave injuries of a spiritual nature, and indirectly even of a physical nature, his power is nonetheless limited and permitted by divine providence (Romans 8:28). Jesus offers freedom from bondage to sin and Satan. There is no affliction he cannot deliver us from. Do you make full use of the protection and help he offers to those who seek him with faith and trust in his mercy?

**"Lord Jesus, help my unbelief! Increase my faith and trust in your saving power. Give me confidence and perseverance, especially in prayer. And help me to bring your healing love and truth to those I meet".**

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## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Saturday, Mar 29th 4:00 PM –Divine Liturgy (Mass)  
Health and Blessings for the Parishioners of Saint Gabriel's

Sunday, March 30th 10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy (Mass)  
+Blessed Repose and Eternal Memory for Giacomo Monopoli Sr.

### 7 DAY CANDLE OFFERING

OPEN

### 14 DAY CANDLE OFFERINGS

Mar 1st thru Mar 14th  
Mar 15th thru Mar 28th

Peace in Israel  
Peace in Ukraine

## NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL READING

**GOSPEL READING: Mark 10:32-45**

### 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 in 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.

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| William Ralf      | Bev, Joe & Angel Guarino | Frank & Carolyn Gervasio | Sara Beth Hopkins    |
| Deb & Joe Guarino | Alexander Gomori         | Gregory Gomori           | Amy Cannatelli       |
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| Mike Vasko        | Carrie Alumbaugh         | Peggy Randell            |                      |

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

**Week's Offerings: 03/22-23/2025**

**Donations: \$ 1,422.00      Candles: \$34.00      SAT 48 and SUN 68**

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".

**PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY DATES**

- Wednesday March 5TH at 6:00 pm,
- Wednesday March 12th at 6:00 pm,
- Wednesday March 19th at 6:00 pm,
- Wednesday March 26th at 6:00 pm,
- Wednesday April 2nd at 6:00pm,
- Wednesday April 9th at 6:00 pm,
- Wednesday April 16th at 6:00 pm

**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

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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.