

IN LOVING MEMORY Betty & Leonard Jones, Larry, Michael, Karen 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 VASKO	Health and Blessings For Joe and Van Ploegman
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>"Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud." ♥</i>	Health and Blessings For Lopez-Babakhan Family
HEALTH AND BLESSINGS FOR Mark Elefante and Kathy Rice- Elefante	Health and blessings for Elijah Kreutzer	Health and Blessings for Carson Flores
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 Jan Shadowen
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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**SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN  
AND PHARISEE**  
**25 JANUARY 2026**  
 Divine Liturgy Each Saturday 4 pm & Sunday 10 am

**St Gabriel The Archangel Byzantine Catholic Church**  
 Served by  
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**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 with council members;  
 Monica Lopez, Saul Ramos, Cheri Ervin and Christina Diaz.  
 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)**

**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)  
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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 Evangeline Cruz and Family</i>
HEALTH AND BLESSINGS FOR REVEREND DEACON BRETT KRAUTSTRUNK	HEALTH & BLESSINGS FOR Basjana Dakake & Family	Health and Blessings for Cindy Bonko & Jan Manning

**PRAY FOR AN END TO  
ABORTIONS**

# The Gospel of Luke: a commentary & meditation

## "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled"

### Scripture: Luke 18:9-14

9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised others: 10 "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank thee that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' 13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

**Meditation:** Scripture warns us that "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble" (James 4:6; Prov. 3:34). Jesus paints a vivid story of two men at prayer. What's the point or lesson he wants us to learn? Luke gives us a hint: Jesus warns us about the danger of despising others. Contempt is more than being mean-minded. It springs from the assumption that one is qualified to sit in the seat of judgment and to ascertain who is good and just. Jesus' story caused offense for those who regarded "tax collectors" as unworthy of God's grace and favor. How could Jesus put down a "religious leader" and raise up a "public sinner"? Jesus' parable speaks about the nature of prayer and our relationship with God. It does this by contrasting two very different attitudes towards prayer. The Pharisee, who represented those who take pride in their religious practices, exalted himself at the expense of others. Absorbed with his own sense of self-satisfaction and self-congratulation he mainly prayed with himself. His prayer consisted of prideful boasts of what he did and of disdain for those he despised. The Pharisee tried to justify himself; but only God can justify. The tax collector, who represented those despised by religious people, humbled himself before God and begged for mercy. His prayer was heard by God because he had remorse for his sins. He sought God with humility rather than with pride. This parable presents both an opportunity and a warning. Pride leads to illusion and self-deception. Humility helps us to see ourselves as we really are and it inclines us to God's grace and mercy. God dwells with the humble of heart who recognize their own sinfulness and who acknowledge God's mercy and saving grace. I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and humble spirit (Isaiah 57:15). God cannot hear us if we despise others. Do you humbly seek God's mercy and do you show mercy to others, especially those you find difficult to love and to forgive?

"Lord, may your love control my thoughts and actions that I may do what is pleasing to you. Show me where I lack charity, mercy, and forgiveness toward my neighbor. And help me to be generous in giving to others what you have so generously given to me."

Go to | [Gospel of Matthew](#) | [Daily Readings & Meditations](#) | [Words of Life](#) (c) 2002 Don Schwager  
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### BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PHOENIX SUBSCRIBES TO THE 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, January 24<sup>th</sup> - 4:00 PM –Divine Liturgy (Mass)

Health and Wellness for Jacob Gasser  
from Bill and Joanne Kendrach.

Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy (Mass)

Health and Blessings for Wyatt Platko  
from Kendrach Family.

### 7 DAY CANDLE OFFERING

OPEN

### 14 DAY CANDLE OFFERINGS

January 1<sup>st</sup> thru January 14<sup>th</sup>  
January 15<sup>th</sup> thru January 31<sup>st</sup>  
Peace in Israel  
Peace in Ukraine

### NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL READING

**GOSPEL READING: Luke 15: 11-32.**

### 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 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.

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

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

**Week's Offerings: 1/17-18th of 2026**

**Donations: \$ 1,028.00 Candles: \$ 32.00 SAT 26 & 38 SUN**

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.

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE. Our Holy Father Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople. January 25, 2026 God our Savior, receive our sighs like the publican so that we may receive the forgiveness that you grant to those who repent, and in our life of repentance may we follow you all the days of our life in our vocations to marriage, religious, consecrated or ordained life, we pray you, hear and have mercy.

"O God, be merciful to me a sinner." The Publican prayed simply for mercy, and our Byzantine prayer services begin with these simple words. Do you want to receive and share this mercy by giving your life to prayer as a religious, monastic, priest or deacon? Contact the Vocations Office at 602-861-9778 or email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto:vocations@ephx.org)



## 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

# PARISH NEWS

## All Souls Saturday Schedule 2026

1st All Souls Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup>  
2nd All Souls Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup>  
3rd All Souls Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>  
4th All Souls Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup>  
5th All Souls Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup>

If you are a registered parishioner and receive envelopes please use the special All Souls Saturday envelope. Additional 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 and submit no later than March 7th . Thank you!  
Father Marcus

## Announcement

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a hands-on approach for children in helping them to grow in their love and knowledge of God. It is based on Maria Montessori's Principles of Education, which means we look at the human being and the developmental needs from the time the children are young, what helps them to grow in their understanding of the world, and in this particular case, how it helps them to grow in their understanding of who God is and their relationship with God.

Many parishes in the Eparchy are using CGS, and in order to invite other parishes to look at this different method of catechizing children, I will be offering a book study. This book study is for anyone who wants to learn about what CGS is, to increase their knowledge and understanding of the Bible, the Liturgy, and the 3-6 year old child, and maybe to see if you would like to be a catechist in this work with the children.

The book study will meet once a month via zoom from February 2026 through July 2026. If you are interested in joining the book study, please email Theresa Grondin at [tgrondin@ephx.org](mailto:tgrondin@ephx.org) by January 26th. We will determine the best day and time to meet each month with those interested. I hope you will join me on this "joyful journey" with God and the child! For additional information about CGS please go to [CGSUSA.org](http://CGSUSA.org)

## THE GIFT SHOP

OPEN BEFORE AND AFTER ALL LITURGIES.

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

