

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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**3rd SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST  
VENERATION OF THE CROSS  
23 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

SUNDAY

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

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)

For Hall Reservations  
(or 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

"Whoever whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it"

## Scripture: Mark 8:34 - 9:1

34 And he called to him the multitude with his disciples, and said to them, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 35 For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. 36 For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? 37 For what can a man give in return for his life? 38 For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." 1 And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

## Meditation:

What is the most important investment you can make with your life? Jesus poses some probing questions to challenge our assumptions about what is most profitable and worthwhile. In every decision of life we are making ourselves a certain kind of person. The kind of person we are, our character, determines to a large extent the kind of future we will face and live. It is possible that some can gain all the things they set their heart on, only to wake up suddenly and discover that they missed the most important things of all. Of what value are material things if they don't help you gain what truly lasts in eternity. Neither money nor possessions can buy heaven, mend a broken heart, or cheer a lonely person. Jesus asks the question: What will a person give in exchange for his life? Everything we have is an out-right gift from God. We owe him everything, including our very lives. It's possible to give God our money, but not ourselves, or to give him lip-service, but not our hearts. A true disciple gladly gives up all that he has in exchange for an unending life of joy and happiness with God. God gives without measure. The joy he offers no sadness or loss can diminish. The cross of Christ leads to victory and freedom from sin and death. What is the cross which Jesus Christ commands me to take up each day? When my will crosses with his will, then his will must be done. Are you ready to lose all for Jesus Christ in order to gain all with Jesus Christ?

**"Lord Jesus Christ, I want to follow you as your disciple. I gladly offer all that I have to you. Take and use my life as a pleasing sacrifice of praise to your glory."**

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## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Saturday, Mar 22nd 4:00 PM –Divine Liturgy (Mass)  
Health and Blessings for the Parishioners of Saint Gabriel's

Sunday, March 23rd 10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy (Mass)  
Health, Blessings and Healing for Riley Smothers

### 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 9:17-31

### 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: 03/15-16/2025**

**Donations: \$ 2,040.00      Candles: \$75.00      SAT 41 and SUN 78**

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

### 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.