

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>Happy New Year! May God's peace, love, and joy fill your hearts and homes in 2026. Thank you for being the vibrant family of our church. Let's carry His light and serve with compassion in the year ahead.</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
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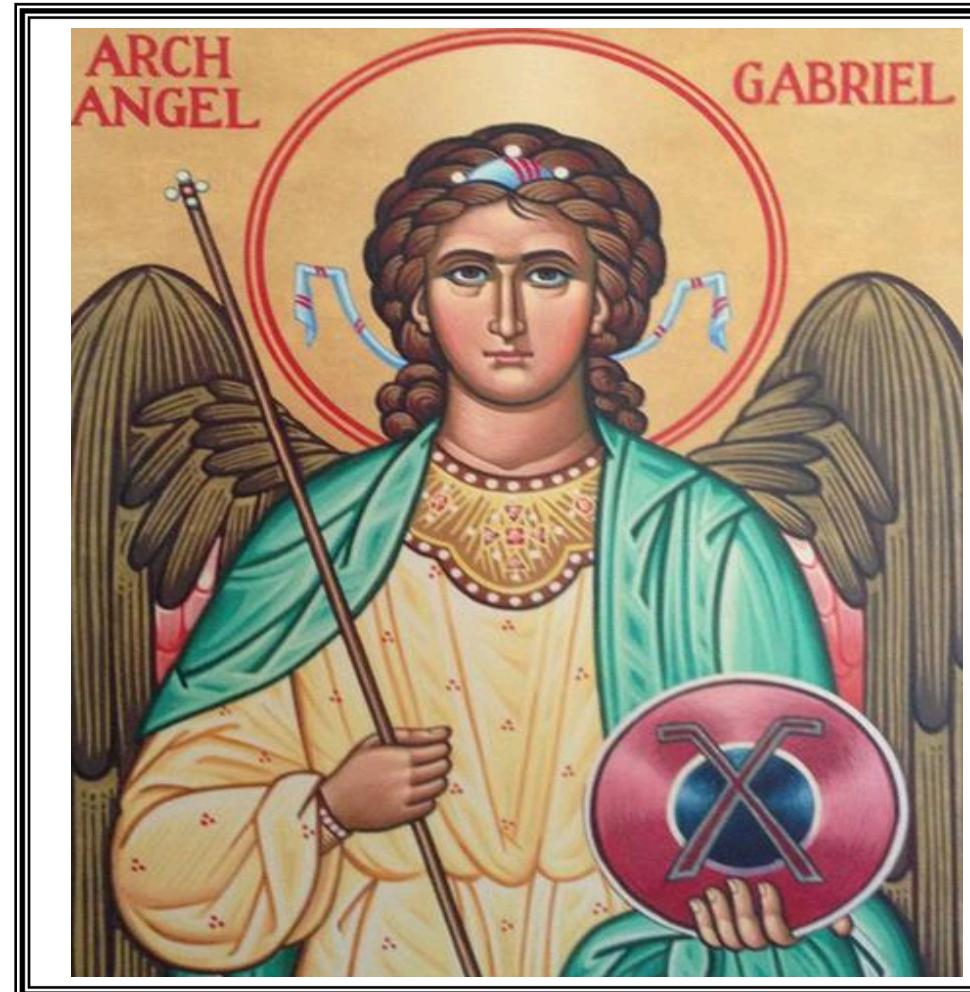
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## SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY 04 JANUARY 2026

Divine Liturgy Each Saturday 4 pm & Sunday 10 am  
THEOPHANY LITURGY on JAN 6<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00 PM

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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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and  
Vivian Blaine

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CAFFARELLI, MESZAROS,  
OLTAY, SIMON, SOLT AND  
VASH FAMILIES IN THE USA  
AND HUNGARY

Health and Blessings  
for the  
Porras (Bonilla)  
Family

Health  
and  
Blessings  
Moses and Josie  
Pastor

Health and Blessings  
for  
Michael & Ruth  
Parven

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FR. MARCUS  
MICHAEL & JOYCE  
O'BRIEN

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Blessings for  
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Ervin

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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 Mark: a commentary & meditation

## "Prepare and make his path straight"

**Scripture: Mark 1:1-8** The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. 2 As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way; 3 the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight —" 4 John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 6 Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. 7 And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. 8 I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

**Meditation:** John the Baptist's life was fueled by one burning passion — to point others to Jesus Christ and to the coming of his kingdom. Who is John the Baptist and what is the significance of his message for our lives? Scripture tells us that John was filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb (Luke 1:15, 41) by Christ himself, whom Mary had just conceived by the Holy Spirit. When Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth John leapt in her womb as they were filled with the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:41). The fire of the Spirit dwelt in John and made him the forerunner of the coming Messiah. John was led by the Spirit into the wilderness prior to his ministry where he was tested and grew in the word of God. John's clothing was reminiscent of the prophet Elijah (see Kings 1:8). John broke the prophetic silence of the previous centuries when he began to speak the word of God to the people of Israel. His message was similar to the message of the Old Testament prophets who chided the people of God for their unfaithfulness and who tried to awaken true repentance in them. Among a people unconcerned with the things of God, it was his work to awaken their interest, unsettle them from their complacency, and arouse in them enough good will to recognize and receive Christ when he came. Do you point others to Christ in the way you live, work, and speak?

Why did Jesus say that John the Baptist was more than a prophet? (Luke 7:26). John was the voice of the Consoler who is coming (John 1:23; Isaiah 40:1-3). He completed the cycle of prophets begun by Elijah (Matt. 11:13-14). What the prophets had carefully searched for and angels longed to see, now came to completion as John made the way ready for the coming of the Messiah, God's Anointed Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. With John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit begins the restoration to the human race of the "divine likeness", prefiguring what would be achieved with and in the Lord Jesus. John's baptism was for repentance — turning away from sin and taking on a new way of life according to God's word. Our baptism in Jesus Christ by water and the Spirit results in a new birth and entry into God's kingdom as his beloved sons and daughters (John 3:5). Jesus is ready to give us the fire of his Spirit that we may radiate the joy and truth of the gospel to a world in desperate need of God's light and truth. His word has power to change and transform our lives that we may be lights pointing others to Christ. Like John the Baptist, we too are called to give testimony to the light and truth of Jesus Christ. Are you eager to hear God's word and to be changed by it through the power of the Holy Spirit?

"Lord, let your light burn brightly in my heart that I may know the joy and freedom of your kingdom. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and empower me to witness the truth of your gospel and to point others to Jesus Christ."

Go to | [Gospel of Matthew](#) | [Daily Readings & Meditations](#) | [Words of Life](#) (c) 2002 Don Schwager

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## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

4:00 PM – Divine Liturgy (Mass)

Health and Blessings for Amy Cannatelli  
by Teresa Demyon.

Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy (Mass)

Health & Blessings for Thomas Larmore.

### 7 DAY CANDLE OFFERING

OPEN

### 14 DAY CANDLE OFFERINGS

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

### NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL READING

**GOSPEL READING: Matthew 4:12-17.**

### 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 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 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
	Carrie Alumbaugh	Peggy Randall	

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

**Week's Offerings: 12/24-28 of 2025**

**Donations: \$ 3,517.00    Candles: \$ 72.00    SAT 44 & SUN 38**

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 before Theophany – January 4, 2026

We also pray you, Lord our God, to grant us eyes to see and hearts to know that we are baptized into the Holy Spirit, and through this knowledge bring about an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and monastic orders that are rooted in the life of the undivided Trinity, we pray you, hear and have mercy.

"He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit." Answering God's call for your life is the way for us to genuinely respond to our baptism. Are you thinking about whether you may be called to ordination, consecrated or monastic life? 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

## "Help Us Pack Away the Christmas Cheer!"

Thank you for making our Christmas season so beautiful! Now, we need your helping hands to pack it all away and prepare our church for the new year on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am after Liturgy. Volunteers of all ages welcome. Please sign up at the back of the church. Light refreshments will be available in the hall.

## 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.



## BEWARE OF CHARITY SCAM!

Suspicious text, emails, Instagrams are circulating that appear to be coming from Fr. Marcus Gomori to our parishioners requesting donations. Please verify its legitimacy by contacting Fr. Marcus at (702) 361-2431 or in person before/after liturgy.

## 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

