

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 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>"May the light of Christ shine brightly in your heart and home this Christmas."</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 greta@greta-young.com 2575 S. Cimarron Rd #104 Las Vegas, NV 89117	

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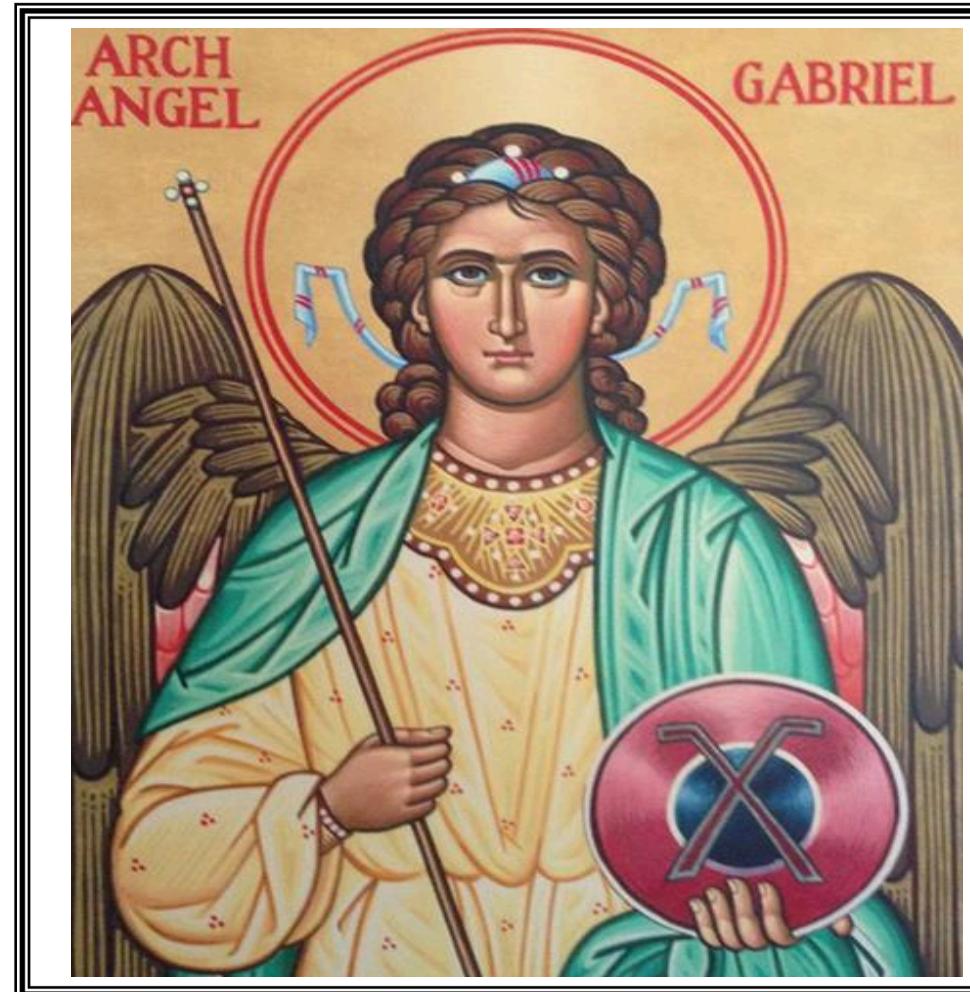
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The Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh

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**SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
DAVID, JOSEPH AND JAMES
28 DECEMBER 2025**

Divine Liturgy Each Saturday 4 pm & Sunday 10 am

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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

Finance Council

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

Email Address: 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!

<p>In Loving Memory for Ruth Georgia and Vivian Blaine</p>	<p>THIS SPACE OPEN FOR RENT Only \$100 a year Contact Jan 702-810-9613</p>	<p>Health and Blessings for Irene Maskasziw</p>
<p>HEALTH & BLESSINGS for Deborah Pietrzak</p>	<p>Health and Blessings for the Porras (Bonilla) Family</p>	<p>Health and Blessings Moses and Josie Pastor</p>
<p>GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSINGS FOR ALL CHILIPKA, CAFFARELLI, MESZAROS, OLTAY, SIMON, SOLT AND VASH FAMILIES IN THE USA AND HUNGARY</p>	<p>HEALTH AND BLESSINGS FOR F. MICHAEL & JOYCE O'BRIEN</p>	<p>Health and Blessings for Kenneth and Cheri Ervin</p>
<p>Health and Blessings for Michael & Ruth Parven</p>	<p>HEALTH & BLESSINGS FOR FR. MARCUS THROUGH WHOM THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKS</p>	<p><i>Health and Blessings for Irene Williams</i></p>
<p>HEALTH AND BLESSINGS FOR REVEREND DEACON BRETT KRAUTSTRUNK</p>	<p>HEALTH & BLESSINGS FOR Alberta Scott & Family</p>	<p>Health and Blessings for Cindy Bonko & Jan Manning</p>
<p>PRAY FOR AN END TO ABORTIONS</p>		

The Gospel of Matthew: a commentary & meditation

"Rachel weeping for her children because they were no more"

(Please reference a bible for the full Gospel of Matthew 2:13-23)

Meditation: Who can explain suffering, especially the suffering of innocent children? Herod's massacre of children who gave their lives for a person and a truth they did not know seemed so useless and unjust. What a scandal and stumbling block for those who can't recognize God's redeeming love. Why couldn't God prevent this slaughter? Suffering is indeed a mystery. No explanation seems to satisfy our human craving to understand. What does Paul the Apostle mean when he says: We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called to his purpose (Romans 8:28)? These innocent children and their parents suffered for Christ.

Suffering, persecution, and martyrdom are the lot of all who chose to follow Jesus Christ. There is no crown without the cross. It was through Jesus' suffering, humiliation, and death on a cross, that our salvation was won. His death won life – eternal life for us. And his blood which was shed for our sake obtained pardon and reconciliation with our heavenly Father. Suffering takes many forms: illness, disease, handicap, physical pain and emotional trauma, slander and abuse, poverty, and injustice. Jesus exclaimed that those who weep, who are reviled and persecuted for righteousness sake are blessed (Matthew 5:10-12). The word blessed [makarios in the Greek] literally means happiness or beatitude. It describes a kind of joy which is serene and untouchable, self-contained and independent from chance and changing circumstances of life.

There is a certain paradox for those blessed by the Lord. Mary was given the blessedness of being the mother of the Son of God. That blessedness also would become a sword which pierced her heart as her Son died upon the cross. She received both a crown of joy and a cross of sorrow. But her joy was not diminished by her sorrow because it was fueled by her faith, hope, and trust in God and his promises. Jesus promised his disciples that "no one will take your joy from you" (John 16:22). The Lord gives us a supernatural joy which enables us to bear any sorrow or pain and which neither life nor death can take away. Do you know the joy of a life fully surrendered to God with faith and trust?

Like all godly parents, Joseph and Mary raised the child Jesus in the fear and wisdom of the Lord. Joseph was given a unique task as the guardian and protector of Mary and of Jesus. What can we learn from the example and witness of Joseph? Joseph is a man of God, a man of unquestioning obedience and willing service. He is a man of prayer and a man of God's word. Through faith he recognized the hand of God in the mystery of the Incarnation – the Son of God taking flesh as the son of Mary. Joseph is a man of action, diligent in the care of his family and ready to do the Lord's bidding. Joseph fearlessly set aside his own plans when God called him to "take to the road" and to leave his familiar surroundings – his home, friends and relatives, and the security of his livelihood in order to pursue a hidden mission God entrusted to him as the guardian of the newborn King. God has a plan for each of us. With the plan God gives grace and the assurance of his guiding hand and care. Do you trust Him for his plan for your life? Are you willing to sacrifice your own plans for God's plan? Are you willing to give God unquestioning service and to pursue whatever mission he gives you?

"Lord, make me a faithful servant and guardian of your truth and your word. Help me to obey you willingly, like Joseph, with unquestioning trust and with joyful hope."

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

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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Dr. Caroline Bonham, Victim Assistance Coordinator

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Saturday, December 27th

4:00 PM – Divine Liturgy (Mass)

+ Blessed Repose & Eternal Memory for Robert Donat.

Sunday, December 28th

10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy (Mass)

Health & Blessings for Mike, Ruth and John Parven
by Teresa Demyon.

7 DAY CANDLE OFFERING

OPEN

14 DAY CANDLE OFFERINGS

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

NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL READING

GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:1-8

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
NOT St. Gabriel's.**

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
Deb & Joe Guarino
Cindy Bonko
Betty Chilipka

Bev, Joe & Angel Guarino
Alexander Gomori
John Krobock
Marion D'Andrea
Carrie Alumbaugh

Frank & Carolyn Gervasio
Gregory Gomori
Bill Kviz
Ann & Wayne Tao
Peggy Randell

Sara Beth Hopkins
Amy Cannatelli
Jan Shadowen
Tommy & Rosie Morgan

PARISH NEWS

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..

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Week's Offerings: 12/20-21 of 2025

Donations: \$ 931.00 Candles: \$ 19.00 SAT 22 & SUN 34

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+



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



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



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 it's legitimacy by contacting Fr. Marcus at (702) 361-2431 or in person before/after liturgy.

