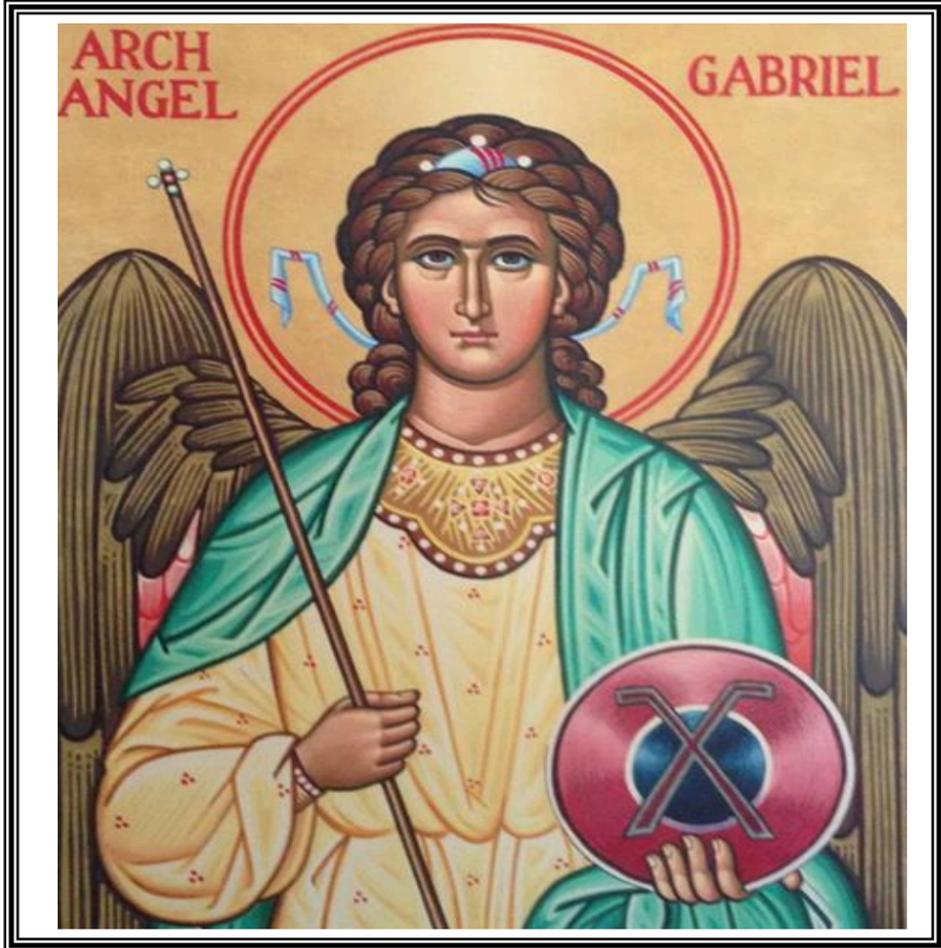


IN LOVING MEMORY Betty & Leonard Jones, Larry, Michael, Karen and Ken Blessed Repose and Eternal Memory	Health and Blessings for the Lachowicz Family	HEALTH AND BLESSINGS for Marion D'andrea
In Gratitude for our Family. Pete and Anna Tiutiunnyk	HEALTH AND BLESSINGS FOR ELEANOR VASKO	Health and Blessings 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>Blessed Repose & Eternal Memory for Violet Gevargis</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 Julia Gehring
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1st SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
22 FEBRUARY 2026
 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

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In Loving Memory for Ruth Georgia and Vivian Blaine	Bulletin ads can be personalized for birthday and other occasions for only \$100.00 a year! Call the Parish Office at 702-810-9613	Health and Blessings for Irene Maskasziw
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GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSINGS FOR ALL CHILIPKA, CAFFARELLI, MESZAROS, OLTAY, SIMON, SOLT AND VASH FAMILIES IN THE USA AND HUNGARY	Health & Blessings for 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 & Blessings for Michael Lachowica and Family</i>
Health & Blessings for Reverend Deacon Brett Krautstrunk	HEALTH & BLESSINGS for Randy Esteban	Health & Blessings for Cindy Bonko & Jan Manning

PRAY FOR AN END TO ABORTIONS

The Gospel of John: a commentary & meditation

"Come and see"

Scripture: John 1:43-51

43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." 44 Now Philip was from Beth-saida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip found Nathan'a-el, and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." 46 Nathan'a-el said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." 47 Jesus saw Nathan'a-el coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" 48 Nathan'a-el said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." 49 Nathan'a-el answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" 50 Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." 51 And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

Meditation: How can we know for ourselves and help others to know with certainty that Jesus is truly the Son of God and Savior of the world? Philip, a new disciple of Jesus, at first failed to convince his friend Nathaniel that he had found the Messiah. Nathaniel was very skeptical. He didn't like Nazareth and didn't want to have anything to do with people who came from such an out of the way place. How could the Messiah come from such a seemingly low-down town? Perhaps we are like Nathaniel. We reject others (or at least keep them distant from us) because they come from some place or position we don't like or find fault with. Rather than argue with his friend, Philip took the wiser strategy of inviting Nathaniel to "come and see" for himself who this Jesus claimed to be. Clever arguments rarely win people to the gospel, but an encounter with the person of Jesus Christ can transform one's life forever. Nathaniel found in Jesus more than he could have hoped and dreamed. Jesus spoke a word to Nathaniel and it set his heart ablaze with wonder! Jesus, who knows our hearts better than we do, revealed to Nathaniel the innermost thoughts and desire of his heart. Nathaniel was hungry for knowledge of God. He really wanted to know God personally. God places in every heart a longing and desire to know the One who created us in love for love. That is why Augustine of Hippo, who found God only after many years of wandering in disbelief and darkness, exclaimed: "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You."

What is the significance of Jesus' revelation of seeing Nathaniel under the fig tree? The fig tree was a symbol of God's blessing and peace. It provided shade from the midday sun and a cool place to retreat and pray. It is very likely that Nathaniel had meditated "under the fig tree" on the Messianic prophecies and prayed for their fulfillment in his time. Perhaps he dozed off for a midday nap and dreamed of God's kingdom like Jacob did when he saw a vision of the ladder which united earth with heaven. Nathaniel accepted Jesus as Messiah and Lord because he spoke to the need of his innermost being -- the desire to know God personally and to be united with him in his glory. Jesus' response to Nathaniel's new faith is the promise that he himself will be the "ladder which unites earth with heaven" (see Genesis 28:12-17). God had opened a door for Jacob that brought him and his people into a new relationship with the living God. In Jacob's dream God revealed his angelic host and showed him the throne of heaven and promised Jacob that he and descendants would dwell with the living God. Jesus proclaims to Nathaniel that he himself is the fulfillment of this promise to the Patriarch Jacob. Jesus is the true ladder or stairway to heaven. In Jesus' incarnation, the divine Son of God taking on human flesh for our sake, we see the union of heaven and earth -- God making his dwelling with us and bringing us into the heavenly reality of his kingdom. Jesus' death on the Cross and his Resurrection opens the way for each of us to come into a new relationship with God as his sons and daughters. The Lord Jesus opens the way for each of us to "ascend to heaven" and to bring "heaven to earth" in the daily circumstances of our lives. God's kingdom is present in those who seek him and who do his will. Do you pray as Jesus taught, May your kingdom come and your will be done in earth as it is in heaven?

"Heavenly Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, you have opened the way to heaven for us. As you revealed yourself to your beloved Patriarchs and Apostles, so reveal yourself to me that I may glorify you in my daily life. May I always find joy in your presence and never lose sight of the kingdom of heaven."

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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, February 21ST 4:00 PM –Divine Liturgy_(Mass)_

HEALTH AND BLESSINGS FOR ALL SAINT GABRIEL FAMILIES

Sunday, February 22ND 10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy_(Mass)_

**Health and Wellness for Jacob Gasser
from John & Paula Kendrach.**

7 DAY CANDLE OFFERING

OPEN

14 DAY CANDLE OFFERINGS

**February 1st thru February 14th
February 15th thru February 28th
Peace in Israel
Peace in Ukraine**

NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL READING

GOSPEL READING: Mark 2:1-12.

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.

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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	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: 2/14 - 2/15 of 2026

Donations: \$ 1,025.00 Candles: \$ 35.00 SAT 29 & 37 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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST.

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY.

MEMORY OF THE HOLY PROPHETS.

Finding of the Venerable Relics of
the Martyrs at Eugenia. – February 22, 2026

O Lord our Savior, you called Philip when you said, "Follow me".

You inspired Philip to share the life that he found in you with Nathaniel and you called him to see that you are the Son of God, the Savior of Israel. Help us to hear and follow your call for us, guide us to share your life with our brothers and sisters so that our Church may grow in vocations, we pray you, hear and have mercy.

"We have found the one about whom Moses wrote in the law and also the prophets."

Finding our Savior during this Great Lent, we see that our "soiled image was restored to its original form, commingled with divine beauty." God may be helping you find that a vocation to monasticism or holy orders is the beauty meant for you.

To learn more, contact the Vocations Office at 602-861-9778 or email: vocations@ephx.org.

PARISH NEWS

All Souls Saturday Schedule 2026

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

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

Presanctified Liturgy.

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, February 25th at 6:00pm



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

THE GIFT SHOP

OPEN BEFORE AND AFTER ALL LITURGIES.

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LOTS OF NEW DIAMOND ART, ALL HANDCRAFTED BY JAN SHADOWEN,
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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

