

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 I 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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 The Most Reverend William C. Skurla, D.D., Metropolitan Archbishop  
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**SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS**  
**21 DECEMBER 2025**  
 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)

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
HEALTH & BLESSINGS for Deborah Pietrzak	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 Irene Williams</i>
HEALTH AND BLESSINGS FOR REVEREND DEACON BRETT KRAUTSTRUNK	HEALTH & BLESSINGS FOR Alberta Scott & Family	Health and Blessings for Cindy Bonko & Jan Manning
PRAY FOR AN END TO ABORTIONS		

# The Gospel of Luke: a commentary & meditation

## "The genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David"

(Plesae reference a bible for the full Gospel of Matthew 1: 1-25)

**Meditation:** Do you believe that God will fulfill every promise he has made? The prophets Jeremiah and Isaiah spoke words of hope in a hopeless situation for Israel. The Davidic dynasty was corrupt and unfit for a Messianic King. Apostates like King Ahaz (2 Kings 16) and weaklings like Zedekiah (Jeremiah 38) occupied the throne of David. How could God be faithful to his promise to raise up a righteous King who would rule forever over the house of David? The prophets trusted that God could somehow “raise up a righteous shoot” from the stump of Jesse (Isaiah 2:11). Like the prophets we are called “in hope to believe against hope” (Romans 4:18) that God can and will fulfill all his promises.

Mary had to face an enormous challenge to her faith and trust in God and to the faith of her family and Joseph, the man she chose to marry. She was asked to assume a burden of tremendous responsibility. It had never been heard of before that a child could be born without a natural father. Mary was asked to accept this miraculous exception to the laws of nature. That required faith and trust in God and in his promises. Second, Mary was not yet married. Pregnancy outside of wedlock was not tolerated in those days. Mary was only espoused to Joseph, and such an engagement had to last for a whole year. She was asked to assume a great risk. She could have been rejected by Joseph, by her family, by all her own people. Mary knew that Joseph and her family would not understand without revelation from God. She nonetheless believed and trusted in God's promises.

Joseph, a just and God-fearing man, did not wish to embarrass or punish his espoused wife, Mary when he discovered that she was pregnant. To all appearances she had broken their solemn pledge to be faithful and chaste to one another. Joseph, no doubt took this troubling matter to God in prayer. He was not hasty to judge or to react with hurt and anger. God rewarded him not only with guidance and consolation, but with the divine assurance that he had indeed called Joseph to be the husband of Mary and to assume a mission that would require the utmost faith, confidence, and trust in Almighty God. Joseph believed in the divine message to take Mary as his wife and to accept the child in her womb as the promised Messiah. Like Mary, Joseph is a model of faith for us. He is a faithful witness and servant of God's unfolding plan of redemption. Are you ready to believe in the promises of God, even when faced with perplexing circumstances and what seems like insurmountable problems? God has not left us alone, but has brought us his only begotten Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let us celebrate Christmas, the feast of the Incarnation, with joyful hearts and let us renew our faith and hope in God and in his redeeming work.

"Lord Jesus, you came to save us from sin and the power of death. May I always rejoice in your salvation and trust in your plan for my life".

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, December 20<sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM –Divine Liturgy (Mass)

Health & Blessings for Claudette Lachowicz  
(Happy Birthday By Lachowicz Family)

Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> 10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy (Mass)

+Blessed Repose and Eternal Memeory for Giacomo Monopoli I  
by Giacomo Monopoli II

### 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: Matthew 2:13-23.**

### 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 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
	Carrie Alumbaugh	Peggy Randell	

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

**Week's Offerings: 12/13-14 of 2025**

**Donations: \$ 1,855.00      Candles: \$ 27.00      SAT 29 & SUN 37**

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



## PARISH NEWS



Christmas Eve (Dec 24<sup>th</sup>) Liturgy at 6:00pm  
Christmas Day (Dec 25<sup>th</sup>) Liturgy at 10:00am



## 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!



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