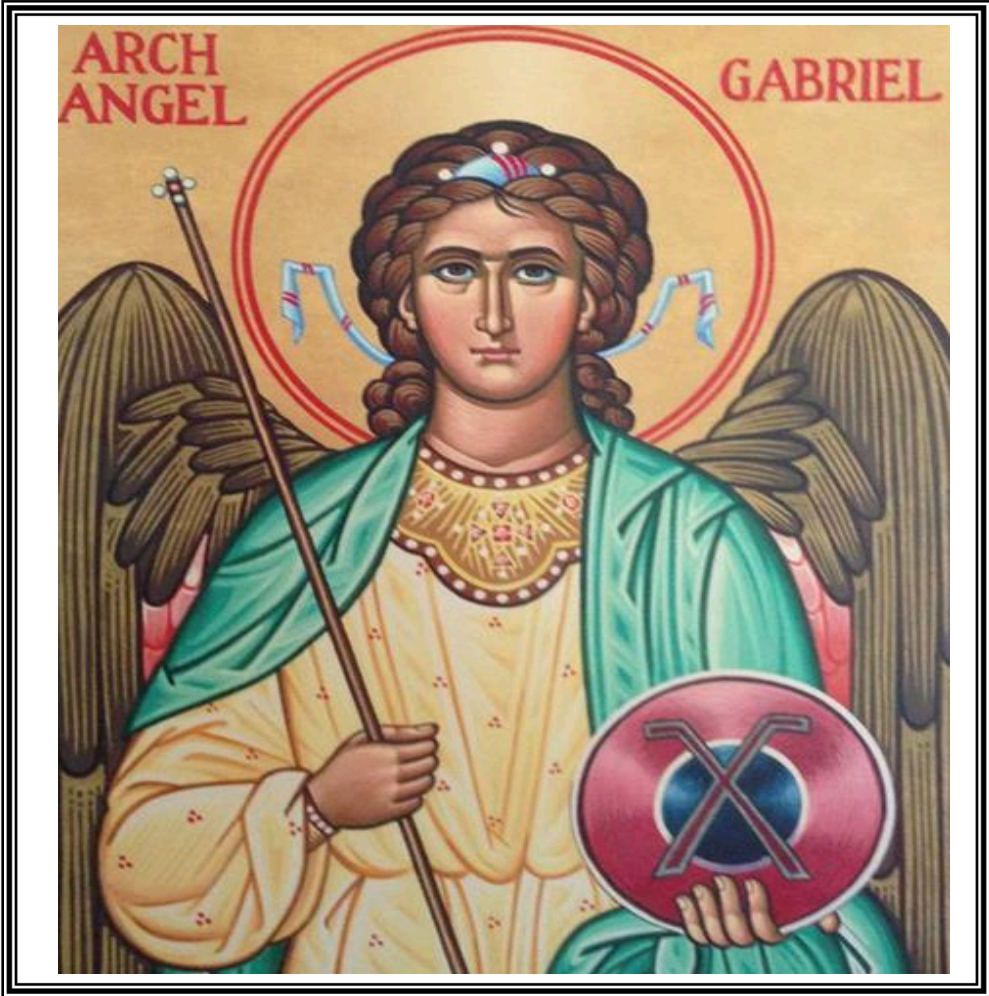


IN LOVING MEMORY Betty & Leonard Jones, Larry, Michael, and Ken Blessed Repose and Eternal Memory	Health and Blessings for the Lachowicz Family	HEALTH AND BLESSINGS for Marion D'andrea
In Gratitude for our Family. Pete and Anna Tiutiunnyk	HEALTH AND BLESSINGS FOR ELEANOR VASKO	Health and Blessings For 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>We want to Thank our weekly volunteers for their ongoing commitment and support of the church, hall and office. May God Bless your hands that do the work. ♥</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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**26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**7 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](mailto:sgabrielchurchboard@gmail.com)**

**Finance Council**

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

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**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

## "He fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks"

### Scripture: Luke 17:12-19

On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. 12 And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance 13 and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." 14 When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. 15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; 16 and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. 17 Then said Jesus, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? 18 Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" 19 And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

**Meditation:** What can adversity teach us about the healing power of love and mercy? Proverbs states: A friend loves at all times; and a brother is born for adversity (Prov. 17:17). When adversity strikes you find out who truly is your brother, sister, and friend. The gospel records an unusual encounter between people who had been divided for centuries. The Jews and Samaritans had no dealings with one another. And they were openly hostile whenever their paths crossed. In this gospel narrative we see one rare exception — a Samaritan leper in company with nine Jewish lepers. Sometimes adversity forces us to drop our barriers or to forget our prejudices. When this band of lepers saw Jesus they made a bold request. They didn't ask for healing, but instead asked for mercy.

The word mercy literally means "sorrowful at heart". But mercy is something more than compassion, or heartfelt sorrow at another's misfortune. Compassion empathizes with the sufferer. But mercy goes further; it removes suffering. A merciful person shares in another's misfortune and suffering as if it were his own. And he will do everything in his power to dispel that misery. Mercy is also connected with justice. Thomas Aquinas said that mercy "does not destroy justice, but is a certain kind of fulfillment of justice. ..Mercy without justice is the mother of dissolution; (and) justice without mercy is cruelty." Pardon without repentance negates justice. So what is the significance of these ten lepers asking for mercy? They know they are in need of healing, not just physical, but spiritual healing as well. They approach Jesus with contrition and faith because they believe that he can release the burden of guilt and suffering and make restoration of body and soul possible. Their request for mercy is both a plea for pardon and release from suffering. Jesus gives mercy to all who ask with faith and contrition.

Why did only one leper out of ten — a Samaritan — return to show gratitude? Gratefulness is related to grace — which means the release of loveliness. Gratitude is the homage of the heart which responds with graciousness in expressing an act of thanksgiving. The Samaritan approached Jesus reverently and gave praise to God. If we do not recognize and appreciate the mercy shown us we will be ungrateful. Ingratitude is forgetfulness or a poor return for kindness received. Ingratitude easily leads to lack of charity and intolerance towards others. It easily leads to lack of charity and intolerance towards others, as well as to other sins, such as discontent, dissatisfaction, complaining, grumbling, pride and presumption. How often have we been ungrateful to our parents, pastors, teachers, and neighbors? Do you express gratitude to God for his mercy and do you show mercy to your neighbor?

"Lord, may I never fail to recognize your love and mercy. Fill my heart with gratitude and thanksgiving and free me from pride, discontentment, and ingratitude. Help me to count my blessings with gratefulness and to give thanks in all circumstances."

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## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Saturday, December 6th 4:00 PM –Divine Liturgy (Mass)  
Health & Blessings for Ruth Harmore.

Sunday, December 7th 10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy (Mass)  
Health & Healing for Saul Ramos.

### 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: Luke 14: 16-24.**

### 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: 11/29-30 of 2025**

**Donations: \$ 968.00      Candles: \$ 19.00      SAT 23 & 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



## PARISH NEWS



### St. Nicholas is coming to visit

Mark your calendars for a special visit from St. Nicholas on  
**December 21st, 2025 at 11:00am.**

**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,  
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Suspicious text, emails, Instagrams are circulating that appear to be coming from Fr. Marcus Gomori to our parishioners requesting donations.

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