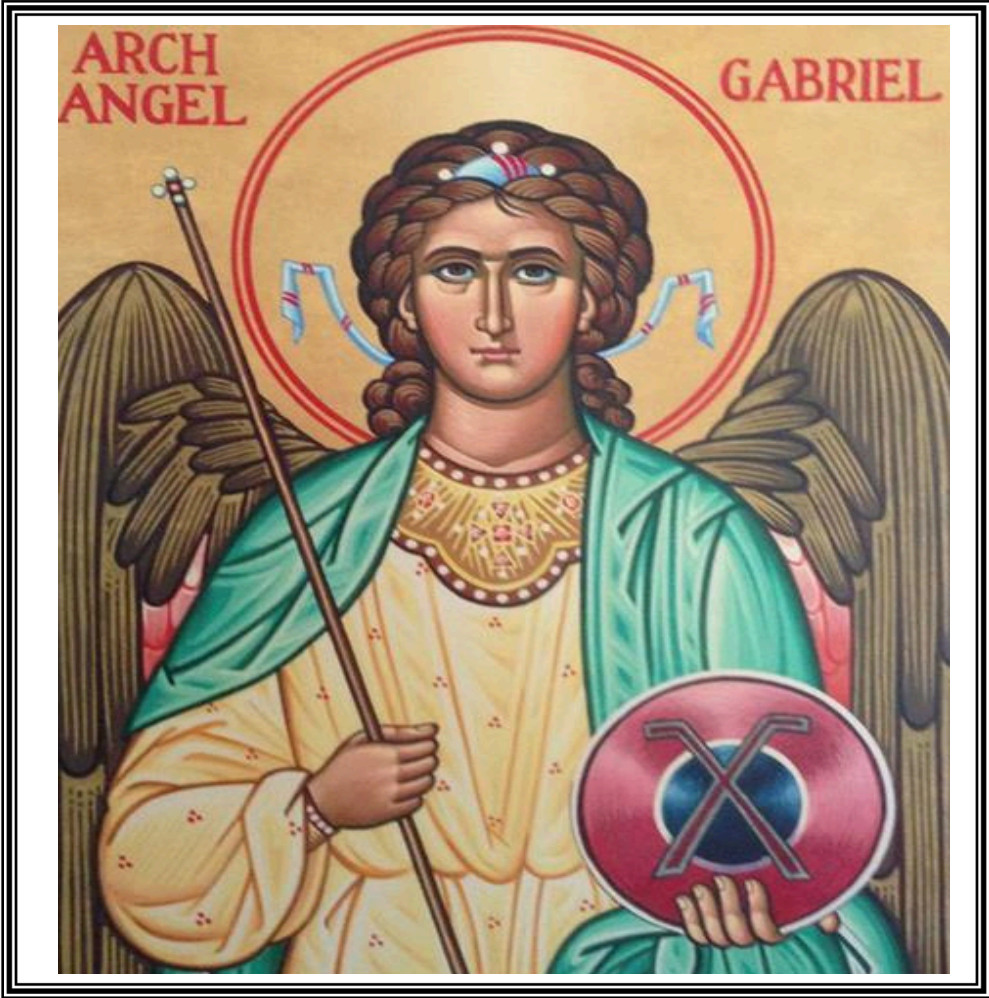


IN LOVING MEMORY Betty & Leonard Jones, Larry, Michael, and Ken Blessed Repose and Eternal Memory	Health and Blessings for the Lachowicz Family	HEALTH AND BLESSINGS for Marion D'andrea
In Gratitude for our Family. Pete and Anna Tiutiunnyk	HEALTH AND BLESSINGS FOR ELEANOR VASKO	Health and Blessings For 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
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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**SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS**  
**14 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 .

**Email Address:** [stgabrielfinance@yahoo.com](mailto:stgabrielfinance@yahoo.com)

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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

## "They all alike began to make excuses"

SScripture: Luke 14: 16-24

16 But he said to him, "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; 17 and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' 18 But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' 19 And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' 20 And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' 21 So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' 22 And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' 23 And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. 24 For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.'"

Meditation: What can a state dinner or royal banquet tell us about God's kingdom? One of the most beautiful images of heaven in the scriptures is the royal banquet and wedding celebration given by the King. We, in fact, have been invited to the most important banquet of all! The last book in the bible ends with an invitation to the wedding feast of the Lamb and his Bride, the church: The Spirit and the Bride say, Come! (Rev. 22:17). Jesus' parable takes an unexpected twist when the invited guests make excuses. Why is this the case. A king or great lord normally sent out invitations well in advance to his subjects, so they would have plenty of time to prepare for coming to the banquet. How insulting for the invited guests to then refuse when the time for celebrating came! They made light of the King's request because they put their own interests above his

. Jesus probes the reasons why people make excuses to God's great invitation. The first excuse allows the claims of one's business to take precedence over God's claim. Do you allow your work to totally absorb you and to keep you from the thought of God? The second excuse allows other goods or possessions to come before God. Does television or other diversions crowd out time for God in prayer and worship? The third excuse puts home and family ahead of God. God never meant for our home and relationships to be used selfishly. We serve God best when we invite him into our work and homes and when we share our possessions with others.

The second part of the story focuses on those who had no claim on the king and who would never have considered getting such an invitation. The "poor, maimed, blind, and lame" represent the outcasts of society -- those who can make no claim on the King. There is even ample room at the feast of God for outsiders from the highways and hedges -- the gentiles. This is certainly an invitation of grace -- undeserved, unmerited favor and kindness! But this invitation also contains a warning for those who refuse it or who approach the wedding feast unworthily. Grace is a free gift, but it is also an awesome responsibility. Dieterich Bonhoeffer contrasts "cheap grace" and "costly grace". "Cheap grace is the grace we bestow on ourselves ..the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance ..grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate. ..Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again, the gift which must be asked for, the door at which a man must knock. Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life." God invites each of us to his banquet that we may share in his joy. Are you ready to feast at the Lord's banquet table?

"Lord, you withhold no good thing from us and you lavish us with the treasures of heaven. Help me to seek your kingdom first and to lay aside anything that might hinder me from doing your will."

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## THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Saturday, December 13th

4:00 PM –Divine Liturgy (Mass)

**Blessed Repose and Eternal Memory for Frank Beninati  
by Eleanor Vasko & Family**

Sunday, December 14th

10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy (Mass)

**Blessed Repose and Eternal Memory for Leonard Jones**

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 1: 1-25.**

### 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: 12/6-7 of 2025**

**Donations: \$ 1,536.00      Candles: \$ 31.00      SAT 26 & SUN 41**

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,  
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 it's legitimacy by contacting Fr. Marcus at (702) 361-2431  
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