

**NOVEMBER 8th, 2009
THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

THE CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

The core vocation in the Gospel of Mark is the vocation, or call, to discipleship. Today's Gospel passage provides us with one last example of what the vocation to discipleship means, and one example of what it doesn't mean. A destitute widow shows us that discipleship means following Jesus' way of service, even if it requires giving one's livelihood (or life). The scribes show us by their bad example that discipleship should entail a vocation to extend God's care to those who are most in need.

In our reading from the book of Kings another widow and her son are close to death. They, too, give what little they have, but they are rewarded by Elijah with food enough for a year. And the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that Jesus sacrificed his life "to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him" (Hebrews 9:28).

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**anointing
of the sick**

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SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Next Saturday, November 14th we will be celebrating the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at a 3:30 PM Liturgy in the Church. All

parishioners are invited to attend and encouraged to bring friends and relatives. All parishioners whose emotional, physical or spiritual health is in need of healing are encouraged to receive this Sacrament. Those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or weakened due to advanced age are especially invited to attend. We would also ask that anyone who might be able to help drive the elderly to this event should contact Matt Shea at 731-9918.



BAPTISMAL PREP CLASS

The next Baptismal Preparation class is scheduled for next **Saturday, November 14th at 10:45 AM in the Quinn Parish Center.** If you desire additional information please call 731-6161. Completion of this class is required before a baptismal date can be scheduled.

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY,
November 15th, 2009
33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Dn 12: 1-3; Psalm 16;
Heb 10: 11-14, 18;
Mk 13: 24-32**

November, 2009



**A
NOTE
FROM
OUR
PASTOR**

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Dear Friends,
I would like to take this opportunity to say hello, and to thank you for all you do to make St. Gabriel Parish a community with soul. Blessings abound here, and nowhere more in evidence than in the lives of our parishioners.

We certainly want our parish family to recognize the gift they are, and to ensure everyone knows they have an important part to play in our life and growth as a community of faith.

St. Gabriel is one of 96 parishes in the Archdiocese of San Francisco located throughout the three counties of San Francisco, Marin, and San Mateo. The Archdiocese provides many services to St. Gabriel and to all the parishes --- services we could not do for ourselves. The Archdiocese of San Francisco is one of twelve dioceses in California and is part of the California Catholic Conference which represents all of us with issues in Sacramento.

There are over a hundred dioceses throughout the United States and the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops gives us a presence in Washington DC. All countries have an important faith relationship through their bishops and the link the College of Bishops throughout the world have with the Holy Father who guides the worldwide Catholic Church.

But the Church is also right here --- the people of God in the pews here at St. Gabriel's each weekend. Here we celebrate who we are as Church, a parish community of faith, bearing witness to the Gospel of Jesus and the gifts of His outpoured Spirit.

Here we support the ministries, programs, and the physical plant which are so integral to our life as a parish family. We do this when it is easy, we do this in times of challenge. We do this for the sake of love. I realize we are facing tough economic times. Prices climb, the value of our homes diminish, we read or hear about folks losing jobs. Yet the needs of our parish family, and the needs of the Church at large throughout the world remain.

We are being challenged to do what we can to support the work of the Gospel Message both here in our parish of St. Gabriel, and beyond. If you have already made a gift to the 2009 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, I sincerely thank you --- if you have not yet taken the opportunity to contribute, please prayerfully consider doing so soon. Whether it's a dollar, or a thousand dollars, it is important that all of us be counted in this effort to proclaim Christ's love.

May God bless you abundantly for your prayers, your generosity, your spirit of service.

In Christ our Hope !

Father Tom Hamilton
Pastor



SCHOOL NEWS

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

Excellence in Education. St. Gabriel School will be holding an Open House on Wednesday, November 11, 2009 for parents of students entering kindergarten in the Fall of 2010. School tours will take place at 8:15, 9:15 and 10:30 AM. No reservations are required. For further information, call the school at 415-566-0314 or visit our website at www.stgabrielsf.com. Information about the school is also available in the school rack in the church vestibule.

SANTA'S BEAKFAST IS COMING!

Come and join us at the Annual Santa's Breakfast in Bedford Hall on Sunday, December 6th from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. There will be baked goods, crafts, games, raffles and pictures with Santa. Breakfast includes eggs, pancakes, sausage, fruit, hot chocolate and coffee/tea donated by Starbucks. Advanced tickets for breakfast must be purchased by Wednesday, November 25th and are \$8.00/Adults and \$4.00 for Seniors and Children. Space permitting, tickets will be sold for breakfast at the door: \$10.00/Adults, \$5.00 Seniors/Children. Raffle tickets for gift baskets are also available: 2 tickets for \$5.00, 5 tickets for \$10.00, 12 tickets for \$20.00. Admission without breakfast is free. To order tickets and for more details, call the School Clinic at 415-566-0314.



ATTENTION PARISH FAMILIES

Signups for Girls Soccer, grades 3-8, are now open. Go to www.stgpa.com and click on the Sports Registration tab. If for any reason you can not access the parish athletic site you can go directly to the online registration site at the following online address-<https://www.ezdonor.com/go.php?to=E0049/register>.

If you do not have internet access please call 415-731-6161, ext. 35 to set up a time to come by the school to utilize a school computer to complete your registration. The deadline too sign up is next Friday, November 13th. For more information visit <http://www.stgpa.com>.

SODALITY NEWS

We will meet in the Parish Center on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of November to finish up our "angels" for our Holiday Boutique.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE & RAFFLE

Based on the donations collected, we will not be having the traditional boutique. Instead, there will be a few handmade items and crafts for purchase, but the focus will be on our raffle. We ask that all ladies support the Sodality by buying raffle tickets at the Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, December 12th at 11:30. The "Gabriel Crooners" will provide entertainment. Make your reservations early!



SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

PRAYERS OF THE SICK

In the coming week we ask your prayers for the following: Alex & Lindamina Alves, Charles Andrus, Carmen Arata, Cecil Brann, Rosa Banzon, Eva Baldwin, Ulyses Basconcillo, Deeb & Fifi Batshon, Jim Buley, Anna Cappalletti, Patricia Carrasco, Peg Casey, Patrick Casserly, Mike Cilia, Josette Cordero, Frank Crawley, Juvy C. Cubero, Doris Dampulay, Marian Dorning, Sally Fambrini, Eileen Flaherty, Sarah Gallagher, Lottie Gonzales, Ruth Grant, Lourdes Gregson, Tom Hodgins, Phil Hons, Mary Anne Humphrey, Margaret Keohane, Marian Kunst, Maureen & Joseph Laharty, Debrah Lennon, Helen Magee, Debra Manoguerra, Barbara Messina, Beth McMinn, Lorraine Molinari, A. M. Murphy, Jimmy O'Connell, Fr. Gerry O'Rourke, Alicia Pacificar, Gene Paoli, Joyce Peterson, Bernardo Queddeng, Marian Ritchie, Grace Scholz, Frank Shouldice, Stephen Siat, Harry Sims, Edmund H. Smith, Lisa Stroud, Joseph Sullivan, Mike Sullivan, Ron Tamm, Cecilia Tung, Ulla Ultsch, Josie Wheeler, Richard Yan & Carmen Yee.

YOUTH SCOOP

Next Sunday, November 15th at the 5:30 PM Mass, this year's Confirmandi will be presented to the Parish for their Rite of Enrollment. Confirmandi will perform various ministries during the mass. They will also receive a special blessing. Families, friends, and sponsors please attend the mass to show your support.

YOUNG ADULT-ON-THE-GO

Spread the word: All young adults are invited to: **-Movie Night-showing and discussion of "Longford" in the Parish Center on Wednesday, November 11.**

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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) has begun at St. Gabriel Parish but **it is not too late to sign up.** If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic; or if you or someone you know is baptized but has not yet been confirmed or received First Communion, please **call Matt Shea at 731-6161** and leave the name and phone number of the person so that he may make contact and let them know a little bit more about the process.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

There will be a parish wide training for those interested in being Liturgical Ministers (Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Hospitality Ministers) on **Saturday, November 14th from 10:00 AM—12:30 PM.** Sign-up sheets are at the church entrance so please fill one out and drop it off at the Parish Center by Wednesday, November 11th. Your time and talent will be most welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS NOVEMBER 9-15

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| Mon. | 7:00 am | Elsa & Luiz Marcal |
| | 9:00 am | Isobel Carolan |
| Tues. | 7:00 am | Leland Jackson |
| | 9:00 am | Avelino Marania |
| Wed. | 7:00 am | For All Veterans |
| | 9:00 am | William Courtney |
| Thurs. | 9:00 am | Jesse & Tony Brown (L) |
| Fri. | 9:00 am | Mary Griffin |
| Sat. | 9:00 am | Adoracion Hermeda |
| | 5:00 pm | Patrick Dillon |
| Sun. | 7:00 am | For the Parishioners |
| | 8:30 am | Rosario Reyes |
| | 10:00 am | Members of ICF |
| | 11:30 am | Jack Fogarty |
| | 5:30 pm | Sam Parrinello |




REST IN PEACE LENO BERNARDI

Next Sunday Presiders November 14 & 15

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| 5:00 pm | Fr. Mike |
| 7:00 am | Fr. Tom |
| 8:30 am | Fr. Tom |
| 10:00 am | Fr. Mike |
| 11:30 am | Fr. Mike |
| 5:30 pm | Fr. Tom |

Your Envelope Counts

|  Weekly Offering | Weekend of November 1 2009 | Same Weekend 2008 |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Total from Envelopes | \$8,647.00 | \$10,175.50 |
| Loose | \$631.02 | \$1,466.83 |
| Total Collection | \$9,278.02 | \$11,642.33 |
| \$1—\$4.99 | 22 | n/a |
| \$5—\$9.99 | 60 | n/a |
| \$10—\$19.99 | 110 | n/a |
| \$20—\$24.99 | 48 | n/a |
| \$25 and over | 140 | n/a |
| No. of envelope Users | 380 | 433 |
| Average Per Envelope | \$22.75 | \$23.51 |

MEMORIAL BOOK

Throughout the month of November we will be remembering those who have died. The Memorial Book will be located near the Baptismal Font for you to write down the names of those you will be remembering at this time. We, as a Church, will pray together for all those names entered in the book. All Soul envelopes are in the pews for your intentions for the month of November.

HOLIDAY HELPS FOR THOSE GRIEVING

Holidays are times we look forward to being with family and friends. They hold many memories for us. This is a reality that hurts as we miss absent loved ones who have died. Handling the holidays is not deciding how to eliminate the pain of missing these people, but rather learning how best to live with the hurt without being consumed by it. In these workshops you will be able to:

- Acknowledge the difficulty of this season as one who is grieving.
- Gain some new tools and insights for working your way through the holidays
- Join with others for support and connection

St. Gabriel's will host a workshop in the Parish Center on **Tuesday, November 17th from 7:00PM—8:30PM**. All are welcome to join us in a supportive and caring environment. Other sites that are hosting workshops are:

San Mateo County

St. Robert's Convent

Saturdays: 3:00 PM - 4:15 PM

November 21st and December 5th and 19th

Contact: Sr. Patricia, (650)589-0104

Marin County

Our Lady of Loretto Church, Novato

Wednesday, December 3rd, 4:30PM - 6:00PM

Contact: Sr. Jeanette (415)897-2171

Christmas Remembrance Service (No Mass)

Holy Cross Cemetery, All Saints Mausoleum

Saturday, December 12, 11:00 AM

Holy Cross Cemetery (650)776-2060

ST. GABRIEL PARISH DIRECTORY

The make-up date for the Parish Directory will be on **Thursday, November 19th, from 3:00PM to 9:00PM** in the Parish Center. If you would like for you and/or your family to be included in this directory, please call Elizabeth Murphy at 415-566-0468 to make an appointment. All registered parishioners name and phone number will be in the Directory regardless as to whether you had a photo or not. If you do **NOT** want your phone number or address included (or both), please contact Elizabeth Murphy by November 15.

At the 10:00AM Mass on Sunday, November 15th, we will be taking a photo of the congregation for the directory. We are looking forward to seeing as many smiling faces as would like to attend.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE SIMBANG GABI MASS

The Simbang Gabi at St. Mary's Cathedral will hold its second San Francisco Archdiocesan celebration on December 8th with Bishop Justice presiding at the Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral. Watch the bulletin for more info.