

# THE HOLY FAMILY

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He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

ST. GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH

# Gospel Meditation

#### A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and

challenging events of our lives.
There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us

understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and

still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

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In the past it was the practice to pass the collection baskets during Mass. This practice was stopped during COVID. So many of our parish members are now giving online through FaithDirect, and we are so grateful for this as it has helped our budgeting purposes.

We have made the decision to not start the collection baskets, but instead for those who wish to give via envelope or cash, we encourage you to use the Offertory box in the Narthex either before or after the Mass. We will use the collection baskets at the Christmas and Easter Masses for our visitors.

# PARISH STEWARDSHIP

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FaithDirect | online giving program for one time or continual giving | www.faithdirect.net | Code AZ597



PayPal | access on our homepage stgacc.org | give on time or set up scheduled giving



**Offertory Envelopes** | sign up for envelopes at the parish office or email receptionist@stgacc.org

## St. Gabriel Weekly Stewardship Report

Weekend of December 12 Sunday Collection: \$39,107.00

FaithDirect E-Giving: (reported once a month)

Thank you for your ongoing support of St. Gabriel.

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## Regular Mass Times

Mon - Sat | 8:15 am

Rosary and Divine
Chaplet prior to
Daily Mass at
7:30 am

Saturday | 4:30 pm Sunday 7:00 am (no music) 8:30 am 10:30 am Reconciliation
Saturdays
3:00 - 4:00 pm

Adoration in Church Tuesdays 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

**Benediction** 7:45 pm

# **Ministry Leaders**

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#### **New Parishioners Welcome!**

Register online at stgacc.org or at the parish office.

#### Communion to the Homebound:

Please notify the office with the name and contact information of the individual requesting communion.

**Infant Baptism:** Parents need to register at the parish and attend a baptismal preparation class prior to scheduling the baptism. Please contact the office.



Monday, December 27 Parish Office Closed Daily Mass | 8:15 am

#### Tuesday, December 28

Parish Office Closed Daily Mass | 8:15 am Adoration | Church | 9:00 am - 8:00 pm Benediction | 7:45 pm

#### Wednesday, December 29

Parish Office Closed Daily Mass | 8:15 am

#### Thursday, December 30

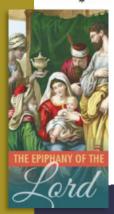
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Friday, December 31 New Years Eve Parish Office Closed Daily Mass | 8:15 am



Saturday, January 1
New Years Day
Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
Daily Mass | 8:15 am
Men's Bible Study | Ministry Bldg. —
Classroom 3 | 9:15 am
Confession/Reconciliation | Church |
3:00 - 4:00 pm
Vigil Mass | 4:30 pm



Sunday, January 2
The Epiphany of the Lord
Mass | 7:00 am | 8:30 am | 10:30 am
Live Stream Mass at 8:30 am

#### December 24-31

Parish Office Closed

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### Sunday, December 26

7:00 am • Parishioners

8:30 am ♥ Jean Borman by Pat & John Muehlenberg 10:30 am ♥ John Galligan by Dolores Galligan

#### Monday, December 27

8:15 am ♣ Anthony Balestrino by Marcia Balestrino

#### Tuesday, December 28

8:15 am 

Lee George by Cameron Renter

#### Wednesday, December 29

8:15 am • Kathy Hansen by Debbie Conway

#### Thursday, December 30

8:15 am ₱ Pam Goss by Mike Goss

#### Friday, December 31

8:15 am • Fr. Selva Raj by Debbie Conway

#### Saturday, January 1

8:15 am ቕ Holy Souls in Purgatory by Stella DiPasquale 4:30 pm ቕ Rita Kourofsky by Linda Frego



Fr. Chad, Fr. David,
Deacons & Staff wish you all
a Merry Christmas season
and a Happy and Blessed
New Year!



# Ministries

# Adoration Sign Ups

Beginning in the New Year, to grow towards perpetual Adoration, Fr. Chad would like to add additional days of Adoration. You may sign up in our weekly emails to let us know if you are interested in being a committed adorer. As soon as every hour has 2 people signed up from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm on a particular day, we will add this day to our schedule.



#### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### **ALL IN THE FAMILY**

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother? The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS; ©LPi

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# Session 5 What is the "Theology of the Body"?

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Wednesday, January 19 | 6:30 pm

The meaning of the original unity
of man, whom God has created
male and female, is grasped by
knowing man in the whole
endowment of his being, that is, in
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of creation standing at the basis of
theological anthropology.

Pope John Paul II. Theology of the Body



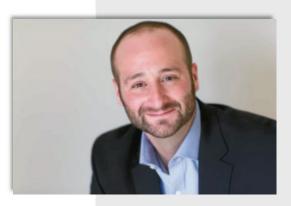
# **Encounter Nights**

#### Come Encounter Him

- In Prayer
- In Scripture
- In Song
- In Confession

Friday, January 7 6:30 pm in the Church





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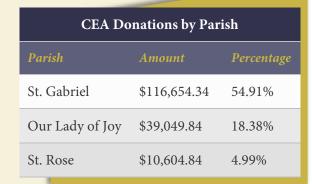
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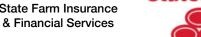
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