



St. Gabriel Church

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The Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul
June 29, 2026

Dear St. Gabriel Parishioners,

Peace be with you!

I am writing this letter on the Solemnity of the two great pillars of the Church, Sts. Peter and Paul. I always imagine the Church as a great ship on a journey across the peaceful and, at times, violent sea, pounded by waves but it remains intact. We trust the captain of our ship as Jesus assures us, *"I will be with you always, even until the end of the age"* (Mt. 28:20).

In August of 2023, the Archdiocese filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy to resolve long standing abuse-related claims filed against our Catholic family. On Monday, additional information was communicated to us during our meeting at the Cathedral which represents an important step towards our commitment to justice, compassion, and healing to those who suffered.

The Archdiocese of San Francisco has reached a settlement agreement in principle.

As a Catholic family, parishes, schools and other institutions in the Archdiocese will contribute toward the settlement.

At St. Gabriel Church, the clergy, staff, parish and finance council members are working hard to keep us financially stable. We are aware that this process requires thorough planning, ample time and responsible stewardship. I want to assure you that while we are working on a reasonable SG parish contribution towards the settlement, it will not impact our daily mission to provide the sacraments to you, the daily parish operations, employment of our staff and other services that we offer to all of you, our dear parishioners.

For more information about the settlement, I have attached a letter from Archbishop Cordileone in our weekend bulletin.

We continue to pray for all those who suffered that the Lord may give them the grace of healing and peace. We entrust them and their families to the maternal care of our Blessed Mother.

Thank you for all your prayers, your faith, your unwavering love and commitment to our Church amidst these challenging and turbulent times that we have faced as one Catholic family.

If you have questions, kindly reach out to me.

I offer you all to the heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church. May her maternal love and protection be our consolation and our hope always.

In Christ I remain,

Fr. Ian Quito
Pastor