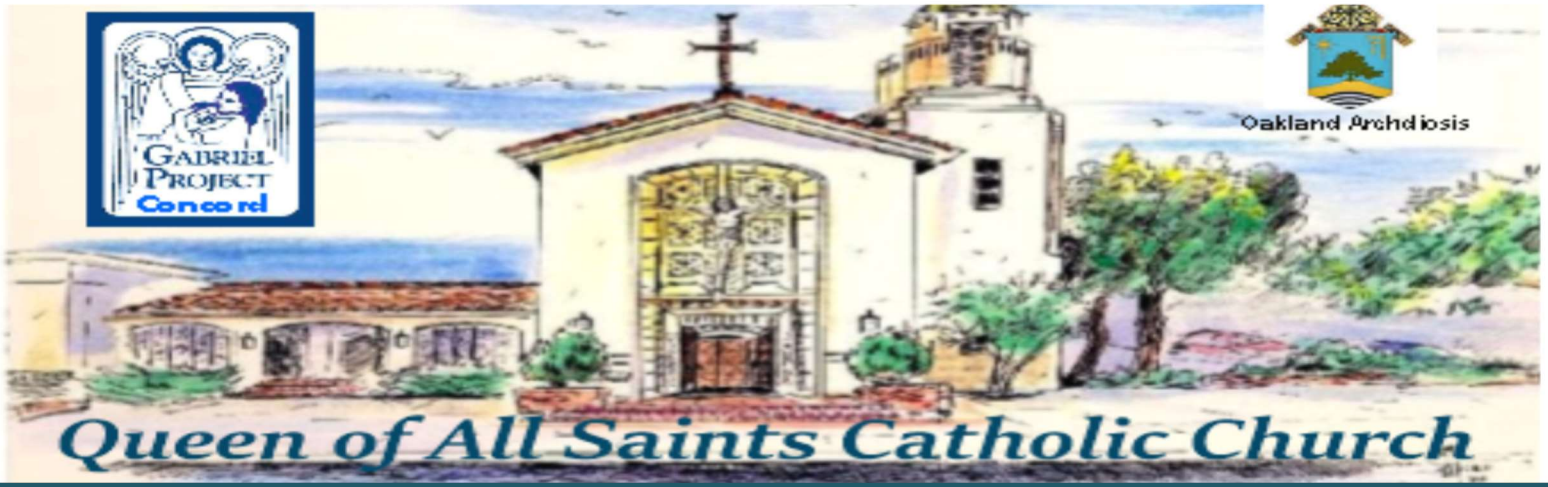




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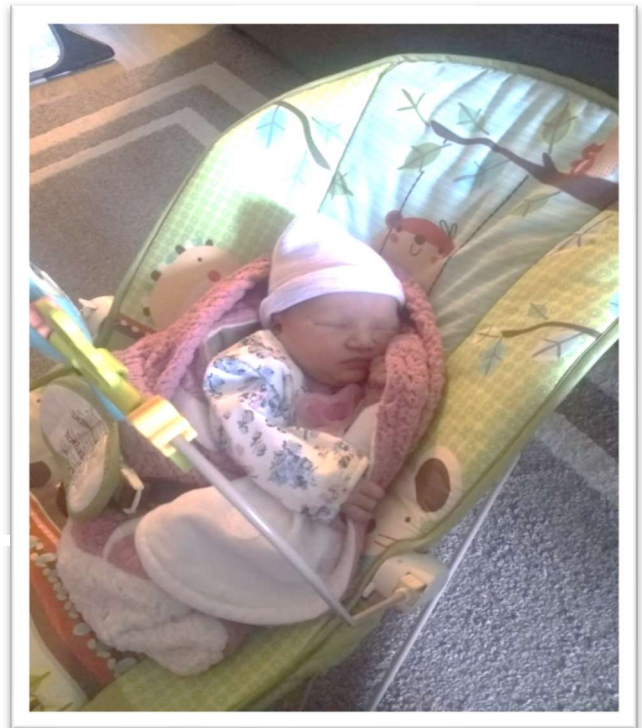
## GABRIEL PROJECT MOMS



During this quarter we've had 3 Gabriel Project Moms deliver their babies. These beautiful twins, Yamilet and Allison, had to be delivered via C-section as their mom had low platelets and was not responding to blood coagulation medications. The doctors feared the mother would bleed out and she required a special procedure from a specialized OB/GYN

physician. We had asked our prayer community to pray for their wellbeing and the Lord answered our prayers. After a few days in the hospital, mom and babies are now home. Thank you for your prayers!

Below is beautiful baby boy Dominick, recently delivered by another mother in our service.



Dominick has a 13-month old brother, they live

in a small one-bedroom apartment and needed a crib for him. Through a generous donation they were able to obtain a crib, a car seat, and stroller. Our third mom delivered twins a few days ago but remains in the hospital with her premature babies. We anticipate they will be coming home in the next few days. Through another generous donation, they were given a combo car seat /stroller and clothing for her twins. The project will continue to follow up with these moms periodically to check on their wellbeing.

## QAS-GABRIEL PROJECT PROTOCOL DURING COVID-19

During this Stay-At-Home order many mothers in our community are faced with a crisis of essential baby supplies not available in stores. Mothers have been calling the Gabriel Project asking for baby formula and other needed items; like in the case of premature twins above, diapers small enough for premature babies can't be easily found stores. Our Gabriel Project remains committed in continuing to provide services to these moms. We have adopted the following protocol to continue doing what we can during this health crisis:

- We have suspended home visits. Only under extreme need or circumstances they may be conducted using public health recommendations and guidelines.
- We will continue taking referrals from our "800" hotline number and community partners, although all "client intakes" will be

done over the phone. As usual, we will continue to make service referrals for our moms to other community partners and governmental agencies, whom we will try to keep in close contact to keep up to date with their referral policies/protocols during this health crisis.

- Mothers needing clothing, car seats, strollers, baby diapers or any other similar necessities, if our resources permit, they will be purchase through the Internet using home delivery or store pickup.
- We have adopted a vigilant cleaning process to assure that gentle/used items donated to our ministry are adequately cleaned. We will not accept any items that we're unable to thoroughly clean with disinfectant (toys, stuff animals and the like).



There may be things that we cannot do at this time and there may be things that each of us is frustrated or despondent over, wishing we could do. We can always pray! It is a temptation to think that it's "only praying" or to only believe we are the ones who need to act. Let us throw all our cares on God and pray and trust Him to act. He made a universe out of love for us, how can we not trust Him?

*"If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14*

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