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Vocation Director

Reverend Michael King at 905-528-7988 x2246

Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9 a.m.-2p.m.
Tuesday closed
Friday 1 p.m.-6p.m.

Sunday Masses

English 5:00 p.m. (Saturday), 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Polish 9:15 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. (Sunday)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Wednesday following the 8:00 a.m. Mass, closing with Benediction at 9:30 a.m. and every First Friday following the 6:30 p.m. Mass, ending at 8:00 p.m.

New to the Parish

If you are new to St. Gabriel's please introduce yourself to the priest after Mass. Be sure to complete a registration form. You are welcome to become involved in any of the organizations or ministries that may interest you.

Parish Hall Bookings

If wish to inquire about using our Parish Hall for any upcoming functions, please contact parish office.

Parish Schools

Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School 905-335-1544
St. Gabriel's School 905-332-3333
St. Mark's School 905-336-3911

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Fridays from 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

Those wishing to have their child baptized should call the Parish Office. Parents should be registered members of St. Gabriel's Parish. Please remember that Baptism dates fill up fast, so call early.

Sacrament of Marriage

Anyone wishing to marry at St. Gabriel's must contact the Parish Office one year prior to the proposed date of your wedding. At least one of the couple must be a registered member of St. Gabriel's Parish. We do not celebrate weddings during Lent. It is required that all couples attend a Marriage Preparation Course. Please contact the Parish Office for registration information.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

If you have a family member, loved one or friend in the hospital, or shut-in at home, please call the rectory office so that arrangements can be made for their pastoral care. Holy Communion and the Sacrament of the Sick are available to all who are seriously ill.

Catholic Funeral Rites

When death occurs in the family, please contact the parish office and we will assist you in making the liturgical arrangements. For information on Catholic burial, please contact the cemetery office at 905-522-7727 or 1-800-661-5985, or visit their website at www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca.

Priesthood or Religious Life

For information on Priesthood or Religious Life please speak with one of the parish priests or contact the Diocesan Vocation Director Reverend Michael King at 905-528-7988. The Vocation Office website is: www.vocationinfo.ca

Notre Dame Catechetical Correspondence Program

Registration forms are available in the narthex for the Notre Dame Catechetical Correspondence Program available to children who do not attend a Catholic school, Grade 1-8. For information, contact Anne Jamieson at 905-528-7988.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENSION FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, APR. 24

8:00 a.m. + Rafaelo
6:30 a.m. + Piotr Bańka

TUESDAY, APR. 25

9:00 a.m. + Larry Young (from Rose & Sam Galante)
6:30 p.m. + Paweł Socha

WEDNESDAY, APR. 26

8:00 a.m. + Marta & Bogdan Piotrowscy
After Mass, Holy Hour with Benediction
6:30 p.m. + Wanda & Edward Górniak
+ Stanisława

THURSDAY, APR. 27

8:00 a.m. + Zofia Dąbrowska
6:30 p.m. + Zenon, Modesta

FRIDAY, APR. 28

8:00 a.m. (L) For successful surgery & easy recovery for
Czesława Pieczara
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. *Holy Hour with Benediction*
6:30 p.m. (L) O Boże błogosławieństwo i opiekę dla
Dzieci

SATURDAY, APR. 29

9:00 a.m. + Władysław Najder
5:00 p.m. + Pepino
+ The Benton Family
+ Larry Young
+ Maria & Bolesław Gołąb
(L) Janina Wegner

SUNDAY, APR. 30 3rd Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. + Alessandro & Serina Federiconi
9:15 a.m. (L) Za członków Żywego Różańca
11:00 a.m. Missa pro populo
12:30 p.m. + Stanisława Marczak
3:00 p.m. Celebration of the First Holy Communion
(St. Gabriel School)

Mass Collection from April 16 \$13 705.00

Eucharistic Ministries schedule

April 29, 5 p.m.: Allan Thomson, Christine Thompson,
Leslie Viera
April 30, 8:00 a.m.: Cecilia Advincula, Jenn Paduch,
Victor John
April 30, 11:00 a.m.: Arlene Salmon, Ana Clarridge,
Linda Bankley

Lector's schedule

April 29, 5:00 p.m.: C. Guertin, S. Bunting
April 30, 8:00 a.m.: M. Huschilt, E.J. Hunt
April 30, 11:00 a.m.: A. DeCova, E. Herod

The Sacrament of Penance

The Priest is available in confessional on Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Friday 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Saturday from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for all who seek reconciliation with God. For special request please call for an appointment.

Wednesday Morning Holy Hour

Every Wednesday after morning Mass, there is the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Please come and spend some time with God. He is truly present in the monstrance on the altar. Spending time with God will fortify us with graces and fight the evils of the world. Just come. You will be blessed.

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

The side of Jesus Christ is the source of new graces especially for unbelievers and people who are in the state of sin! Look at the Picture of Jesus Divine Mercy – you will see the white and red rays which radiate from the open side of Jesus. You remember that the soldier, after the Crucifixion of Jesus, pierced by his lance and immediately blood and water ran from open side. We are blessed – dear Brothers and Sisters – because we can not only contemplate this beautiful picture of Jesus, the Divine Mercy, but we pray for Jesus' mercy for us and for the whole world repeating for the sake of his sorrowful passion have mercy on us and on the whole world! The story connected with the picture of Jesus Divine Mercy was, first of all, the initiative of Jesus himself. Jesus asked St. Sister Faustyna Kowalska to paint this image and He promised that all who venerate this picture never perish and He defend them forever! At the beginning Sister Faustyna thought that Jesus asked about the picture in the soul but Jesus repeated, I want a real picture painted with paints, and S. Faustyna directed the hand of the artist, Eugene. After the first efforts of the artist, S. Faustyna began to cry – Jesus, who will paint you as beautiful as you are? Jesus answered to her, the beauty of this picture is in my grace! Jesus is in a white robe which symbolizes joy and resurrection. The right hand is the gesture of a blessing and the left reveals the white robe and we see the shining rays, white and red – whoever will take the rays of my mercy will receive Divine Mercy. The eyes of Jesus are similar to the eyes of Jesus crucified at Golgotha, embracing all sinners of the world.



I give you the vessel of Divine Mercy – venerate my mercy and I will give you my forgiveness!

Does the modern world really need the presence of God and his Mercy? We would say, as never before should the world be immersed in Divine Mercy. Why? We have in the world many conflicts. The war in Syria, Ukraine, dramatic tension in the Middle East, the persecution of Christians... The newspapers mention the use of nuclear weapons. This kind of nuclear war is in the minds of only one group of people infected by evil but everyone would pay the consequences of nuclear war!

We need to enkindle Divine Mercy and have hope. We need to pass on the flames of mercy – in God's mercy, the world will find peace and the people will find happiness. This task must be completed by you, dear Brothers and Sisters. Be witnesses of mercy, of Divine Mercy. Let us open the door to Jesus' mercy!
Fr. Piotr Machnacki SAC

EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

BFIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to the grade 2 students from St. Gabriel School, who will receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist on Sunday, April the 30th! May they continue to be nourished at the Lord's Table each week.

BANNNS OF ORDINATION

Our parishioner Rev. Mr. Michael Kevin D'Souza is scheduled to be ordained to the Priesthood at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton.

If anyone knows of a serious cause why this ordination should not take place, please notify your Parish Priest.

Let us pray that Rev. Mr. Kevin Michael D'Souza will be a good and faithful servant of the Lord and His Church.



BOLD GREETINGS CARDS

All the cards you have received over the years and don't need anymore: Christmas, Easter, Birthday, etc. can be used again by Sister of St. Clavier. They create the new cards from the old ones and by selling them, Sisters support the catholic missions around the world. Please bring your cards and place them in the big basket located in the Narthex. Thank you!

BCLEANING CREW

We wish to thank all the volunteers of our parish, particularly those, who participate in cleaning the church each week. We are still looking for new members. Please, consider offering your time and joining the cleaning crew. Thank you.

NOTRE DAME "MAY-GIVING" CAMPAIN

In an effort to help The Burlington Food Bank, Notre Dame C.S.S. is launching the "May-Giving" campaign. Over the few weeks please keep in mind the following items as you shop: plain rice, juice (cans or boxes), canned fruit, condiments (mayonnaise, ketchup, etc.) & toiletries. On the weekend May 6 & 7 students and staff will be on hand at the beginning and the end of each Mass to collect whatever items you might generously have to give. Thank you.

EVENTS IN THE DIOCESE

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

On Sunday, June 25, 2017, Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate the

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. The Mass is for couples married 25, 40, 50, 60 or 60 plus years in the year 2016. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if assistance is required). **To register go to:** www.hamiltondiocese.com

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NEW FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

For anyone 55+

Holy Rosary Church, 287 Plains Rd. E. Burlington

Join us in the Holy Rosary Parish Centre the first Thursday of each month. Next meeting is **Thursday, May 4th** from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Meet new friends, enjoy conversation and help plan group activities. There's no cost. For more info email: blueheron12345@yahoo.ca or call Gary at 905-540-1037 or Nikki 905-522-9996.

FORGOTTEN FACTS ABOUT FATIMA

Modifications to the Five First Saturday Devotion to facilitate its practice. The original request of Our Lady asks one to confess and receive Communion on five consecutive first Saturdays; to say five decades of the Rosary; to meditate during 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Rosary for the purpose of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in reparation for the sins of men. In subsequent private visions and apparitions however, Sister Lucia presented to Our Lord the difficulties that devotees encountered in fulfilling some conditions. With loving condescension and solicitude, Our Lord deigned to relax the rules to make this devotion easy to observe:

1. Confession may be done on other days other than the First Saturday so long as one receives Our Lord worthily and has the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
2. Even if one forgets to make the intention, it may be done on the next confession, taking advantage of the first occasion to go to confession.
3. Sister Lucia also clarified that it is not necessary to meditate on ALL mysteries of the Rosary on each First Saturday. One or several suffice.

With much latitude granted by Our Lord Himself, there is no reason for the faithful to hesitate or delay this pious practice in the spirit of reparation, which the Immaculate Heart of Mary urgently asks.

Your actions in church show respect for God and for the community that gathers there. If you are stopping by the church to pray, even just for a moment, your actions should respect the place and its purpose.

Spit out your gum, turn off your cell phone before you step into a sacred space and time.

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