

St. Gabriel's Roman Catholic Church

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Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9-2pm
Friday 1-6pm
Tuesday closed

Sunday Masses

English 5pm (Saturday), 8am & 11am
Polish 9:30am & 12:30pm

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 6:30 p.m. in English
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. in Polish
Thursday 9:00 a.m. in English
Friday 6:30 p.m. in Polish
Saturday 9:00 a.m. in Polish

*First Fridays & First Saturdays are in
Polish & English*

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fridays from 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Saturdays from 4-5pm
Weekdays - 20 minutes before Mass

New Parishioners

Welcome to our parish community! Parish registration simplifies the process of receiving sacraments such as baptism or marriage, obtaining any documents you may need, and receiving a tax receipt for your contributions. Registration can be completed at the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Baptism

Those wishing to have their child baptized should register at the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Marriage

Anyone wishing to marry at our church, must contact the Parish Office one year prior to the wedding. See our website for more details.

Funerals

Please contact the funeral home of your choice to make the arrangements.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

If you have a seriously ill family member, friend or a loved one in hospital, a Catholic priest is available on call. Requests should be addressed to nursing staff. Holy Communion and the Sacrament of the Sick are also available to all who are ill or housebound, please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Divine Mercy Sunday

- 8:00 am No Mass
- 9:30 am ++ Jan & Władysława Biskup
- 11:00 am For Parishioners & Benefactors
- 12:30 pm + Mary Wołkowski
+ Józef Wołkowski
- 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Devotions

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

- 6:30 pm (L) For Mary, Matthew, Malissa,
(Eng) Mercedes, Mark and Melanie, for
their return to Church

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

- 6:30 pm +++ Za dusze w czyśćcu cierpiące
(Pol) + Stanisław Warda
(L) O potrzebne łaski dla Agaty, Doroty
i Dominika oraz ich rodzin
(L) O Boże Błogosławieństwo dla
wolontariuszy z naszej parafii

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

- 9:00 am +++ All Souls in Purgatory
(Eng) + Beulah May Lalonde
+ Antonio Lopes
(L) Eva Klassen Family
(L) Kovacs Family
(L) For St. Gabriel's Parish volunteers

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

- 6:30 pm (L) O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Evey
(Pol)

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

- 9:00 am + Helena Iracka
(Pol)
- 5:00 pm + Ana Clarridge
(Eng)

SUNDAY, MAY 1

- 8:00 am For Parishioners & Benefactors
- 9:30 am Za Ojczyznę
- 11:00 am + Marian Filipiak
- 12:30 pm (L) O. Paweł Patrick

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – APRIL 24

Please join us at 3:00 pm on Sunday April 24 for Divine Mercy Devotion in English and Polish (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Scripture Readings & Chaplet of the Divine Mercy). Refreshments and St. Faustina Video in Parish Center following the Devotion. All are welcome!

LITURGY FOR CHILDREN ON SUNDAY

Did you know we have Children's liturgy in our parish? This is a wonderful way to teach your children about the faith through interactive and age-appropriate sessions. We invite all children ages 4+ during the 9:30am Polish Mass and our 11am English Mass to participate. No sign up needed.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

If you'd like to become an altar server, have fun and join a great group of kids while serving at Mass, please talk with Fr. Paul to see how you can join.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Did you know we have a young adults group which meets twice a month in our parish? Join an amazing community and grow in your faith. We meet every other Thursday at 7pm in the Annunciation Room.

YOUTH GROUP

Our Teen Youth Group meets every Friday at 7pm in the Annunciation room, unless we're going on a trip which normally happens once a month! All teens are invited to join an amazing community and live out our faith in a practical way. There's lots of fun, joy and growth in faith and virtue. If you're interested in joining, please speak to Fr. Paul after the Mass or email the parish office.

PARISH STORE

Our parish store is located along the corridor leading from the Church to the Parish Hall. We offer a wide variety of religious products.

ST. GABRIEL'S FOOD DRIVE

Non-perishable food items will make a difference for those less fortunate. If you'd like to help, you can drop off items in the bin located in the Narthex, at any time the church is open.

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

What's This Feast All About, Anyway?

To put on a great banquet for one's friends, the first step is to send out proper invitations. The invitations must say WHY the banquet is being held, WHEN it will take place, WHO is invited, and WHAT TO EXPECT (such as cocktails on the lawn, followed by a buffet meal).

In fact, the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska is filled with invitations from our Lord Jesus Christ to celebrate with Him the great Feast of the Divine Mercy. This year, we celebrate this Feast on Sunday, April 24. In numerous passages, Jesus spelled out for her "why," "when," "who," and "what to expect" at this special banquet.

First, why did Jesus ask the Church, through St. Faustina, to institute the Feast of Mercy? As recorded in Diary entry 965, Jesus said to Faustina:

Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them ... the Feast of My mercy. If they will not adore My mercy, they will perish for all eternity. Secretary of My mercy, write, tell souls about this great mercy of Mine, because the awful day, the day of My justice is near.

In short, the main reason that Jesus wanted this feast to be established is that He wanted to "throw a lifeline," so to speak, to souls who are perishing, souls who are drowning in sin and despair. That lifeline is this Feast, with all the tremendous promises of graces and benefits which Jesus attached to it. As He said to St. Faustina, He wanted to make this Feast day a special "refuge and shelter" for the "consolation" of souls. In Diary entry 1517, Jesus said: *"the Feast of My Mercy has issued forth from My very depths for the consolation of the whole world."* In short, Jesus gave us this Feast as both a comfort and a lifeline for souls.

Second, "when" is this Feast to be celebrated? The answer was given directly to St. Faustina on numerous occasions. For example, in Diary entry 299, Jesus said to her: *"I desire that the First Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy."* Today that Sunday is called in the Roman Missal "The Second Sunday of Easter, or Divine Mercy Sunday."

Third, in order to discover "who" is invited to this great Feast, and what kind of spiritual "banquet" our Lord wants to spread for us on that day, we need to consult Diary entry 699, in which Jesus spells out in detail the meaning of this feast day, and the comforting promises He attached to it.

Jesus said to St. Faustina:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My

inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the First Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.

From these words of our Lord, it should be clear who is invited to the Feast of Mercy. He states clearly: "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls" - that is, for all penitent souls without exception - but "especially" for "poor sinners." So the special guests at the Feast of Mercy - the guests who will receive the most attention - are poor sinners, those who are most in need of His mercy.

This means, of course, that this banquet is spread especially for poor sinners who know in truth that they are poor sinners. It is only repentant sinners who will be able to receive all the graces offered by Jesus on this special day.

The Feast of Mercy is especially for souls like that, souls open to receive Christ's forgiveness and grace because they know that they need it so badly. This Feast is for the lost, that they might be found, and for those struggling to grow in faith, hope, and love, that they might be refreshed and strengthened.



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