



# St. Gabriel's Roman Catholic Church

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## Parish Staff

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## 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 Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

## Diocesan Newsletter

The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton offer a wide range of workshops and educational opportunities during the course of the year. These activities and events are open to all interested parishioners throughout the Diocese. If you would like to keep informed regarding these opportunities for growing in your faith, you are invited to subscribe to a weekly online newsletter by going to the Diocesan Website ([www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)) and click the "Subscribe to our Newsletter" button on the right side of the homepage. Your email address will be used solely to provide you with Diocesan Newsletter and will never be shared with any third party.

## Parish Hall Bookings

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

## Parish Schools

St. Gabriel's School 905-332-3333  
St. Mark's School 905-336-3911

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.  
Fridays from 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.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](http://www.thecatholiccemeteries.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.

## Perpetual Mass Intention

The Pallottine Fathers welcome Enrollments in the Perpetual Masses celebrated by the Pallottine Fathers in Poland.

All provided intentions, for the living and the deceased, will be included in the special Mass every day as long as the congregation exists. With an enrollment, you receive Perpetual Mass Card with the enrollee's name and the requester's name handwritten in the card. To enroll in the Perpetual Mass please visit the parish office.

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## Mass Intentions For The Week

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:00 p.m. + + + All souls in Purgatory  
6:30 P.m. + Maria Wołkowska (od Klubu Seniora)

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 *Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, priest*

9:00 a.m. + Judi Stewart  
6:30 p.m. (L) W intencji osób uzależnionych i podejmujących abstynencję

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4 *Memorial of St. John Damascene, priest & the Doctor of the Church*

8:00 a.m. + Jim Boudreau  
8:30 a.m.- 9:30 a.m. *The Exposition of the Most Holy Sacrament*  
6:30 p.m. (L) Wynagradzająca za grzechy w rodzinie Kowandów

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:00 a.m. + Rev. Władysław Krukar  
6:30 p.m. + + John & Helen Slomka

### FIRST FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 *Memorial of St. Nicholas, bishop*

8:00 a.m. + + + All souls in Purgatory  
5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. *The Exposition of the Most Holy Sacrament*  
6:30 p.m. (L) Ks. Czesław Kolasa

### FIRST SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 *Feast of St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

9:00 a.m. + Anna Thuong  
5:00 p.m. + Albert F. Risso (from Wanda Risso)

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 *Second Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m. + + Anthony & Steven Melo  
9:15 a.m. + Mirosław Trofimiuk (w 3 rocznicę śmierci)  
11:00 a.m. Missa Pro Populo  
12:30 p.m. + Zofia Brzuchacz

#### Lectors Schedule

Dec 7 5:00 p.m. N. Meehan, L. Gurusinghe  
Dec 8 8:00 a.m. J. Dodson, E.J. Hunt  
Dec 8 11:00 a.m. C. Guertin, A. Walden



## EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

Mass Collection November 23/24 \$ 4673  
Christmas Flowers \$ 100  
Maintenance & Building \$ 100  
Canadian Mission \$ 485

### This week in our Parish: Dec 2 – Dec 8

<b>Monday</b>	✠Baptism Preparation 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm <i>Annunciation Room</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	✠Legion of Mary 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm <i>Youth Room</i> ✠RCIA Course 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm <i>Annunciation Room</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	✠Beaver (Scouts) 6:00 – 8:00 pm <i>Parish Centre</i> ✠Venturers (Scouts) 6:30 – 9:30 pm <i>Youth Room</i> ✠Knights of Columbus 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm <i>Annunciation Room &amp; Board Room</i> ✠Choir Practice 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm <i>Church</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	✠Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests (Spanish) 9:00 am – 10:30 am <i>Church</i> ✠Scout Meeting 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm <i>Parish Centre</i> ✠Parish Council 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm <i>Annunciation Room</i>
<b>Friday</b>	✠Morning Prayer 8:30 am – 9:30 am <i>Church</i> ✠Advent Confessions: St. Gabriel School 9:00 am – 11:30 am <i>Church</i> ✠Advent Confessions: St. Mark School 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm <i>School</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	✠Baptism 2:00 pm <i>Church</i>

#### LEGION OF MARY

We are involved in nursing home visits, visiting and acting as Eucharistic Ministers to shut-ins and assisting the priest when he celebrates Mass at a nursing home every second Friday. For more information call Cecilia 905-332-8146.



#### MASS CARDS

will no longer be provided in the narthex. Please book all Mass intentions through the parish office.

#### DECEMBER 9 MASS TIME CHANGED

On December 9<sup>th</sup> the evening Mass – White Mass- will be celebrated in English at 7:00 PM. The Holy Mass in Polish will be celebrated at 8:00 AM.

#### ADVENT MISSION

Mark your calendar for our Parish Advent Mission which is planned for English Community **December 14 – 17** and for Polish Community **December 19 – 22**.

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CAKES AND COOKIES

A reminder to please pick up your cakes and cookies in the Parish Hall next weekend, **December 7 and 8** after each Mass. Merry Christmas and thank you for your support!

#### CWL

Our next Meeting is **December 9<sup>th</sup>** in the Parish Centre at 6:30 p.m. This is our Christmas Pot Luck. Donations to the Food Bank would be appreciated. Bring a Friend. All are Welcome.



**SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL**

Our next conference meeting is Wednesday, **December 11**, 2019 at 7pm in the Annunciation Room of the Church Rectory. This will be our last meeting before we launch our conference in the new year. Not only will our resource materials be ready for review, but we will need to finalize our first rotation schedule. For those parishioners willing to join us in service to support those in need within our parish boundaries, please come to our meeting to see what we are all about or contact Marguerite at 905-335-1643 or email us at [ssvpstgabriels@gmail.com](mailto:ssvpstgabriels@gmail.com).

**CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE**

Our Angel Tree is in the narthex. Each angel will either represent a person in need within our parish boundaries or a shut in. Please return the wrapped gift or gift card with the angel attached no later than **December 15<sup>th</sup>**. If someone wishes to make a donation which will assist our SSVP Conference, kindly make a cheque payable to St. Gabriel's, in the memo area note 100% to SSVP and your envelope number. In this way, 100% of your donation will go to SSVP and you will get a tax receipt for your donation. All deliveries will be made Wed. **December 18<sup>th</sup>**. We urge you to return the gift /cheque on time otherwise someone will be deprived. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Saint Vincent De Paul, St. Gabriel Conference.

**Angel Tags That Read Toiletries:**

Here are some suggestions that may be helpful for angels that read "toiletries". All: Shampoo, body wash / shower gel, bath soap, hand / body cream, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste. Adult Teenage Female: hair mouse / gel, nail polish, lip gloss, and face cream, disposable razors. Adult Teenage Male: hair gel, shaving cream, aftershave, disposable razors.

**SACRISTAN NEEDED**

We are looking for someone who would be able to fulfil the Sacristan Duty once a month on Friday night or Saturday morning. Training provided.

**ONE HEART ONE SOUL CAMPAIGN-THIS WEEK UPDATE**

The *One Heart One Soul* Campaign is in progress. Up to date, the campaign has raised **156 390.00 CAD** through 61 pledges. Thank you to all who supported this event.

**EVENTS IN THE DIOCESE**

MONDAY	December 2	Rev. Michael Vanderbeek, L.C.
TUESDAY	December 3	Rev. Todd Arsenaault, L.C.
WEDNESDAY	December 4	Diocesan Priests
THURSDAY	December 5	Rev. Pierre Caouette, L.C.
FRIDAY	December 6	Rev. Thomas Flynn, L.C.
SATURDAY	December 7	Very Rev. John Van Hees

**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER**

*Prayer for Vocations* Loving Father, bless Your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers, and sisters. Give those whom You are calling to the married state and those You are choosing to live as single persons in the world the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of Your Son so that through Him, with Him, and in Him, we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**FOSTERING AND ADOPTION OPPORTUNITIES**

**CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY OF HAMILTON**

Learn more about Fostering and Adoption by registering to attend a Fostering and Adoption Online Information Session (Webinar) Monday, **December 2<sup>nd</sup>** 2019 from 6:30pm-8:00p. Contact the Foster and Adoption Recruitment Coordinator, Niamh O'Flaherty by ph. # (905) 525-2273 or email [niamh.oflaherty@hamiltonccas.on.ca](mailto:niamh.oflaherty@hamiltonccas.on.ca) The Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton is committed to inclusion and equity, and welcome fostering applications from ALL families who want to provide a safe and happy home to a child in care. [www.hamiltonccas.on.ca](http://www.hamiltonccas.on.ca)

**EVENING PRAYER WITH ADVENT HYMNS**

The Diocesan Choir presents Evening Prayer with Advent Hymns, together with the Saint John's Bible and a small reception at St. Raphael's Parish in Burlington, 4072 New Street on Sunday, **December 8<sup>th</sup>** 2019. Choral preludes begin at 7:00 pm with Evening Prayer at 7:15. There will be a Free-Will offering in support of St. Raphael's Parish.

**ADVENT DAY of PRAYER**

St Catherine of Siena (Corpus Christi Site) Hamilton, Ontario on Friday, **December 13**, 2019 from 9:00 to 3:00 (Holy Mass 9am). Tea, coffee, muffins on arrival. Bring a bag lunch & coffee mug. To register, please call 905-388-3966 or [ssspertshire@sympatico.ca](mailto:ssspertshire@sympatico.ca)

**SENSORY FRIENDLY MASS**

Mary Mother of God in Oakville will offer a monthly Mass for Catholics (young and old) with sensory sensitivities including Autism, Down Syndrome, Sensory Processing Disorder, ADHD and other sensory differences. You can expect lower lighting, softer music, shorter and more literal homilies, low gluten hosts and the freedom to move around if necessary. Feel free to bring whatever supports you may need. All Masses are on the second Sunday of the month at 3:00 pm. Dates for the sensory friendly Masses are **December 15, Jan. 12, Feb. 9, April 12, May 10, and June 14**. For more info, contact Debbie Frey at [youth.mmogp@bellnet.ca](mailto:youth.mmogp@bellnet.ca)

**HALTON CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the formation of the Halton Catholic District School Board (HCDSB). HCDSB invites all members of our parish community to join in the celebration of our journey in faith as a Catholic education community. There are a number of the events and activities planned to commemorate this milestone. For details, visit the HCDSB website at: <http://bit.ly/HCDSB50>

St. Ambrose Memorial Day December 7



Neither angel, nor archangel, not yet even the Lord Himself (who alone can say I am with you), can, when we have sinned, release us, unless we bring repentance with us.

Saint Ambrose

**Don't forget about the Advent Confession!**

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