



# St. Gabriel's Roman Catholic Church

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## Parish Staff

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## Vocation Director

Most Reverend Wayne Lobsinger, VG, EV 905-528-7988 x2223

## 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 9:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. (Sunday)

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday from 5:30 p.m. - 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

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905-332-3333

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905-336-3911

Notre Dame

905 335 1544

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Fridays from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Weekdays 20 min before Mass

## 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

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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

*Third Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m. Pro populo  
9:30 a.m. + Mirosław Trofimiuk  
11:00 a.m. + Conceicao Brasil  
12:30 p.m. + + + Michał, Maria i Zofia Bernacny  
4:00 p.m. White Mass

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

NO MASS

*Memorial of St. Lucy,  
virgin & martyr*

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

*Memorial of St. John  
of the Cross, priest & Doctor of the Church*  
6:30 p.m. + Maria Kulig (by Christine Knul)  
(Eng.)

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

6:30 p.m. + + + Dusze czyścicowe  
(Pol.) + Teresa Goździkowska (od Haliny  
Komorowskiej)  
+ Ks. Władysław Krukar  
+ Stanisław Szarek  
+ Urszula Maria Burkot

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

9:00 a.m. + + + All souls in Purgatory  
(Eng.) + + + Deceased members of Machodo Family  
+ Joseph Atilio Paladin (by Lucille Dunn  
& Family)

6:30 p.m. + Władysław Dębniak (w 15 rocznicę śmierci)  
(Pol. & Eng.) oraz Henryk Dębniak (w 1 rocznicę śmierci)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

6:30 p.m. + Zofia Gros (od Teresy Kot)  
(Pol.)

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

9:00 a.m. + Krystyna Śmieszek  
(Pol.)  
5:00 p.m. + Ana Clarridge (by Jenn Paduch)  
(Eng.)

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m. Pro populo  
9:30 a.m. (L) Dziekczynno-błagalna w intencji Moniki i  
Angelici  
11:00 a.m. (L) In thanksgiving from Granasiuk & Starcevic  
Families  
12:30 p.m. + Weronika Kilian

Collection on December 4/5 \$ 4728  
Christmas Flowers \$ 1115

### OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2022

Please pick up your envelopes for Sunday donations at the back of the church. Your donations are tax deductible. Please do not use your 2021 envelopes in 2022.

**Pre-authorized Giving** is the best and easiest way to continue to support our Parish. It is simple to sign up! Please contact the parish office today to set up your account.

### DECEMBER

The month of December is dedicated to the *Immaculate Conception*.

The first 24 days of December fall during the liturgical season known as of Advent and are represented by the liturgical color purple — a symbol of penance, mortification, and the sorrow of a contrite heart. The best person we can turn to for help during Advent is Mary, Christ's and our Mother. She awaited the day of His birth, and Her preparation was complete in every respect. Let's crown our preparation and borrow something of Mary's prayerfulness, her purity and whole-hearted submission to God's will.

The remaining days of December mark the beginning of the Christmas season. The liturgical color changes to white or gold — a symbol of joy, purity and innocence.



## St. Gabriel Church Elf Challenge

as I go around the Church this Advent and learn about our faith in the process! Comment/like to win me after Christmas!!

Follow me on

Instagram@gabriel\_youth\_burlington OR  
[www.saintgabrielchurch.com](http://www.saintgabrielchurch.com)



SCAN ME

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Pick up your schedule for the Advent Recollection, Sacrament of Penance and Holy Mass times during the Christmas. It is available in the back of the church.



### ADVENT RECOLLECTION 2021

The Advent Retreat will be preached in English & Polish by **Fr. Adam Filas, OMI**. Please check the Christmas Program for details.

### DECEMBER 22

Please note that there is NO MASS on Wednesday, **December 22** due to the Parish Advent Reconciliations.

### ANGEL TREE PROGRAM 2021

Our SSVp invites you to continue helping families who are struggling by participating in the annual Angel Tree program. You can provide a donation by returning an angel with attached blue envelope during the Mass collections **no later than December 20<sup>th</sup>**. We thank you for your continued support and kindness and we hope that you will be able to help us help our families again this year. For more info call (905) 570-6320 or email: [ssvpstgabriels@gmail.com](mailto:ssvpstgabriels@gmail.com)



### ST. GABRIEL'S CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

Christmas will be here soon and now is a perfect time to donate to the St. Gabriel's Food Drive. Non-perishable food items will make a difference for those less fortunate during the Christmas season. Do you want to help? You can drop items off anytime the church is open in the bin located in the Narthex. Did you know that Council #10061 have partnered with the St Gabriel's CWL to make a difference in our community?

### LITURGY FOR CHILDREN ON SUNDAY

All children ages 4 and up are welcome to learn about Jesus and our faith during interactive lessons/activities. No sign up required. Children's Liturgy is held at 9:30 AM Mass in Polish/English and at 11am Mass in English. Led by qualified schoolteachers who follow covid protocols. Children will be called up by Fr. Paul at the beginning of Mass.

#### WE WELCOME ALL YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

- Young Adults (18-35) to our Young Adults group. We will meet every second Thursday evenings at 7PM in the Annunciation Room.
  - High school youth (Gr. 9-12) We meet on Fridays from 7:15 pm – 9:00 pm
- WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!**
- We need more readers to read during weekend Masses. We need both English and Polish lectors.
  - Ushers –to collect the offering and to greet people at Mass. All are welcome to join.

### PALLIATIVE CARE IN CARPENTER HOSPICE

In case one of the members of your family is transferred to the palliative care facility, Carpenter Hospice, please inform the nurses if you would like a priest to come to perform Last Rites. The Carpenter Hospice staff will contact us to arrange the visit.

### SYNOD OF BISHOPS 2023

The 2021 – 2023 Synod of Bishops brings an invitation from Pope Francis to embark on a journey together. How can you get involved? Offer your thoughts on how we can deepen our communion in the Lord and how all members of the Church can participate more fully in its mission. Visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/#about>

St. John the Baptist baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance from sin



### GAUDETE SUNDAY – THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This Sunday introduces us into the second half of the season of Advent. All of us are children this Sunday, for we are unable to restrain our impatience at the coming of the Saviour. Our joy urges us to celebrate in the great basilica of St. Peter, so that all mankind may share it with us. The penitential violet of Advent is changed to rose, and at the Gospel even the Precursor announces to the city that “He is in our midst.” Christ the Lord is even today present through grace, as He will be with us forever in glory. The vestments worn by the priest can be the colour rose (sometimes referred to as pink). The third candle of the Advent wreath is also rose. Both are reminders that Christ's coming is very soon; we are nearing the end of Advent, and we can hardly contain our joy. The entire week is one of the richest of the entire year of grace, for during this week fall the magnificent Ember Days and the beginning of the “O antiphons.”

All through Advent the word “come” is repeated throughout the Introit and Communion antiphons. From December 17 to December 23 we have seven antiphons that intensely express the 4,000 long years of awaiting for the Messiah.

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