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Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9 a.m.-2p.m.
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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) 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.

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions For The Week

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:00 a.m. + Randall Joseph Whitty
(Mass in Polish)
7:15 p.m. (L) In Thanksgiving from Marzena
(English Retreat)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

9:00 a.m. + Rev. Władysław Krukar
(Mass in Polish)
7:15 p.m. + + All souls in Purgatory
(English Retreat)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00 a.m. (L) Konstanty Kieda (on his Birthday)
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. *The Exposition of the Most Holy Sacrament*
6:30 p.m. + Weronika Kilian

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:00 a.m. + Rev. Jim Petrie
7:00 p.m. 1. + Teresa Goździkowska
(Polish Retreat) 2. (L) Zofia Potocka (od Żywego Różańca)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00 a.m. + + John & Helen Słomka
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. *The Exposition of the Most Holy Sacrament*
7:00 p.m. 1. + Beata Kot (2 rocznica śmierci)
(Polish Retreat) 2. + + + Dusze czyścicowe

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 *Memorial of St. Canisius, priest & Doctor of the Church*

9:00 a.m. O Boże błogosławieństwo dla rodziny Lach
5:00 p.m. (L) In Thanksgiving for the graces received by intercession of Padre Pio by Dominic
7:00 p.m. 1. (L) Michał i Basia (w 6 rocznicę ślubu)
(Polish Retreat) 2. + + Mieczysław i Zofia Tuszyńscy

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m. Missa Pro Populo
9:15 a.m. + + Feliks i Zofia Brzuchacz
11:00 a.m. + + + For All Souls in Purgatory
4:00 p.m. + Mirosław Górski (w rocznicę śmierci)
(Polish Retreat)

Lectors Schedule

Dec 21 5:00 p.m. M. Muller, L. Radice-Santos
Dec 22 8:00 a.m. C. Guertin, J. Segismundo
Dec 22 11:00 a.m. M. Slobodnik, R. Beeho

EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

Mass Collection December 7/8 \$ 4241
Families in Need \$ 1347
Christmas Flowers \$ 271

This week in our Parish: Dec 16 – Dec 22

Monday	✠ Confessions 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm <i>Church</i>
Tuesday	✠ Confessions 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm <i>Church</i> ✠ Legion of Mary 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm <i>Youth Room</i>
Wednesday	✠ Beaver (Scouts) 6:00 – 8:00 pm <i>Parish Centre</i> ✠ Venturers (Scouts) 6:30 – 9:30 pm <i>Youth Room</i> ✠ Choir Practice 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm <i>Church</i>
Thursday	✠ 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> ✠ Symbolon 7:15 pm – 9:00 pm <i>Annunciation Room</i>
Friday	✠ Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests (English) 8:30 am – 9:30 am <i>Church</i> ✠ SSV 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm <i>Annunciation Room</i>
Sunday	✠ Confessions 2:00 pm – 4:00 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.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please pick up your envelopes for Sunday donations at the back of the church.

DECEMBER 16-17 & 19-22 MASS TIME CHANGED

Please note that there are changes to Mass times due to the Advent Retreat.

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**.

NEW YEAR EVE ADORATION

For all who would like to meet the New Year 2020 with Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will be available in our Church on **December 31** starting 8:00 PM. The sign up list for this event is placed in the narthex.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Please note that there will be no Children's Liturgy during the 11:00 Holy Mass on Christmas Day. Children ages 4 -10 are welcome to participate in the Liturgy of the Word every Sunday at 11:00 in the Youth Room. Adult and Youth Leaders are always needed. Please speak to Mary Muller if you are interested.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

All Angel Tree deliveries will be made Wed. **December 18th**. We urge you to return the gift /cheque on time otherwise someone will be deprived. Thank you in advance for your generosity. If you wish 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.

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.

SOUPER SUNDAY

Come relax and enjoy our Christmas-time Souper Sunday!

December 29, after all Masses. If you want it to-go, please bring s container. Thank you for your generous free-will offerings to support this event and for offerings to the food bank!



SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO ARE CALLED

Please consider supporting our seminarians. We have a fund set up to assist those our parish who are called to serve God. If you are interested in donating, please come to the parish office.

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 **216 640.00 CAD** through **104 pledges**. Thank you to all who supported this event.

EVENTS IN THE DIOCESE

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.

MONDAY	December 16	Rev. Alessandro Tirelli, C.R.S.P
TUESDAY	December 17	Rev. Fernando Ferreira Pinto, C.S.S.
WEDNESDAY	December 18	Youth Ministers
THURSDAY	December 19	Rev. Tim Hingston
FRIDAY	December 20	Rev. David Avila
SATURDAY	December 21	Rev. Jerzy Tomon

Third Sunday of Advent - December 15, 2019

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Are you one to be sent? If God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, D. of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

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 **January 12, February 9, April 12, May 10, and June 14**. For more info, contact Debbie Frey at youth.mmogp@bellnet.ca

HALTON ALIVE

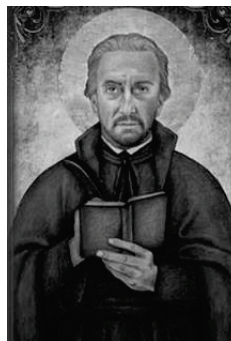
Throughout December we will distribute 5000 postcards with a positive, life-affirming message and candy canes. Volunteers needed: Participate as a family, friend group, youth group or church group. Each kit will have all the materials and instructions you need. Sign-up for your free kit today! Sign-up online www.haltonalive.ca/ccflvolunteers or contact Tawnya Stanus 905-632-3232. As you make your year-end donations please consider the pro-life educational work of Halton Alive that guides our youth and community to make life-affirming choices.



Candy Canes for Life

GUADALUPE

Our Lady of Guadalupe Pilgrimage **May 2 - 7, 2020** with Msgr Ted Slaman and Deacon Randy Matters. With visits to the Shrine and other holy places in the Mexico City area. We will also take in the birthday celebrations of San Juan Diego. For more information please visit www.pilgrimdeaconrandy.com or email matters@talkofthetowntravel.com



Christmas Day is nothing if not a day of universal joy.

Children should rejoice because on this day, God Himself became as one of them;

virgins, because a Virgin brought forth and remained unstained even after giving birth;

wives, because one of their number became the Mother of God;

sinners, because their Mediator and Saviour and Healer, has come to redeem them;

the just, because their Reward exceeding great, has been born into the world.

In truth, all faithful Christians, should rejoice, that their Creator and Lord, has taken on human flesh and begun His reign over the hearts of men, not only as God but also as the Son of Man among the children of men.

**St Peter Canisius (1521-1397)
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