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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

8:00 a.m. No Mass
9:15 a.m. (L) Ludwik i Teresa Goździkowscy
11:00 a.m. (L) Fr. Jacek Kryn
12:30 p.m. + + Józef i Janina Szydłowsky
6:30 p.m. No Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26 *Memorial of St. Stephen, the First Martyr*

9:00 a.m. + Paweł Socha
10:00 a.m. + Marek Pajerski

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:00 a.m. (L) Fr. Piotr Machnacki
8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
6:30 p.m. + + Michał i Franciszka Wójcik

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

8:00 a.m. + Phyllis McIntosh (from Walter & Lucille Dunn)
6:30 p.m. + Franciszek Ślęzak

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:00 a.m. + Russell Tidball
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. *Exposition of the Holy Sacrament*
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. *Exposition of the Holy Sacrament*
6:30 p.m. + Stanisław i Maria Ślęzak

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:00 a.m. (L) O zdrowie i Boże błogosławieństwo dla
Anieli Ligas
5:00 p.m. + Anita Mills

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 *Solemnity of the Holy Family*

8:00 a.m. For Parishioners
9:15 a.m. + Wojciech Ligas
11:00 a.m. + Christopher Aniol (from J. Bajor)
12:30 p.m. + Lucyna Czuczko
7:00 p.m. (L) O łaskę zdrowia dla Marii i Barbary
(Pol.)

Eucharistic Ministries schedule

December 25, 11:00 a.m.: Cecilia Advincula, Nancy Meehan, Victor John
December 30, 5:00 p.m.: Leslie Viera, Allan Thomson, Christine Thomson
December 31, 8:00 a.m.: Jenn Paduch, Cecilia Advincula, Victor John
December 31, 11:00 a.m.: Ana Clarridge, Nancy Meehan, Lynda Bankley

Lector's schedule

December 25, 11:00 a.m.: M. Muller, M. Vukovic
December 30, 5:00 p.m.:
December 31, 8:00 a.m. J. Elphick. E. Kennedy
December 31, 11:00 a.m. A. DeCova, L. Gurusinghe

REGISTRATION

We encourage all the members of St. Gabriel parish, who didn't register yet, to visit our website or the office and fill out the registration form. Being a registered parishioner is helpful in the future requirements related to the religious life.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP

After morning Mass on Friday mornings, a new prayer group meets every two weeks from 8:30 a.m. till 9:00 a.m. Before Jesus, in the Holy Monstrance, we pray for our needs and those of our parish. Come and pray with us.

LEGION OF MARY

We meet every Tuesday at 7:15 p.m. in St. Gabriel's Rectory meeting room. We are involved in many works such as ; 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. Please consider joining this wonderful ministry. For more information, please call Cecilia 905-332-8146

OUR PARISH STORE

The parish store is stocked with many religious items such as ProLife, books, rosaries and other various gift items. Store open Sundays after the 9:15 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Masses and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

PALLOTTINE MISSIONS

On **December 31** we will have special collection in favour of the Pallottine Missions. This collection has permission and blessing of Bishop of Diocese of Hamilton in all parishes in the care of Society of the Catholic Apostolate. The envelope inside the bulletin.

ENVELOPES FRO 2018

Please pick up your 2018 envelopes from the Narthex. If there are any changes in your personal data, please contact the parish office.

HOLY MASS FOR VOLUNTEERS

We would like to cordially invite all of our volunteers, CWL Members, Knights of Columbus, Ministries of the Eucharist, Lectors, Altar Servers, Cleaning Crew as well as all others who generously donate their time to keep our parish running smoothly, to attend a special Mass on Saturday, January 13th at 7:00 p.m.. Mark your calendar!

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners and Friends,
It is beautiful tradition in our Catholic Church to make **pastoral visits during the Christmas Season**. And furthermore, our Canon Law challenges pastors to visit the homes of parishioners. The reason for this pastoral visit is very simple – to pray and bless the home even every year and meet all members of your family. Sometimes, and especially if you have older mothers and fathers who cannot attend Sunday Mass, you can ask for Holy Communion or even Anointing of the Sick.

Please do not hesitate to call the parish office or ask priests personally after Holy Mass to set up a day and time for a pastoral visit to your home. It is good to start the New Year

2018 with God's Blessing! May this Christmas fill you with the joy and peace of the Child Jesus especially during the New Year 2018. Thank you very much for all that you are doing for the growth of our St. Gabriel Family. God bless you and happy New Year!
Fr. Piotr & Fr. Jacek

EVENTS IN THE DIOCESE

VOCATION SEEDS' IN OUR PARISH

Nativity of the Lord - **December 25, 2017**

We celebrate the birth of our Lord into our world; however, many have not received the birth of our Lord into their hearts. If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon. If God is calling you, call Contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 x2246 or email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
www.HamiltonVocations.com

ST. PAUL'S NEW YEAR'S EVE –

Mark your calendar for an evening of dining, dancing & friendship. Sunday **December 31st** at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, 2265 Headon Road, Burlington. Catered dinner followed by dancing, Midnight buffet and champagne. Please call Doris at 905-541-4486 or Rita at 905-332-9254 or stpaulsocial2011@gmail.com

COME RETREAT AT LOYOLA HOUSE IN GUELPH

Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence? See our website at loyolahouse.com for more information on these upcoming retreats & programs: 8-Day Directed Retreats - **January 22-30; February 7-15** (1/2 price for new retreatants), Henri Nouwen Retreat: A Life in Letters & Journals – **February 2-4**. Knowing the Heart of Jesus Weekend Retreat – **February 23-25** Directed Prayer Weekend – **February 23-25** Finding Your Way: Weekend of Discernment – **February 23-25**. Register online at loyolahouse.com or contact registration@ignatiusguelph.ca or by calling 519.824.1250 ext. 266.



THIS CHRISTMAS GIVE THE GIFT OF SWING

The Burlington Knights of Columbus are re-living the big band era when the “sound of swing” reigned supreme in Burlington! On Sunday, **January 28, 2018, 2:00 MATINEE** in the

Burlington Performing Arts Centre. The Burlington Knights of Columbus, in support of their many community activities, are proud to sponsor the Toronto All-Star Big Band. Come and enjoy a terrific afternoon of Swing with your friends. You can reserve your “GIFT OF SWING” by calling the box office at 905-681-6000. The ticket price is only \$45.00.

BAND OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERS MEN'S CONFERENCE

On **February 24th** join Hector Molina and Bishop of St. Catharines Gerard Bergie along with hundreds of men for Serviam Ministries' 3rd annual Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference at Canada Christian College in Toronto. The theme is “Manly Virtue”. It is a one day intensive men's retreat consisting of spiritual talks, Mass, Adoration, Confession, fraternity and prayer. Special Father/Son rates available. All info and tickets: <https://www.serviamministries.com/events/virtue/>, info@ServiamMinistries.com or 1-888-522-2070.

PRAY TO KNOW GOD'S WILL

From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God's plan for her life and she said “Yes!”...and so the Saviour came into the world. Pray to know God's Will for your life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world. If you think God is calling you to do this as a priest, religious or deacon, call Contact

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PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH TIP #101

Christmas is a season of great excitement and joy, filled with gifts, sharing love and visiting with our family and friends. These are wonderful parts of Christmas, but it is important to help our children remember that the holiday is really about the birth of Christ. Start during Advent by having an Advent wreath, where each week you pray and talk about what each candle represents: hope, peace, joy and love. Find ways as a family to spread these into the world in which you live. Jesus taught us to look toward others; to feed the hungry, care for the sick and so much more. The greatest gift we can give our children is the ability to look outward towards what others need, as opposed to looking inward to what “I” want. Help your children to learn that is in giving that we truly receive. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988)

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH TIP # 81

Rita McNeil's Christmas song titled, With My Family, has the following line: “All I want under my tree is peace and love and harmony.” It is what we all want in our relationships, but it is important to ask ourselves what we are willing to do to get it. Will we take a peaceful approach to conflict, will we love the good pieces and the struggling pieces of our spouses and will we act in ways that bring us together in our decisions. The line ends with, “Wrap it with a ribbon please, I'll share it with my family.” What a great Christmas gift to your spouse – a promise to work on peace and love and harmony!

(From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988)

THE CATECHISM CORNER

173. Can the faithful on earth, through the communion of saints, relieve the sufferings of the souls in purgatory?

The faithful on earth, through the communion of saints, can relieve the sufferings of the souls in purgatory by prayer, fasting, and other good works, by indulgences, and by having Masses offered for them.

It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins. (II Maccabees 12:46)

174. Can the faithful on earth help one another?

The faithful on earth, as members of the Mystical Body of Christ, can help one another by practicing supernatural charity and the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

Pray for one another that you may be saved. For the unceasing prayer of a just man is of great avail. (James 5:16)

175. What is meant in the Apostles' Creed by "the forgiveness of sins"?

By "the forgiveness of sins" in the Apostles' Creed is meant that God has given to the Church, through Jesus Christ, the power to forgive sins, no matter how great or how many they are, if sinners truly repent.

Receive the Holy Ghost; whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained. (John 20:22-23)



Saint Stephen, the First Martyr

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