

# St. Gabriel's Roman Catholic Church

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## Office Hours

Monday		Closed
Tuesday		9:00 am-3:00 pm
Wednesday		1:30 am-6:30 pm
Thursday		9:00 am-3:00 pm
Friday		9:00 am-3:00 pm
Saturday		Closed
Sunday		Closed

## Sunday Masses

Saturday	ENGLISH	5:00 pm
Sunday	ENGLISH	11:00 am
	POLISH	9:30 am 12:30 pm

## Weekday Masses

Tuesday	ENGLISH	6:30 pm
Wednesday	POLISH	6:30 pm
Thursday	ENGLISH	9:00 am
Friday	POLISH	6:30 pm

First Fridays	BILINGUAL	6:30 pm
First Saturdays	BILINGUAL	9:00 am

## Adoration

Fridays	5:30 pm-6:30 pm
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## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fridays	5:30 pm-6:30 pm
Saturdays	4:00 pm-5:00 pm
Weekdays	20 min. 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. The funeral home will then contact us.

## 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 24 hours per day. 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.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4-** SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT.  
RETREAT / REKOLEKCJE.

9:30 am + Urszula Maria Burkot  
POLISH  
11:00 am + Albert F. Risso  
ENGLISH  
12:30 pm - Parafian i dobrodziejów  
POLISH

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 5** – RETREAT / REKOLEKCJE.

6:30 pm + Kyle Verbrugge  
ENGLISH  
7:30 pm - O Boże Błogosławieństwo dla rodziny  
POLISH Sokołowskich

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6**– RETREAT / REKOLEKCJE.

6:30 pm - Opiekę Matki Bożej dla Vanessy Gawlik  
ENGLISH  
7:30 pm - O Boże Błogosławieństwo dla rodziny  
POLISH Kaliszewskich

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7**

6:30 pm + Ksiądz Władysław Krukar  
POLISH  
- O Boże Błogosławieństwo dla rodziny  
Socha  
- Intencja dziękczynna za wszystkie  
otrzymane łaski i o Boże  
Błogosławieństwo dla całej rodziny

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8**

9:00 am ++ All souls in purgatory  
ENGLISH  
+ Anne Thuong  
+ Maria & Frank Medeiros  
- For members of CWL  
- Marcin & Hilary Freyberg

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9**

5:30 pm **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
6:30 pm - Za członków Żywego Różańca  
POLISH

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10**

5:00 pm - O dalsze Błogosławieństwo Boże i  
ENGLISH zdrowie dla Nicole i Oliwi w dniu urodzin

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11-** THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT.

9:30 am + Ksiądz Władysław Krukar  
POLISH  
11:00 am - Parishioners and benefactors  
ENGLISH  
12:30 pm + Stanisław Szarek  
POLISH

**OFFERING NOVEMBER 26 / NOVEMBER 27**

Regular Sunday Offering	\$4,638.00
Preauthorized Payments	\$809.00

### ADVENT

Today, St. Matthew's Gospel presents us with John the Baptist inviting us to conversion: «the Kingdom of heaven is now at hand!» (Mt 3,2) Many people went to him looking to be baptized and «confessing their sins» (Mt 3,6). But from the whole crowd, John fixes in on some individuals in particular, the Pharisees and the Sadducees, as much in need of conversion as they were obstinate in the denial of such a necessity. It is to them that the Baptist directs the words «Let it be seen that you are serious in your conversion» (Mt 3,8).

Having started Advent, a time of joyful anticipation, we find ourselves listening to John's exhortation, which wakes us to the fact that this wait is not a passive “quietism”, nor that we should think that we are already saved by the mere virtue of being Christians. This anticipation, this wait, is the dynamic searching for the mercy of God, it is the conversion of the heart, it is the search for the presence of the Lord who came, who comes and who will come again.

**Today we light the second candle, also purple, which represents faith. It is called the “Bethlehem Candle” as a reminder of Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem.**



### ADVENT RETREAT

We invite all parishioners for our four-day Advent Retreat led by Fr. Paul Pilarczyk.

### RETREAT SCHEDULE:

Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5:00pm (ENGLISH)  
Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> – 9:30am (POLISH)  
11:00am (ENGLISH)  
12:30pm (POLISH)  
Monday December 5<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm (ENGLISH)  
7:30pm (POLISH)  
Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm (ENGLISH)  
7:30pm (POLISH)

\*Confessions will be heard half an hour before weekday Retreat Masses\*

### ATTENTION- MASS SCHEDULE

Please contact the parish office to reschedule the following intentions for the month of December:

**Dec. 10 + Ks. Aleksander Mierzwiński**

### **PARISH STORE**

Christmas cards (English and Polish), as well as Oplatki/Christmas wafers are now available for purchase in the parish store.

### **WYD- LISBON PORTUGAL 2023**

Attention youth! There will be a mandatory World Youth Day meeting discussing costs, fundraising opportunities as well as the schedule. The meeting will be held on Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

### **KOC-CHRISTMAS CAKES AND COOKIES**

Please pick up your order in the Parish Hall on **Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> between 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm or on Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup> between 10:00 am and 1:30 pm.** If you are unable to pick up your order at either of these times, please email us at [stgabrielskofc@gmail.com](mailto:stgabrielskofc@gmail.com) to make other arrangements. Thank you for your support and Merry Christmas to you and your family!

### **CWL NEWS**

Our Christmas Potluck Supper will be held on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, with set up at 6:00pm and supper to follow at 6:30pm, in the Parish Centre. All ladies of the Parish are invited to bring their favourite dish and join together for supper and a Christmas Sing Along. Hope to see you!!

### **BIG HEART FOOD COLLECTION**

Did you know that more people are using Food Banks today than three years ago? Can you help the Knights of Columbus Council #10061 by donating non-perishable items and personal care items? Donations will go to Food for Life and Burlington Food Bank to help the less fortunate in the community. The donation bin is in the Narthex. Thank you in advance for any help that you can give.

### **SOUPER SUNDAY**

Thanks to all who came, all those who provided a variety of delicious Soups and to those who helped set-up, clean-up and take-down. We raised \$237.60 for the needs of our Parish.

In addition, the Mission Group raised \$380.00 from coffee and donuts sales. All proceeds will be donated to the 'Flying Fathers'.

### **SSVP- ANGEL TREE PROGRAM**

Our Society of Saint Vincent de Paul invites you to help families in our parish boundaries who are struggling financially by participating in the annual Christmas Angel Tree program. Our neighbours will receive store gift cards so they can purchase food and gifts for their family. You can provide a donation by returning an angel with attached blue envelope during the Mass collections no later than December 18<sup>th</sup>. The Angel Tree program was a big success last year because of your generous contributions. We thank you for your continued support and kindness and we hope that you will be able to support us once again.

Our families depend on your generosity and are grateful for anything you can give to help them celebrate Christmas. For more information, please call 905-570-6320 or email [ssvpstgabriels@gmail.com](mailto:ssvpstgabriels@gmail.com)



### **EVENINGS WITH HIS EXCELLENCY**

Auxiliary Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for "Evenings with His Excellency." An opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Class is held on the second Friday of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Ann Parish in Ancaster. It is also available on St. Ann's YouTube channel. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith. All are welcome.

### **CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Smith's Funeral Homes is hosting their annual Christmas Memorial Service in Burlington on Sunday, December 11, 2022 at 4 p.m. This Memorial service offers families an opportunity to remember and honor their loved ones at a special time of year, and cherish memories as loved ones' names are read aloud and candles are lit as a symbol of hope and Comfort.

For more information on service details, please visit: <https://www.smithsfh.com/christmas-memorial-services>

To RSVP, please visit:

<https://www.smithsfh.com/burlington-memorial-service-rsvp>.




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