



# St. Gabriel's Roman Catholic Church

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## Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Paul Patrick, O.M.I

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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

St. Gabriel's School

905-332-3333

St. Mark's School

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

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 *Second Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m. + Linotte Knox  
9:30 a.m. + Ks. Władysław Krukar  
11:00 a.m. (L) Members of CWL  
12:30 p.m. Pro populo

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 6 *Memorial of St. Nicholas, bishop* NO MASS

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7 *Memorial of St. Ambrose, bishop & Doctor of the Church*

6:30 p.m. + Anna Thuong Nguyen  
(Eng.)

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8 *Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary*

6:00 p.m. *Rosary (Eng. & Pol.)*  
6:30 p.m. + Mikołaj Nowakowski (od Teresy Kot)  
(Eng. & Pol.) + + Feliks i Genowefa Knul (od Krystyny Knul)  
+ Connie Brazil  
(L) W intencji osób uzależnionych i podejmujących abstynencję  
(L) O łaskę zdrowia dla Broni Strejch

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:00 a.m. + + + All souls in Purgatory  
(Eng.) + Alice MacDonald  
+ Zbigniew Sabat  
+ Daniel & Margaret Boyd (by Lucille Dunn & Family)  
(L) Jorge Huayna

6:30 p.m. + Józef Dominik oraz + Józef Tomera  
(Pol. & Eng.)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

6:30 p.m. + Ks. Aleksander Mierzwiński  
(Pol.)

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11 *Memorial of St. Damasus I, pope*

9:00 a.m. (L) Wynagradzająca za grzechy w rodzinie  
(Pol.) Kowanda  
5:00 p.m. + + + Deceased of Villanueva & Fernandez  
(Eng.) Family

### 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

Collection on November 27/28	\$ 3662
Building & Maintenance	\$ 60
Christmas Flowers	\$ 25

### 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.

### MARY IMMACULATE

This Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of December is the main feast day for the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Fr Paul will go to his community in Mississauga for a day of retreat. The church will be open from 9-2pm for private prayer - when coming into the church please let the office staff know. In the evening we will have the Rosary at 6pm in English and Polish followed by a bilingual Mass at 6:30pm in honour of our Lady.

### BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families, and the families themselves, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. The blessing takes place on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, and is known as Baminelli Sunday. All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass on Sunday, **December 12<sup>th</sup>** to be blessed. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your 'Baminelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day!



### WHITE MASS

Consistent with the white coats and uniforms formerly worn by physicians and nurses, the WHITE MASS is celebrated annually for the spiritual support of healthcare professionals, clergy, chaplains, and all caregivers. Join us as we welcome Fr. Terrance McKenna who will celebrate this year's WHITE MASS on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, **Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** at 4:00 p.m. at St. Gabriel Church. A good will offering would be appreciated to help cover expenses. For more information, please call 905-335-6902.

### ADVENT RECOLLECTION 2021

Mark your calendar! Our Advent Retreat will be proclaimed by Fr. Adam Filas OMI director of the Oblate Missions in Assumption Province. The retreat will begin at every weekend Mass (both English and Polish Masses) on December 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> and continue into Monday Dec 20<sup>th</sup> (Mass in English at 6pm and Polish at 7:30pm) and conclude on Tuesday December 21st (Mass in English at 6pm and Polish at 7:30pm) The theme of the retreat is "The Holy Family".



### WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Thanks for the volunteers who maintained the flowerbeds and gardens around the church this year as well as volunteers who were cutting the grass. Lots of hard work and dedication and finally time for some well-deserved rest for the winter season!

During Advent it's always a good time to give thanks and recognize all the 'hidden volunteers' who work behind the scenes and make our parish a home. Thank you for all that you do and may God bless your efforts!

### 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>

### MARRIAGE SUPPORT

Does your marriage experience more trouble than joy, feeling stagnant or disconnected and/or causing you worries? The solution is Retrouvaille - a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend begins March 13, 2022. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email [teamrecine@gmail.com](mailto:teamrecine@gmail.com)



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