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Vocation Director

Reverend Michael King at 905-528-7988 x2246

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 9:15 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 First Friday following the 6:30 p.m. Mass, ending at 8:00 p.m.

New to the Parish

If you are new to St. Gabriel's please introduce yourself to the priest after Mass. Be sure to complete a registration form. You are welcome to become involved in any of the organizations or ministries that may interest you.

Parish Hall Bookings

If wish to inquire about using our Parish Hall for any upcoming functions, please contact parish office.

Parish Schools

Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School 905-335-1544
St. Gabriel's School 905-332-3333
St. Mark's School 905-336-3911

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Fridays from 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.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.

Priesthood or Religious Life

For information on Priesthood or Religious Life please speak with one of the parish priests or contact the Diocesan Vocation Director Reverend Michael King at 905-528-7988. The Vocation Office website is: www.vocationinfo.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.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

December 17, 8:00 a.m. G. Seles, J. Segismundo
December 17, 11:00 a.m. M. Young, A. Walden

Mass Collection from Dec.2/Dec.3 \$ 7829.-

EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

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

A BIG THANK YOU

We would like to thank those, who voluntarily for many years helped maintaining the Bingo game, which generated some income for our parish. Thank you **Barbara, Alma and Andrea** for your time and involvement!

FATIMA ANNIVERSARY

On the 13th day of December we celebrate The Fatima Apparition Anniversary in our church. The Exposition of The Most Holy Sacrament will continue from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. To make sure that Jesus will be not alone in the church the sign-in list is placed in the narthex.

SOUPER SUNDAY

Thanks to all who came last Sunday. The total proceeds were \$194.90. An additional \$54 were raised by your kind purchases of delicious chocolate truffles.

Our next Souper Sunday will be on **December 17**. The free-will offering is accepted for the needs of the church as well as non-perishable food items for the food bank. As always, thanks to those who donate their soup and their time. If you're interested in helping out-talk to Mark. Bon appetite.

HELP NEEDED

We would like to ask all the volunteers from Cleaning Crew to help with cleaning our Sanctuary till Christmas. New members are welcome. Thank you.

POINSETTIAS AND CAKES & COOKIES

Ready for Pick Up! Please remember to pick up your poinsettias, cakes and cookies order this weekend (**December 9 and 10**) after all Masses in the Parish Hall. Thank you for your support!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11 *Memorial of St. Damasus I, pope*

8:00 a.m. + + + Anna, Józef, Jerzy Walaszczyk
6:30 p.m. (L) Dzięczczynna za rodzinę Konarskich

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12 *Memorial of Our Lady of Guadalupe*

9:00 a.m. + Marek Pajerski (Koło Żywego Różańca)
6:30 p.m. (L) Za parafian i członków Krucjaty

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13 *Memorial of St. Lucy, virgin & martyr*

8:00 a.m. + Jerome Tarlow
8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:30 p.m. (L) Ks. Czesław Kolasa

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 *Memorial of St. John of the Cross, priest & doctor of the Church*

8:00 a.m. (L) Nicholas
6:30 p.m. + Zofia Janiak

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:00 a.m. (L) Fr. Piotr Machnacki (on his birthday)
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
7:00 p.m. + + + Anna, Ludwik, Andrzej Mikołajczyk

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

9:00 a.m. (L) Dzięczczynna z prośba o Boże
(Eng.) błogosławieństwo dla Marzeny
5:00 p.m. + Mila Villaspin
+ Judith Jeffers
+ Ignacy Bajor (from Maria Wojtkowska)
7:00 p.m. (L) O zdrowie i Boże błogosławieństwo dla Ani



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 *Third Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m. (L) For Parishioners
9:15 a.m. + Ks. Władysław Krukar
11:00 a.m. (L) Dzięczczynno-błagalna za rodzinę
Granasiuk
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:00 p.m. + Weronika Kilian

Eucharistic Ministries schedule

December 16, 5:00 p.m.: Leslie Viera, Nancy Meehan
December 17, 8:00 a.m.: Cecilia Advincula, Jenn Paduch,
Victor John
December 17, 11:00 a.m.: Ana Clarridge, Arlene Salmon,
Lynda Bankley

Lector's schedule

December 16, 5:00 p.m. E. Kennedy, S. Bunting

CWL MEETING

The CWL December Potluck Meeting: Monday, **December 11th** in the Parish Centre at 6:30 p.m. Items for the Food Bank would be appreciated. All are welcome.

THE ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SEASON PROGRAM FOR 2017

Updated and ready to pick up is placed in the Narthex.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

Our Angel tree will stay in the narthex for the next couple weeks. Each Angel represents a person in need in our parish. We invite parishioners to choose an angel from the tree and purchase a gift or gift certificate. Please return the wrapped gift or gift certificate with the angel and ribbon attached no later than Sunday Dec. 17th. All deliveries will be made on Tuesday, Dec. 19th. We urge you to return your gift on time otherwise someone will be deprived. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Family Outreach Committee.

RE: ANGEL TAGS THAT READ TOILETRIES

Some of the angels will read "toiletries" for either an adult or teenage male or an adult or teenage female. Here are some suggestions that may be helpful. All: Shampoo, body wash, shower gel, bath soap, hand / body cream, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss. Adult Teenage Female: hair mouse / gel, nail polish, lip gloss face cream, disposable razors. Adult Teenage Male: hair gel, shaving cream, aftershave, disposable razors. Christmas items for Sale

OUR PARISH STORE

The parish store is stocked with many religious items such as ProLife and Polish Christmas cards, Oplatek, 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.

MEXICAN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF UPDATE

Owing to your generosity, \$1500.00 was donated to the Pallotine Mission in Tenengo del Aire, Mexico. These funds will be used to renovate the church that was seriously damaged during the earthquake. As well, monies will be allocated to the families in the parish, who were most affected by the quake. The Pallotine fathers thank you for your charitable support.

EVENTS IN THE DIOCESE

INTERNAL AUDITORS

The Diocese of Hamilton is looking for part-time Auditors to perform financial and administrative reviews of our Parishes and Cemeteries. The hours of work will vary depending on the number of reviews and the complexity of the reviews, but on average an Auditor can expect to work between 7 to 15 days per year. Remuneration will be based on the number of audits performed. Duties include:

- Review and critique of the current audit program.
- Responsible for planning and execution of 5 to 10 audits per year.
- Prepare and present audit reports for review.
- Work with Parishes and Cemeteries to correct the audit findings.
- Some travel will be required.

Qualifications:

- Professional designation in accounting is required.
 - Strong communication and presentation skills with ability to comfortably communicate at all levels. If this is a position that would interest you, please submit a resume to: carrers@hamiltondiocese.com
- Applications will be accepted until **December 15th, 2017**.

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!

After the amazing success of last year Catholic Young Adults groups across the Diocese of Hamilton (& Beyond!) are coming together for ONE, BIG, THRILLING CHRISTMAS PARTY! If you are Catholic, between the ages of 19-39, this will be the place to BE to meet other Young Adult Catholics. Saturday **December 16th** we start with the Holy Mass at 5:00 p.m. Dinner to follow. \$20 donation (\$45 value) at the door. Location: St. Thomas the Apostle Church (715 Centre Rd., Waterdown ON). Please RSVP before December 14 (we need to get numbers for food). Contact: Justin Peter at jpeter@hamiltondiocese.com or call 905 689 4857 ext. 8.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS SING ALONG!

A Family that sings together stay together.

No better way to escape a cold, snowy night during this Advent season then to join Anthony Cheam and his friends, as they lead us in a Contemporary Christmas Carol Sing-Along (For Kids of Any Age!). With a series of upbeat Christmas Carol sing-along in unison and two-part choir (w/occasional solo) which will be a blessing and blast! Simple enough for younger kids, but contemporary enough for a middle-school or even a retirement home.

Date: Sunday **December 17, 2016** Time: 2:00 - 4:00 pm

St Paul's the Apostle Parish, Cost: Free will donation for Shifra Home

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.



"It is a great wisdom to know how to be silent and to look at neither the remarks, nor the deeds, not even the lives of others."

St. John of the Cross

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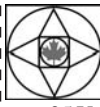
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