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Reverend Michael King at 905-528-7988 x2246

Office Hours:

Monday closed
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9 a.m.-2p.m.
Thursday 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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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Monday, December 12 (Our Lady of Guadalupe)

8:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m. White Mass

O Boze bogoslawienstwo dla Marii Ozog

Tuesday, December 13

9:00 a.m.

6:30 p.m. + Feliks Szczepanski

7:15 p.m. Penitential Service

Wednesday, December 14

8:00 a.m. + Mary Jane MacEachern

Holy Hour and Benediction after Mass

6:30 p.m. + Feliks Szczepanski

Thursday, December 15

8:00 a.m.+ Carl Shaw

6:30 p.m. O opieke Matki Bozej i uswiecenie w kaplanstwie

dla ks. Piotra w dniu urodzin

Friday, December 16

8:00 a.m. **No Mass**

10:00 a.m. Mass with Anointing of the Sick
+ Andrea Advincula

5:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Hour of Adoration

5:35 p.m.- 6:15 p.m. Confessions

6:30 p.m. (L) Marzena

Saturday, December 17

9:00 a.m.+ ks. Wladyslaw Krukar

4:00 p.m.– 4:45 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. + Maryla Gronawska; + Stephen Dunn

+ Zofia Thomas; + Dennis Forgeł

7:00 p.m. (Polish Retreat) O Boza bogoslawienstwo dla
Marii Ozog

Sunday, December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00a.m. + Irma Mondano

9:15 a.m. + Władysław

11:00 a.m. For all Parishioners

2:00 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. + Weronika Kilian

Divine Mercy Hour of Adoration - Every Friday from 5:30

p.m.to 6:30 p.m. there is an hour of Adoration devoted to the Divine Mercy. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed in Polish and English. Please join us in an hour of devout prayer.

Mass Requests

Please come to the office to arrange Mass dates for your intentions. Please do not leave money in the Narthex.

Thank you.

Offering Dec.3 Our Gift to God

Envelopes \$ 5,800.00

Loose: \$ 790.15

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Building Fund: \$200.00

Families Fund: \$ 55.00

OUR PARISH NEWS

Christmas Spiritual Preparation

On **Tuesday, Dec.13, 7:15 p.m.-9:00 p.m.** there will be a Penitential service and Confessions in our Church. Come and make your Christmas confession.

Mass for the Sick

On **Friday, Dec. 16 at 10:00 a.m.** there will be a Mass for the Sick with Anointing. The 8 a.m. Mass will be cancelled on this day. All are welcome.

Parish Store Purchases

Our parish store stocks Catholic items. We sell religious Christmas cards (Polish and English) and stationery paper. Browse Catholic books, rosaries, scapulars, jewelery and varied gift items. Items sell out quickly. Store open after Sunday Masses or by appointment

“**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS**” - St. Gabriel's Knights of Columbus will be selling “Keep Christ in Christmas” car magnets, lapel pins and wrist bands in the Narthex after each Mass December 10 and 11. All proceeds for St. Gabriel's Parish charities.

POINSETTIA, CAKE AND COOKIE ORDER PICK

UP – If you ordered Poinsettias from the Knights of Columbus, please pick up your orders in the Parish Centre after each Mass on the weekend of December 10 and 11.

Annual White Mass

The White Mass is offered for chaplains, health care professionals, clergy and caregivers. Join Fr. Ted Slaman on Monday, Dec. 12 @ 7:00 p.m. at St. Gabriel's. All are welcome. Video to follow. For more info, call 905-335-6902.

CWL

The next Meeting will be a Christmas Potluck Dinner at **6:30 p.m.** in the Parish Centre on Monday, December 19th. Make your favourite recipe. Bring a friend. The Angel tags have all been taken. Therefore, on December 19th please bring something for Partnership West Food Bank

Volunteer Cleaners

If you signed up to be a volunteer, you have been assigned to a cleaning team. Once a month, you are asked to please come and assist your team. If you cannot come, please exchange with a member from another team. We need to have a full force of cleaners for the job to be done. If you do not have a schedule, there are copies in the Narthex. Each

team should elect a team leader so that all tasks will be evenly distributed and completed. Thank you so much for your help in maintaining our beautiful church.

Snow Removal

Winter will soon be here. Are you looking to do volunteer work? Can you assist with the snow removal of the parish sidewalks? They need to be cleared of snow and salted every weekday morning before Mass begins. If you are available and wish to assist, please contact Father Peter, the pastor.

Maintenance Committee

Are you a handy person? A tradesperson? Do you enjoy doing repairs and renovations? Join the parish Maintenance Committee. Call our parishioner, **Les Mis 905-333-6496**.

Advent

THE HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION

The Eucharist is the summit of the Catholic faith. The ordained Catholic priest changes the wine and bread at each Mass into the REAL Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ. Catholics are often asked if they have a personal relationship with Christ. Of course we do. We consume the Bread of Life, His Very Body. There is no more intimate relationship than that of the reception of the Holy Eucharist. Christ gives Himself to us. We go to Mass to worship, adore and thank Him for His great love for us. Sometimes we forget that Mass is not about our feelings or us. It is about giving worship to our God because He loved us first. We are also invited to come and worship our Lord outside of the Mass. We can do this best by making a Holy Hour of Adoration. It is good to make this a weekly practice. Our souls are transformed as we spend time with God. His rays of grace flow through to us. When we give the Lord, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, one hour of Adoration, our hearts and souls are remade by Him. Our minds and wills, weakened by temporal absorption, become strengthened by the Sacred Heart of Jesus who gives us the wisdom of eternity.

Eucharistic Adoration is the adoration of Jesus Christ truly present in the Holy Eucharist. During Adoration, the Eucharist is displayed in a special holder called a monstrance. Everyone is invited to come to pray and worship Jesus for minutes and even for hours at a time. Christ's great love for us was shown when He was crucified on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins and give us eternal life. He loves us without limit and offers Himself to us today in the Holy sacrament of the Eucharist. Can we not give Jesus a few minutes of love and adoration in return?

When a person spends an hour before the Blessed Sacrament, that hour of precious time is absorbed into eternity. Time given to the Lord becomes eternity. The

person who habitually makes a Holy Hour before the tabernacle is no longer absorbed with the things of this world. His heart is filled with fire for eternal truth. In fact, the heart is taken out of this world and transformed into an eternal flame for Christ.

Christ Beckons

In all the tabernacles of the world, Christ beckons each one of us to spend but one hour with Him. In return, love of the Eucharist and love for souls will be given to us. Like the Apostles who went fishing, our nets will be filled and our hearts will be caught up with the Lord. A daily holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament is a most effective means for preparing our minds and hearts for eternity. The door of the tabernacle is really the threshold of eternity. What hour wasted away shopping, watching television could ever be compared to an hour spent with Jesus? What better way is there to consecrate all our activities? We will not only want to act as He acts, but will desire that others around us do the same. Even though most of the time, we will be unaware of the effect our transformed heart is having on others, the Eternal Heart, Jesus Christ, will be working through us, to ransom souls for eternity.

To know and love God we must spend time with Him. Let each of us spend one hour each day or a week with Him. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus who hides his glory and humbles himself so that we can approach Him without fear. Focus your eyes on Him but one hour and your eyes will start to see everything through His eyes. We will become more and more like Him and people we meet, even though far from Him, will know we have been with Him. His love will be radiating through us as we seek to bring others to Him. As we desire with all our hearts to see Jesus loved, adored and obeyed, our hearts will be transformed. During this season of Advent, why not make it a point to come and make a holy hour with our Divine Jesus? He is waiting for you. Say, "yes" to His invitation.

CATECHISM CORNER

48. What is man?

Man is a creature composed of body and soul, and made to the image and likeness of God.

And God created man to his own image. (Genesis 2:7)

49. Is this likeness to God in the body or in the soul?

This likeness to God is chiefly in the soul.

50. How is the soul like God?

The soul is like God because it is a spirit having understanding and free will, and is destined to live forever. *And the dust return into its earth, from whence it was, and the spirit return to God, who gave it. (Ecclesiastes 12:7)*

Wait for the LORD;

Be strong, and let your heart take courage;

Yes, wait for the LORD Psalm 27

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