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Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.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.

Apostleship of the Holy Eucharist and Holy Hour every Thursday evening 7:00 p.m.

New to the Parish

If you are new to St. Gabriel's please introduce yourself to the priest after Mass. Make sure you get a registration form, and 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 planning on marrying 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. Please note that no dates will be booked until you have met with one of the parish priests. 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 Wojciech Kuzma 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 Joanne Kanerva at the parish office.

Halton Catholic District School Board Trustee

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Saturday, December 12th ~ Our Lady of Guadalupe

5:00 p.m. + Rudy Buczolits + Lina & Luigi Balducchi
+ Linotte Knox + Peter Presti + Lino DeMarchi

Sunday, December 13th ~ Third Sunday in Advent

8:00 a.m. + Margaret McAllister
9:15 a.m. + Maria Tomera
11:00 a.m. Missa Pro Populo
12:30 p.m. (L) Marzena Sobilo

Monday, December 14th ~ Saint John of the Cross

8:00 a.m. + Costa Family
6:30 p.m. + Wincenty Wiercioch (Janina Wiercioch)

Tuesday, December 15th

9:00 a.m. + Elizabeth Kolosta
6:30 p.m. + Larry Paulishen

Wednesday, December 16th

8:00 a.m. + Andrea Advincula ~ *followed by Adoration*
9:30 a.m. Benediction
6:30 p.m. + Mieczyslaw Szustka

Thursday, December 17th

8:00 a.m. + Shirley MacNeil
6:30 p.m. + Fr. Wladyslaw Krukar (*English & Polish*)

7:00 p.m. Penitential Service**Friday, December 18th**

8:00 a.m. (L) Susan Radice (L) Meghan Dunn + Anthony Vale
+ Calla Family + All Souls in Purgatory
6:30 p.m. + Weronika Kilian ~ *Polish Retreat Begins*

Saturday, December 19th

9:00 a.m. + Jozefina, Stefan, Jan Freyberg ~ *Polish Retreat*
5:00 p.m. + Albert Goulet + Robert Forbes + Max Spiak
+ Linotte Knox + Kenneth Sloan

7:00 p.m. o uzdrowienie i blog. Boze dla Ani ~ Polish Retreat**Sunday, December 20th ~ Fourth Sunday in Advent**

8:00 a.m. Pastoral Intention
9:15 a.m. + Jozef Stanek ~ *Polish Retreat*
11:00 a.m. Missa Pro Populo
4:00 p.m. Dziekczynna za przyjaciol, znajomych i sasiadow
~ *Polish Retreat Concludes*

LITURGY

Liturgical Ministry ~ December 19th/20th, 2015

Schedule for Lectors

5:00 p.m.	E. Kennedy	S. Bunting
8:00 a.m.	G. Seles	J. Segismundo
9:15 a.m.	M. Hogue	S. Rudziejewski
11:00 a.m.	M. Young	A. Walden

Schedule for Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 p.m.	N. Meehan	J. Doyle	
8:00 a.m.	J. Paduch	L. Vieira	
9:15 a.m.	H. Krajewska	P. Lis	D. Szczesiul
11:00 a.m.	B. Ferguson	A. Thomson	C. Thomson

OFFERING

December 6, 2015

Mass:	Sunday Donations:	Loose Cash:	Christmas Flowers:
5:00 p.m.	\$1,310.00	\$164.35	\$292.00
8:00 a.m.	\$1,004.00	\$93.35	\$192.00
11:00 a.m.	\$1,325.00	\$108.15	\$192.00
9:15 a.m.	\$1,047.10	\$196.50	\$463.00
12:30 p.m.	\$437.00	\$180.50	\$210.00
3:00 p.m. Confirmation	—	\$1,075.55	—

Thank you for your support of our parish and the needs of others.

Donation Envelopes for 2016 - If you do not currently use donation envelopes and wish to have a set assigned to you, please contact the Parish Office. If you have a 2015 set and have used them regularly, a set has been automatically issued for 2016 and are available to be picked up in the narthex. **Please do NOT use envelopes from previous years, as your number may have changed.**

Pre-Authorized Debit - We are exploring the option of introducing pre-authorized debit to the parish as an alternate means of making your financial offering. At this time, we are trying to assess whether the interest in this option would make it feasible to implement and we would like your feedback. If you are interested in making use of pre-authorized debit, please contact the parish office. If the response is sufficient, we will begin the paperwork involved to set up the option. Of course, traditional envelopes will always be available for those who prefer this method of making your offering.

Parish Information - Don't forget to notify the office if you have changed your address or phone number so our records are up to date.

The Faithful Departed - Please pray for Margaret McAllister and Pietro DeMecio, who have recently died. May they live in the presence of the Lord forever.

Church Store - There are Campaign Life Coalition Christmas Cakes available in the church store, 40 Days for Life Christmas cards, a Nativity Manger set, beautiful necklaces & bracelets, rosaries, etc. Lets remember to keep Christ in Christmas with beautiful Catholic presents & stocking stuffers.

Sunday Missals - If you would like to have your own missals, they are for sale in the parish store (\$5 each). As well, we have a supply of religious Christmas cards in English and Polish, rosaries, prayer books and other religious articles. Feel free to come and browse.

Mass For Those Who Have Left the Church - A special Mass and Adoration with prayers will be offered for family members and friends who have left the Church will take place every third Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Please come Saturday, December 19th and pray for those who have lost the faith. All are welcome to attend.

Saint Vincent Pallotti says... *"Trust God like a child."*

Catholic Women's League Pot Luck - The December Meeting is on December 14th at **6:30 p.m. in the Parish Centre**. We ask you to bring Toiletries for Halton's Women's Place. All are welcome.

Congratulations Confirmandi! - Our sincere congratulations to the Confirmandi of St. Gabriel School, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on December 6, 2015. May the Gifts of the Holy Spirit guide them in their future.

Family Outreach Christmas Angel Tree - This weekend is your last opportunity to return your wrapped gift or certificate *with the angel attached* and place it under the tree. **We urge you to return your gifts no later than THIS Sunday, December 13th, otherwise someone will be deprived.** Thank you for your generosity.

Poinsettia Order Pick Up - Parishioners who ordered Poinsettias from the Knights of Columbus are requested to pick up their orders in the Parish Centre after each Mass this weekend. Please bring cash or cheque for payment – thank you.

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 this weekend. All proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus charities, including St. Gabriel's Parish.

Smith's Funeral Home 2015 Christmas Memorial Services - We invite you and your family to attend our annual ecumenical Christmas Memorial Service on Sunday, December 13, 6:30 p.m. at St. Gabriel Church. During the ceremony, you can light a candle in memory of your loved one, to whom the Service is dedicated. We also invite you to bring a gift of a non-perishable food item or unwrapped toy to the Memorial Service if you wish. We will then donate them in memory of your loved ones, on your behalf. R.S.V.P. 905-632-3333.

IN OUR DIOCESE

Blessing and Opening of the Door of Mercy - As the extra-ordinary Holy Year of Mercy begins, join Bishop Crosby and parishioners from across the Diocese for the celebration of the blessing and opening of the Door of Mercy at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton on Sunday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m. The celebration will begin in McNally Hall (Cathedral Basilica basement), then move to the doors for the blessing and opening, then into the Cathedral for the rest of the celebration of the Word.

Executive Director Needed for Catholic Family Services - The Board of Directors of Catholic Family Services of Hamilton is seeking the next Executive Director to lead our agency forward following the retirement of our current Executive Director. The successful incumbent we seek is a proven leader who is highly engaging and leads for our community health and social services offerings from a spiritual and values based perspective. Detailed information on this leadership opportunity may be found at www.cfshw.com. Interested and qualified applicants may submit their letter of interest and current resume by December 16, 2015 to cfsrecruit@mccgroup.ca.

Candy Canes for Life - Halton Alive reached over 6000 people in our community with a pro-life message. Partner with us in creating a culture of life at www.candycanesforlife.ca.

Priestly Ordination - It is with great joy that we announce that Deacon Scott Whitfield will be ordained a priest by Bishop Crosby on December 19, 10 a.m., at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Waterdown, where he has been ministering for the last six months. All are invited to join us as we welcome our newest Diocesan priest.

Christmas Midnight Mass On CHCH - His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate Midnight Mass in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. The Mass is preceded by Carols from the Cathedral beginning at 11:30 p.m. on December 24th. The Carols, and the Midnight Mass, will be televised on CHCH-TV and re-broadcast at 8:00 a.m. on Christmas morning. Our thanks to CHCH-TV and the Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton for this presentation of Christmas Midnight Mass.

Hamilton Diocese Prayer Calendar

*In your charity please pray for all who minister in the church.
"Here I am, Lord, send me."* (Isaiah 6:8)

Monday, December 14 th	Father Henryk Krajweski, CR
Tuesday, December 15 th	Father Laszlo Amaszka, OFM Conv
Wednesday, December 16 th	Benedictines
Thursday, December 17 th	Father Niaz Toma
Friday, December 18 th	Father Gary Schlack
Saturday, December 19 th	Father Piotr Jurzyk

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

*Please contact **Joanne Kanerva, Youth Minister** at 905-336-7144 ext. 28; stgabescyo@hotmail.com or check for updates on Twitter @ **THEGABESZONE** regarding the following:*

The Gabe's Zone Youth Group - Fridays, 7-9 p.m. in the Parish Centre. Students grade 4 and up are welcome to attend this fun, faith filled group experience. Older students needed as leaders!!!

Preparation for Communion 2016 - Students who do not attend a Catholic school and wish to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist should attend the Parish class of preparation beginning on February 7 at 9:30 in the youth room of the Rectory. Children who are in need of Baptism can also join this class for a period of preparation. For info call Joanne Kanerva.

Annual Nativity Pageant - Children wishing to be part of this special event which takes place on Christmas Eve at the 5 p.m. Family Mass can sign up in the Narthex, sign up sheet in the youth board or call/email Mrs. Kanerva. Teen leaders are always welcomed to assist with this sweet Advent offering. There are roles for every child!

Prayer Buddies Program - Children from our Catholic schools will be asked to pray for a Parish "Buddy" in need of ongoing prayer support. If you would like to have your name, or the name of a loved one included, call Joanne. Personal details are confidential. Only the information that you allow will be given to the class praying for you.

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