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Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9 a.m.-2p.m.
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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 Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 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) 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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
Fridays from 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.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.

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.

Perpetual Mass Intention

The Pallottine Fathers welcome Enrollments in the Perpetual Masses celebrated by the Pallottine Fathers in Poland.

All provided intentions, for the living and the deceased, will be included in the special Mass every day as long as the congregation exists. With an enrollment, you receive Perpetual Mass Card with the enrollee's name and the requester's name handwritten in the card. To enroll in the Perpetual Mass please visit the parish office.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Gabriel

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EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

Mass Collection December 5/6 \$ 5198
Christmas Flower \$ 1047

Mass Intentions For The Week

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

*Gaudete Sunday
Third of Advent*

8:00 a.m. (L) Bishop Wayne Lobsinger
9:30 a.m. + Tadeusz Karpiński oraz + Edward Niećpiela
(od wnuków i prawnuków)
11:00 a.m. Missa pro Populo
12:30 p.m. + Stanisław Szarek

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

*Memorial of St. John
of the Cross, priest & Doctor of the Church*

8:00 a.m. + + + All souls in Purgatory
6:30 p.m. (L) Za chrześcijan w Kanadzie

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

9:00 a.m. + Kevin Donavan
6:30 p.m. + Teresa Goździkowska

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:00 a.m. + + + All souls in Purgatory
6:30 p.m. + Bogdan Wagner

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:00 a.m. + + + Riccio Family Members
(by Pietrina D'Angelica)
6:30 p.m. + Ks. Władysław Krukar
+ + + Józef Łuczka, Helena Jurek, Bronisław
i Marek Wolejszo, Krzysztof Szulc
+ Marek Pajerski (od Klary i Maji Milijasevic)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00 a.m. + Eva Quan
6:30 p.m. + Weronika Kilian

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

9:00 a.m. (L) Za rodzinę Roztkowskich
5:00 p.m. + + + D'Angelica Family
(by Pietrina D'Angelica)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

*Fourth Sunday
of Advent*

8:00 a.m. (L) O łaskę zdrowia dla Teresy Grzankowskiej
9:30 a.m. + + + Zmarli z rodziny Bajor
11:00 a.m. Missa pro Populo
12:30 p.m. (L) Ks. Jacek Kryń, Ks. Czesław Kolasa,
Ks. Artur Stępień, Ks. Marcin Bigas

CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Penance is available on Wednesday from 8:30 am to 9:30 am, Fridays from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm and on Saturdays from 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm. To arrange an appointment at a different time please call or e-mail the parish office.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

Pre-Authorized Giving is the best and easiest way to continue to support our Parish even if a second wave of COVID hits our community. It is simple to sign up! Please contact the parish office today to set up your account.

2021 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please pick up your 2021 donations envelopes from the narthex. If there are any changes in your personal data, please contact the parish office. Please, do not use envelopes from 2020 since the number could be changed.

REGISTRATION FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

Due to the current government and health authority restrictions on gatherings in churches, the limit of 30% capacity (260 people in this case) and the requirements for physical distancing are to be maintained during the Christmas Season. Given the uncertainty of the number of people who will attend Christmas Masses it is recommended that parishioners register ahead of time for one of the Masses celebrated in St. Gabriel's church. The registration list will be available on our website www.saintgabrielchurch.com and in the back of the church starting First Sunday of the Advent. The participation in the Liturgy will be assigned on a first come first served basis.

ANGEL TREE - SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

This is the last weekend to take an angel from our Angel Tree in the narthex. After mass today, please consider taking an angel from our tree to help families who are struggling at Christmas.

Attached to the angels will be a special blue envelope you can use to make a donation which we will pool to purchase gift cards for all of the families we help at Christmas so they can safely purchase gifts for themselves. Once you put your donation in the envelope, you can return it **by December 20th** in the collection baskets. Please be sure to put your name and address on the envelope and if paying by cheque, make it payable to The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. Your help is needed more than ever before. Our families depend on your generosity and will be



According to the regulations of the Diocese of Hamilton, appointments are mandatory for visiting the office. To arrange a date and time, please e-mail office@saintgabrielchurch.com or call 905 3367144.

grateful for anything you can give to help them celebrate Christmas this year.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR FINANCE COUNCIL

Due to Covid-19 restrictions we cannot meet in person to provide everyone an insight into how St. Gabriel is coping. To reach as many parishioners as possible, our message to you has been posted on the home page of the parish website. Please visit saintgabrielchurch.com and click on the link. Questions and feedback should be directed to financestgabriel@gmail.com.

FORMED

Have you logged in yet? Go to FORMED now to experience amazing content from over 75 apostolates that you know and trust. See for yourself how the new FORMED will make learning and growing in your faith easier than ever. The membership is fully paid by the parish. To register go to saintgabrielchurch.formed.org, click **Register** and enter your name, e-mail address and desired password. Enjoy!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Big Heart Food Drive by the Knights of Columbus was successful, and Father Janusz has agreed that we bring it back in the community to help those in need during these Covid times. Donations can be placed in the container located in the Narthex.

EVENTS IN THE DIOCESE

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER

Prayer for Vocations: Loving Father bless Your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers, and sisters. Give those whom You are calling to the married state and those You are choosing to live as single persons in the world the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of Your Son so that through Him, with Him, and in Him, we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY	December 14	Rev. Godwin Pinto, O.C.D
TUESDAY	December 15	Rev. Ronald Hodara
WEDNESDAY	December 16	Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer
THURSDAY	December 17	Rev. Edward Henhoeffler
FRIDAY	December 18	Rev. John Schnurr
SATURDAY	December 19	Rev. Jacek Krynn, SAC.

Third Sunday of Advent - December 13, 2020

There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton, vocations@hamiltondiocese.com or call 905-528-7988.

STRUGGLING AFTER AN ABORTION?

Either your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is available to help. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, and find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.

This third Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete" Sunday based on the first word of the Latin Entrance Antiphon for this day, meaning "Rejoice", taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "Gaudete in Domino semper" ("Rejoice in the Lord always").

GAUDETE SUNDAY

In Advent the priest normally wears purple vestments as the liturgical color, because its dark hue symbolizes both penance and the royal status of Jesus Christ, the King but on Gaudete Sunday, having passed the midpoint of Advent, the Church lightens the mood a little and the priest may wear rose vestments.

Gaudete comes from the first word of the Introit (Entrance Antiphon) in the Liturgy of the Mass for that day, which reads in Latin: "*Gaudete in Domino semper, iterum dico, Gaudete.*" The words come from St. Paul's exhortation to the Philippians: "*Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, rejoice.*"

THE CATECHISM CORNER

323. How does an unbaptized person receive the baptism of desire?

An unbaptized person receives the baptism of desire when he loves God above all things and desires to do all that is necessary for his salvation.

If anyone love me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our abode with him. (John 14:23)

324. When should children be baptized?

Children should be baptized as soon as possible after birth.

325. What sin do Catholic parents commit who put off for a long time, or entirely neglect, the Baptism of their children?

Catholic parents who put off for a long time, or entirely neglect, the Baptism of their children, commit a mortal sin.

326. What do we promise through our godparents in Baptism?

We promise through our godparents in Baptism to renounce the devil and to live according to the teachings of Christ and of His Church.

327. Why is the name of a saint given in Baptism?

The name of a saint is given in Baptism in order that the person baptized may imitate his virtues and have him for a protector.

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