



# St. Gabriel's Roman Catholic Church

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## Parish Staff

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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 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](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

## 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](http://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



### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:00 a.m. + Joseph Falzon

6:30 p.m. + Ks. Władysław Krukar

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

9:00 a.m. + + John & Helen Slomka

6:30 p.m. + Weronika Kilian

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:00 a.m. + Marnie Orser

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. *The Exposition of the Most Holy Sacrament*

6:30 p.m. + + Waclaw i Anna Krajewscy

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00 a.m. + Tom Hutton

6:30 p.m. + Maria Niemczyk (od Moniki Berek)

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

*Memorial of St. Peter  
Canisius, priest & the Doctor of the Church*

8:00 a.m. + Harry Murphy (requested by Sam & Rose  
Anne Galante)

5:30 p.m. *The Exposition of the Most Holy Sacrament*

6:30 p.m. + + Stanisław i Felicja Cach

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

9:00 a.m. (L) O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Wiktorii w  
dniu urodzin

5:00 p.m. (L) Claudia Huayna

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23



*Fourth Sunday  
of Advent*

8:00 a.m. For Parishioners

9:15 a.m. + Jan Tytus

11:00 a.m. (L) Members of Bake & Murphy Families

12:30 p.m. + + Marian i Zofia Endzel

+ Tadeusz Wielądek



#### Eucharistic Ministries schedule

Dec. 22, 5:00 p.m. L. Vieira, Ch. Thomson

Dec. 23, 8:00 a.m. C. Advincula, J. Paduch, A. Clarridge

Dec. 23, 11:00 a.m. A. Salmon, V. John

#### Lector's schedule

Dec. 22, 5:00 p.m. E. Kennedy, L. Radice

Dec. 23, 8:00 a.m. E.J. Hunt, J. Dodson

Dec. 23, 11:00 a.m. S. Bunting, M. Muller

## 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 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.

### LEGION OF MARY

We meet every Tuesday at 7:15 p.m. in St. Gabriel's Rectory meeting room. We are involved in 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. For more information call Cecilia 905-332-8146.

### OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2019

Please, pick up your 2019 envelopes from the narthex. If there are any changes in your personal data, please contact the parish office.

### CWL

Our next Meeting is a Potluck on Monday, **December 17<sup>th</sup>** in the Parish Centre at **6:30 pm**. Feel free to bring a friend.

### THE PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE

We are planning a two week pilgrimage to Greece for **September 2019**. The theme of the pilgrimage "In the footsteps of St. Paul." Details to follow. The sign up list is available through the parish office.

## EVENTS IN THE DIOCESE

### VOCATION SEEDS' IN OUR PARISH

Third Sunday of Advent - **December 16, 2018**

Could God be calling you to be a priest or religious consecrated man or woman, and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 x 2246 or e-mail: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

### DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

MONDAY December 17 Rev. Sam Restivo, C.R.

TUESDAY December 18 Rev. Tim Uniak, C.R.

WEDNESDAY December 19 Missionaries

THURSDAY December 20 Rev. Stephen Murrin

FRIDAY December 21 Rev. Timothy Higgins

SATURDAY December 22 Rev. Romelito Guillen

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.*



The Diocese of Hamilton is conducting the One Heart, One Soul Campaign to raise money for every parish in the Diocese and for shared

fundraising will be communicated during the campaign through a number of avenues – the website, emails, social media, to name a few.

**ANTHONY CHEAM CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-A-LONG**

Please join us on **Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** for a Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long with Anthony Cheam and friends at St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Burlington. All are welcome. Free-will offering to support a refugee family.

**THE GIFT OF MUSIC**

Sunday, **January 20, 2019, 2:00 TO 4:30 PM** at The Burlington Performing Arts Centre. Think of this as the ideal Christmas gift for that person who already has everything. A wonderful afternoon as



we relive "The Best of Broadway" featuring the Toronto All-Star Big Band. So if you missed the concert last year, now is the time for you to put it in your calendar. Better still if you want that preferred seat, now is the time for you to

reserve your seats. The price per ticket is only \$45.00. You can go on-line to reserve your seat by going to [www.burlingtonpac.ca](http://www.burlingtonpac.ca) or by calling the box office at 905-681-6000.

ministries. Answers to a set of Frequently Asked Questions appear in parish bulletins regularly. A compilation of all questions that have been published are available throughout the campaign at [oneheartonesoul.ca](http://oneheartonesoul.ca).

**What is the state of diocesan finances? Is this a desperate situation that requires a campaign?**

The diocesan financial picture is strong – the amount of assets has grown in recent years and investments are doing well. Meanwhile, the Diocese is generous with grants and loans to parishes and Catholic organizations within the Diocese. Parish assessments have been stable in recent years but have not kept up with increases in diocesan operating costs. Property sales have been used more frequently to keep the Diocese's operating budget balanced and strong, and many assets (such as the Care and Maintenance Fund for Cemeteries) are restricted and not at the Diocese's disposal. This is not an emergency situation. The Diocese is looking ahead and acting before any kind of emergency could develop. Overall, the campaign is a way to ensure that more parishes will be able to be self-sufficient over the long term, building up themselves and the Diocese at the same time.

**I've heard the Diocese has a lot of assets. Can't those be used?**

At the end of 2017, the Diocese reported assets of \$322 million. However, the majority of the assets are restricted assets, such as the Care and Maintenance Fund for Cemeteries, money legally reserved for the maintenance of cemetery operations and funds held for pre-arranged funeral services and burials. Unrestricted assets are less than a third of the total capital. Of these unrestricted assets, more than 90 percent is used to generate investment income that – when combined with parish assessments – pays for annual diocesan operations (68 percent) and make funds available for grants and loans to help parishes and organizations within and outside the Diocese (32 percent).

**Is there any chance that funds would be used to settle potential claims of abuse of children by clergy?**

The tragic stories recently in the news, thankfully, do not reflect the circumstances and history of our diocese. However, it should still be noted that funds raised during the campaign will be held in a segregated account, in trust for the parishes and ministries for which they were raised. Both civil and canon law require the diocese to use the gifts we receive for the stated purposes for which they were given – an obligation to which we are fully committed. Regarding how the Diocese handles abuse allegations, Bishop Crosby said in an August 2018 letter to all in the Diocese: "All allegations of sexual misconduct have been and will continue to be taken seriously and addressed immediately in accordance with our diocesan policy." For a link to the full letter, see our diocesan website, [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com).

**What kind of financial transparency can we expect during the campaign and beyond?**

Transparency is a top priority for the Diocese. Summaries of diocesan financial reports from 2012 through 2017 are on the diocesan website, and copies of the full reports are available from the Diocese's financial office. Regular updates of campaign goals, projects and

**THE CATECHISM CORNER**

**266. What does the eighth commandment forbid?**

The eighth commandment forbids lies, rash judgment, detraction, calumny, and the telling of secrets we are bound to keep. *Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord. (Proverbs 12:22)*

**267. When does a person commit the sin of rash judgment?**

A person commits the sin of rash judgment when, without sufficient reason, he believes something harmful to another's character. *Before thou inquire, blame no man. (Ecclesiasticus 11:7)*

**268. When does a person commit the sin of detraction?**

A person commits the sin of detraction when, without a good reason, he makes known the hidden faults of another. *A good name is better than great riches, and good favor is above silver and gold. (Proverbs 22:1)*

**"BETTER THAT ONLY A FEW  
CATHOLICS SHOULD BE LEFT,  
*staunch and sincere*  
*in their religion,*  
THAN THAT THEY SHOULD,  
REMAINING MANY,  
DESIRE AS IT WERE,  
TO BE IN COLLUSION WITH THE  
CHURCH'S ENEMIES AND IN  
CONFORMITY WITH THE OPEN  
FOES OF OUR FAITH."**

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