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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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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

7:00 p.m. Ana Clarridge, Arlene Salmon,
Lynda Bankley
12:00 a.m. Allan Thomson, Christine
Thomson, Jenn Paduch

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00 a.m. + Zofia Gross
6:30 p.m. (L) Zofia i Józef Potoccy

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

9:00 a.m. + Mieczysław Szustka
+ Piotr Telecki
6:30 p.m. + + Jan i Maria Tomera

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00 a.m. (L) Fr. Piotr Machnacki
8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:30 p.m. + Krzysztof Murzyn

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

8:00 a.m. + Ignacy Bajor (from Aleks & Zofia Kumfert)
6:30 p.m. + Krzysztof Murzyn

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:00 a.m. (L) Fr. Czesław Kolasa
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
6:30 p.m. + Zmarli z rodziny Rudziejewskich
7:00 p.m. Penitential Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

9:00 a.m. (L) O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Victorii z
okazji urodzin
5:00 p.m. + Ignacy Bajor (from Głowaczewski Family)



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. + Charles White (from John & Pat Baus)
9:15 a.m. (L) Dziękczyzna za Teresę Goździkowską
11:00 a.m. For Parishioners
12:30 p.m. + + Martin i Janina Peret (od dzieci)

CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24

5:00 p.m. (Eng.) (L) Fr. Czesław Kolasa
7:00 p.m. (Eng.) + Helen Annett
10:00 p.m. (Pol.) + Bolesław Berek
(od rodziny)
12:00 a.m. (Eng.) + + + Jorge Huayna,
& Susula Villanueva,
& Eva Maria



Eucharistic Ministries schedule

December 23, 5:00 p.m.: Leslie Viera, Allan Thomson,
Christine Thomson
December 24, 8:00 a.m.: Cecilia Advincula, Jenn Paduch,
Victor John
December 24, 11:00 a.m.: Ana Clarridge, Arlene Salmon,
Lynda Bankley
Christmas Eve, 5:00 p.m. Leslie Viera, Nancy Meehan,
Victor John

Lector's schedule

December 23, 5:00 p.m. L.Radice, A. Cholewka
December 24, 8:00 a.m. J. Dodson, E.J. Hunt
December 24, 11:00 a.m. L. Uy, R. Johnston

Christmas 5:00 p.m. E. Kennedy, T Flanigan
Eve 7:00 p.m. R. Bustamante, N. Meehan
12:00 a.m. C. Guertin, M. Huschilt

Mass Collection from Dec.9/Dec.10 \$ 6817.-

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!

OUR PARISH STORE

The parish store is stocked with many religious items such as ProLife, books, rosaries 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.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

The best way to prepare for Christmas is to attend the penitential service and reconcile with God. In our parish we offer one on **Friday, Dec. 22**. Starts with Mass at 6:30 p.m.

PALLOTTINE MISSIONS

On **December 31** we will have special collection in favour of the Pallottine Missions. This collection has permission and blessing of Bishop of Diocese of Hamilton in all parishes in the care of Society of the Catholic Apostolate. The envelope inserted in the bulletin.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners and Friends,
It is beautiful tradition in our Catholic Church to make **pastoral visits during the Christmas Season.** And furthermore, our Canon Law challenges pastors to visit the homes of parishioners. The reason for this pastoral visit is very simple – to pray and bless the home even every year and meet all members of your family.

Sometimes, and especially if you have older mothers and fathers who cannot attend Sunday Mass, you can ask for Holy Communion or even Anointing of the Sick.

Please do not hesitate to call the parish office or ask priests personally after Holy Mass to set up a day and time for a pastoral visit to your home. It is good to start the New Year 2018 with God's Blessing! May this Christmas fill you with the joy and peace of the Child Jesus especially during the New Year 2018. Thank you very much for all that you are doing for the growth of our St. Gabriel Family. God bless you and happy New Year!
Fr. Piotr & Fr. Jacek

EVENTS IN THE DIOCESE

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.

BAND OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERS MEN'S CONFERENCE

On **February 24th** join Hector Molina and Bishop of St. Catharines Gerard Bergie along with hundreds of men for Serviam Ministries' 3rd annual Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference at Canada Christian College in Toronto. The theme is “Manly Virtue”. It is a one day intensive men's retreat consisting of spiritual talks, Mass, Adoration, Confession, fraternity and prayer. Special Father/Son rates available. All info and tickets: <https://www.serviamministries.com/events/virtue/>, info@ServiamMinistries.com or 1-888-522-2070.

PRAY TO KNOW GOD'S WILL

From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God's plan for her life and she said “Yes!”...and so the Saviour came into the world. Pray to know God's Will for your life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world. If you think God is calling you to do this as a priest, religious or deacon, call Contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 x2246 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH TIP #101

Christmas is a season of great excitement and joy, filled with gifts, sharing love and visiting with our family and friends. These are wonderful parts of Christmas, but it is important to help our children remember that the holiday is really about the birth of Christ. Start during Advent by having an Advent wreath, where each week you pray and talk about what each candle represents: hope, peace, joy and love. Find ways as a family to spread these into the world in which you live. Jesus taught us to look toward others; to feed the hungry, care for the sick and so much more. The greatest gift we can give our children is the ability to look outward towards what others need, as opposed to looking inward to what “I” want. Help your children to learn that is in giving that we truly receive. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988)

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH TIP # 81

Rita McNeil's Christmas song titled, With My Family, has the following line: “All I want under my tree is peace and love and harmony.” It is what we all want in our relationships, but it is important to ask ourselves what we are willing to do to get it. Will we take a peaceful approach to conflict, will we love the good pieces and the struggling pieces of our spouses and will we act in ways that bring us together in our decisions. The line ends with, “Wrap it with a ribbon please, I'll share it with my family.” What a great Christmas gift to your spouse – a promise to work on peace and love and harmony!

(From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988)

THE CHRISTMAS MASS ON TV

For those who cannot make it to church, please join the Catholic Community this Christmas. Watch the Daily TV Mass: **Christmas Eve** on VisionTV at 9:00 pm ET, yesTV at 10:00 pm ET **Christmas Day** at 8:00 am and 12:00 pm ET on VisionTV 11:00 pm ET on Salt + Light., 1:00 pm on yesTV You can also watch on the web at www.dailytvmass.com

THE CATECHISM CORNER

170. What is meant by "the communion of saints" in the Apostles' Creed?

By "the communion of saints" is meant the union of the faithful on earth, the blessed in heaven, and the souls in purgatory, with Christ as their Head.

171. Through the communion of saints, what can the blessed in heaven do for the souls in purgatory and the faithful on earth?

Through the communion of saints, the blessed in heaven can help the souls in purgatory and the faithful on earth by praying for them. *It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins. (II Maccabees 12:46)*

172. Should the faithful on earth, through the communion of saints, honor the blessed in heaven and pray to them?

The faithful on earth, through the communion of saints, should honor the blessed in heaven and pray to them, because they are worthy of honor and as friends of God will help the faithful on earth. *Let us now praise men of renown, and our fathers in their generation. (Ecclesiasticus 44:1)*

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