

# St. Gabriel's Roman Catholic Church

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*May the Blessings of this  
Holy Season be with you Always.*



**MASSES OF THE WEEK**

**Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

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 20<sup>th</sup> ~ 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

**Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**

8:00 a.m. (L) Anastacia Magnaye

6:30 p.m. + Bronislawa & Jozef Gora

**Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00 a.m. + Jean Paul Gagnon

6:30 p.m. + Pawel Socha

**Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8:00 a.m. + Michael Plaskon ~ *followed by Adoration*

9:30 a.m. Benediction

6:30 p.m. + Valeria Philips

**Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> ~ Christmas Eve**

*No Morning Mass*

5:00 p.m. English with Nativity Play

7:00 p.m. English

10:00 p.m. za Parafian

**Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup> ~ Christmas Day**

12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass ~ English

*No 8:00 a.m. Mass*

9:15 a.m. za Parafian

11:00 a.m. English

12:30 p.m. za Parafian

**Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup> ~ Saint Stephen**

9:00 a.m. + Eugeniusz Kaplaniak

5:00 p.m. (L) The Unborn ~ The Culture of Life  
+ Marica & Ivan Niksic + Bill Whelan  
+ Joseph Fasullo + All Souls in Purgatory

**Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup> ~ Feast of the Holy Family**

8:00 a.m. Pastoral Intention

9:15 a.m. + Maria & John Kruk

11:00 a.m. Missa Pro Populo

12:30 p.m. + Ryszard Glowaczewski

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

**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.

**LECTORS**

**Christmas Schedule for Lectors ~ December 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

5:00 p.m. A. Cholewka N. Meehan  
7:00 p.m. P. Cianciolo T. Flanigan  
10:00 p.m. J. Gora B. Gilo  
12:00 a.m. L. Uy R. Bustamante  
9:15 a.m. M. Leszczynski M. Kaszowska  
11:00 a.m. E. Herod R. Beeho

**December 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Schedule for Lectors**

5:00 p.m. L. Gurusinghe L. Radice  
8:00 a.m. R. Bustamante G. Seles  
9:15 a.m. Z. Papuga A. Biskup  
11:00 a.m. M. Slobodnik M. Teo

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Christmas Schedule for Ministers of Communion ~ Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 p.m. M. Liskauskas J. Paduch J. Costigan  
V. Liskauskas L. Vieira V. John  
7:00 p.m. N. Meehan P. Chisholm J. Doyle  
10:00 p.m. M. Knul K. Knul D. Szczesiul  
12:00 a.m. E. Kennedy B. Ferguson A & C Thomson  
9:15 a.m. H. Krajewska K. Knul D. Szczesiul  
11:00 a.m. A. Salmon P. Wright

**December 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Schedule for Ministers of Communion**

5:00 p.m.  
8:00 a.m.  
9:15 a.m. H. Krajewska K. Knul M. Knul  
11:00 a.m.



**PARISH SUPPORT**

**December 13, 2015**

<u>Mass:</u>	<u>Sunday Donations:</u>	<u>Loose Cash:</u>	<u>Families in Need:</u>
5:00 p.m.	\$1,250.00	\$132.35	\$875.00
8:00 a.m.	\$842.00	\$129.00	\$680.00
11:00 a.m.	\$1,042.00	\$154.55	\$503.00
9:15 a.m.	\$931.00	\$131.30	\$333.00
12:30 p.m.	\$589.00	\$275.25	\$165.00

*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.**

**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.

**Pro-Life Weekends in the Parish** - On the last weekend of each month we will be praying for the lives of the unborn, through Adoration, the Holy Rosary and Masses. See details below:

**Rosary/Adoration/Mass For the Intentions of Pro-Life** - Join us Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 3:45-4:45 to pray the Rosary for the intentions of Pro-Life as we call upon Our Lady's intercession to help protect the Life of the Unborn, and silent Adoration followed by Mass at 5 p.m.

**Come and Pray the Rosary** - This Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, your Knights of Columbus will be leading a rosary recital prior to the 8 a.m. Mass with Pro-Life as the centre of reflection. Please be there early and show our holiest of families you appreciate God's gift of life. We will begin at 7:35 a.m. sharp, please try to arrive at, or prior to, 7:30 a.m. God Bless! Life is the gateway to our Father, to everlasting love!

**Knights of Columbus** - Any gentlemen interested in information about the Knights and their parish and community initiatives may call Jack Costigan at 905-332-7231.

**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.

**Donations in Lieu of Flowers** - When making arrangements with the funeral home for yourself or a loved one, please keep in mind that donations to St. Gabriel Parish in lieu of flowers are always an alternative. Please make your wishes known to the funeral home.

## **IN OUR DIOCESE**

**Parenting Tip of the Month** - Children thrive on routine because it gives them a sense of control and security in their lives. As parents we can offer great benefits to our children by providing routines, setting limits and ensuring there is structure to our family commitments and obligations. When we model these actions to our children they learn organizational skills that will help them as they move into adulthood and take control of their own lives.

**Marriage Tip of the Month** - Life sometimes throws so much "stuff" at us that we feel we are running on a treadmill that just won't stop. Down time seems non-existent, and experts tell us that most adults are not at their best because they are constantly sleep deprived. If you see yourself in that statement, then it is time to stop for a moment and ask how this busy life is impacting your married relationship. Do you make your spouse a priority, or do they get the leftovers, of which there are often none? Do you find yourself impatient with the one you love because you are stressed and tired? Marriage is a commitment to the other made in love – are you putting your spouse first, or last? It is an important question to resolve if you want a connected, loving, joyful marriage. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

**Candy Canes for Life** - This year 100,000 Canadian children will not celebrate Christmas. Ever. Abortion takes lives. Education saves lives. Help Halton Alive expand their educational programs and honour lives lost to abortion by donating to Candy Canes For Life at [www.candycanesforlife.ca](http://www.candycanesforlife.ca).

**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 24<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Heal Your Heart** - Are you dealing with a loss in your life? (Death of spouse, child or miscarriage; divorce; job loss; loss of your home; health; a pet; culture; infertility; romantic relationship; ailing parents) Join us for a series of Group Bereavement Workshops intended to assist you in coping with the feelings associated with loss. Held Wednesdays Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24 at St. Michael Parish, 181 Sewell Drive, Oakville, 7-9 p.m. For information call Ilse at 905-338-1778; to register go to [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com), or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. Cost is \$35 and includes material.

## **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 21 <sup>st</sup>	Father Mark Morley
Tuesday, December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Father Miro Grubisic, OFM
Wednesday, December 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Consecrated Men and Women
Thursday, December 24 <sup>th</sup>	Father Gabriel Morais Catarino
Friday, December 25 <sup>th</sup>	Father Stanley Zaryczny, CR
Saturday, December 26 <sup>th</sup>	Father Lech Wycichowski, CR

## **YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

*Please contact Joanne Kanerva, Youth Minister at 905-336-7144 ext. 28; [stgabescyo@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

**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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