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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 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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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mass Collection from Nov. 25/Nov. 26 \$ 5631.-
Pallottine Seminary \$ 1245.-

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 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. The Legion also has a Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima that when requested is taken to a home for a week's stay so they can pray the Rosary with their family. Please consider joining this wonderful ministry. For more information, please call Cecilia 905-332-8146

CONGRATULATION

We would like to congratulate all the Grade 7 students from St. Mark School, who receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on **December 3**. May Gifts of the Holy Spirit guide them in their future.

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, Anna and Audrey for your time and involvement!

BAZAAR

The CWL thanks all who made the Bazaar a great success. We especially thank the Knights, the Polish Ladies, The Youth from St. Gabriel's School and all who worked the Draws and the Booths. God Bless you all.

SOUPER SUNDAY

Thanks to all who came last Sunday. The total proceeds were \$194.90. An additional \$54 were raised by your kind purchases of delicious chocolate truffles.

Our next Souper Sunday will be on December 17. The free-will offering is accepted for the needs of the church as well as non-perishable food items for the food bank. As always, thanks to those who donate their soup and their time. If you're interested in helping out-talk to Mark. Bon appetite.

HELP NEEDED

We would like to ask all the volunteers from Cleaning Crew to help with cleaning our Sanctuary till Christmas. New members are welcome. Thank you.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

Memorial of St. John,

Damascene, priest & doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. (L) Fr. Jacek Kryń
6:30 p.m. + + Jan i Maria Dudek

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:00 a.m. + George Jager
6:30 p.m. + Ks. Władysław Krukar

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Memorial of St. Nicholas,
bishop

8:00 a.m. + Christina Lyons
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Exposition of the Holy Sacrament
6:30 p.m. + Stanisława Skruch (od rodziny)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

Memorial of St. Ambrose,
Bishop & doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. (L) Thanksgiving for Richard's education
6:30 p.m. (L) Daniel Jasiński

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

Solemnity of The Immaculate
Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. + Marek Pajerski
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 (L) Wynagradzająca za grzechy w rodzinie Kowanda

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:00 a.m. (L) O łaskę głębokiej wiary i ufności dla Florentyny (z okazji urodzin)
5:00 p.m. + + Waclaw i Jadwiga Sikorski
+ Luis Faria & + Ernasto Gattis (from Faria Family)
+ Ignacy Bajor (from Józef & Maria Tokarz)
+ Jan Jaroszewicz (from Kowanda Family)
+ Pietro Gino Corda in his B-day (from Carmela and the Family)



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. (L) For Parishioners
9:15 a.m. + Ks. Aleksander Mierzwiński
11:00 a.m. (L) CWL Members
12:30 p.m. + Mirosław Trofimiuk

Eucharistic Ministries schedule

December 9, 5:00 p.m.:
December 10, 8:00 a.m.:
December 10, 11:00 a.m.:

Lector's schedule

December 9, 5:00 p.m. R. Bustamante, N. Meehan
December 10, 8:00 a.m. J. Dodson, E.J. Hunt
December 10, 11:00 a.m. M. Slobodnik, R. Johnston

HANDICRAFTS FROM HOLY LAND

The weekend of December 9-10 we will have with us a guest speaker representing "Handicrafts Holy Land Christians", who after the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in The Holy Land. Christians in the Holy land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and the purchase of these special religious art pieces.

CWL MEETING

The CWL December Potluck Meeting: Monday, **December 11th** in the Parish Centre at 6:30 p.m. Items for the Food Bank would be appreciated. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

Our Angel tree will stay in the narthex for the next couple weeks. Each Angel represents a person in need in our parish. We invite parishioners to choose an angel from the tree and purchase a gift or gift certificate. Please return the wrapped gift or gift certificate with the angel and ribbon attached no later than Sunday Dec. 17th. All deliveries will be made on Tuesday, Dec. 19th. We urge you to return your gift on time otherwise someone will be deprived. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Family Outreach Committee.

RE: ANGEL TAGS THAT READ TOILETRIES

Some of the angels will read "toiletries" for either an adult or teenage male or an adult or teenage female. Here are some suggestions that may be helpful. All: Shampoo, body wash, shower gel, bath soap, hand / body cream, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss. Adult Teenage Female: hair mouse / gel, nail polish, lip gloss face cream, disposable razors. Adult Teenage Male: hair gel, shaving cream, aftershave, disposable razors.

THE CAMINO PRESENTATION

The Camino, an Advent Reflection: Thursday **December 7th** at 7:15pm, St. Gabriel's Parish Hall - a personal reflection by Deacon Randy Matters on his pilgrimage Camino Frances and other holy sites. Deacon Randy will share his experiences with pictures and stories.

EVENTS IN THE DIOCESE

ADVENT MORNING OF REFLECTION

Please mark Wednesday, **December 6** on your calendar as St. John's C.W.L. is hosting an Advent Morning of Reflection, facilitated by Father Bob Sims from 9 a.m. to noon. All women are invited to attend and bring a friend. The morning will begin with Mass at 9, followed by Fr. Bob's talk, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation and closes at noon with Benediction. For information and registration, phone Marie at 905-637-1677. Cost is \$15.

ST. CHARLES GARNIER CHURCH IN HAMILTON

Friday, **December 8** – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Adoration beginning at 6:00 p.m.
Healing Mass † Anointing with Holy Oil at 7:00
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Please join us for a special time of prayer to prepare for the coming of the Lord. Each day, one hour before regular Mass times, we will have Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and pray the Rosary before celebrating Holy Mass.

December 1 to 23: Adoration begins at 8:00 a.m.
December 9 and 16: Adoration begins at 4:00 p.m.
December 3, 10, 17: Adoration begins at 9:00 a.m.

LECTURE IN CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE

Join us on Friday, **December 8**. Hosted by St. Jerome's University, Fr. Eric Hollas, OSB, from St. John's Abbey in Collegeville, Minnesota, will help us to consider the profound insights that artists such as calligraphers and illuminators can offer us, especially with regard to the illuminations in *The Saint John's Bible*. **Location:** Vanstone Lecture Hall, Academic Centre, St. Jerome's University, Time: 7:30p.m. | Doors open at 6:45p.m. **Register:** This lecture is available on a complimentary basis. Please register at: www.sju.ca/lce

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

On **December 9**, 7:30p.m., breathtaking images of handcrafted illuminations from The Saint John's Bible will be projected as the Grand Philharmonic Choir sings Handel's Messiah. In addition, six of the seven volumes of this Bible will be on display in the lobby of the Centre in the Square, courtesy of the Diocese of Hamilton. And there will be a pre-concert presentation by Fr. Eric Hollas, OSB, St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, MN. Tickets are available from the Centre in the Square Box Office

THE ANNUAL ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

will be held at the Cathedral Basilica on **December 10**, 2017, beginning at 7:00 p.m. It is a beautiful and prayerful way to celebrate the Advent season in word and song and to prepare worthily for the celebration of Christmas. Mark your calendars!

INTERNAL AUDITORS

The Diocese of Hamilton is looking for part-time Auditors to perform financial and administrative reviews of our Parishes and Cemeteries. The hours of work will vary depending on the number of reviews and the complexity of the reviews, but on average an Auditor can expect to work between 7 to 15 days per year. Remuneration will be based on the number of audits performed. Duties include:

- Review and critique of the current audit program.
- Responsible for planning and execution of 5 to 10 audits per year.
- Prepare and present audit reports for review.
- Work with Parishes and Cemeteries to correct the audit findings.
- Some travel will be required.

Qualifications:

- Professional designation in accounting is required.
 - Strong communication and presentation skills with ability to comfortably communicate at all levels. If this is a position that would interest you, please submit a resume to: carrers@hamiltondiocese.com
- Applications will be accepted until **December 15th**, 2017.

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

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