



# St. Gabriel's Roman Catholic Church

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## Parish Staff

Rev. Piotr Machnacki, SAC, Pastor  
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Rev. Mr. Randy Matters, Deacon  
Peter Posocco, Music Director

## Vocation Director

Reverend Michael King at 905-528-7988 x2246

## Office Hours:

Monday closed  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9 a.m.-2p.m.  
Thursday 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](http://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](http://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.

## Halton Catholic District School Board Trustee

Jane Michael, Trustee for Wards 3 & 6  
905-319-6582 [michaelj@hcdsb.org](mailto:michaelj@hcdsb.org)

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### Monday, December 5

8:00 a.m. + Jorge Huayna Vargas  
6:30 p.m. + ks. Wladyslaw Krukar

### Tuesday, December 6

9:00 a.m.+ Gabriela Da Silva  
6:30 p.m. Za krucjate

### Wednesday, December 7

8:00 a.m.+ Archie Murphy  
6:30 p.m.+ Shirley MacNeil  
Holy Hour and Benediction after Mass

### Thursday, December 8

#### The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mother

8:00 a.m. (L) Everal King  
7:00 p.m.+ Zofia, Jozef Mastalski (Polish Retreat)

### Friday, December 9 (Polish Retreat)

8:00 a.m. (L) Everal King  
5:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Hour of Adoration  
5:35 p.m.- 6:15 p.m. Confessions  
7:00p.m. O laske wypelnienia woli Bozej dla Florentyny  
(Polish Retreat)

### Saturday, December 10

9:00 a.m. Za czlonkow Zywego Rozanca (Polish Retreat)  
4:00 – 4:45 p.m. Confessions  
5:00 p.m. + Fr. Aleksander Mierzwinski; + Josie Caradonna;  
+ Albert F. Risso; + Marjorie Forbes

### Sunday, December 11 Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. + Stephen Dunn  
9:15 a.m. + Stanislaw Szarek  
11:00 a.m. For all Parishioners  
12:30 p.m. + Janina i Jozef Szydowski

3:00 p.m. Advent Memorial Service  
6:00 p.m. Advent Memorial Service

**Divine Mercy Hour of Adoration** - Every Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. there is an hour of Adoration devoted to the Divine Mercy. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed in Polish and English. Please join us in an hour of devout prayer.

#### **Mass Requests**

Please come to the office to arrange Mass dates for your intentions. Please do not leave money in the Narthex. Thank you.

#### **Offering Nov.27 Our Gift to God**

Envelopes	\$4,609.00
Loose:	\$ 823.30
Confirmation	\$ 731.90

## OUR PARISH NEWS

### **Christmas Spiritual Preparation**

On **Tuesday, Dec.13, 7:15 p.m.-9:00 p.m.** there will be a Penitential service and Confessions in our Church. Come and make your Christmas confession.

### **Mass for the Sick**

On **Friday, Dec. 16 at 10:00 a.m.** there will be a Mass for the Sick with Anointing. The 8 a.m. Mass will be cancelled on this day. All are welcome.

### **Parish Store Purchases**

Our parish store stocks Catholic items. We sell religious Christmas cards (Polish and English) and stationery paper. Browse Catholic books, rosaries, scapulars, jewelery and varied gift items. Items sell out quickly. Store open after Sunday Masses or by appointment

**'KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS'** - St. Gabriel's Knights of Columbus will be selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets, lapel pins and wrist bands in the Narthex after each Mass during the weekends of December 3 and 4 and December 10 and 11. All proceeds for St. Gabriel's Parish charities.

### **POINSETTIA, CAKE AND COOKIE ORDER PICK UP**

**UP** - Parishioners who ordered Poinsettias from the Knights of Columbus are requested to pick up their orders in the Parish Centre after each Mass on the weekend of December 10 and 11.

### **Annual White Mass**

The White Mass is offered for chaplains, health care professionals, clergy and caregivers. Join Fr. Ted Slaman on Monday, Dec. 12 @ 7:00 p.m. at St. Gabriel's. All are welcome. Video to follow. For more info, call 905-335-6902.

### **CWL**

The next meeting is Christmas Potluck Dinner at **6:30 p.m.** in the Parish Centre on Monday, December 19th. Bring your favourite recipe. Bring a Friend. If Angels are left on the Angel Tree by Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, please take one. Return it and the gift to a Family Outreach Member or the Office by Dec.14th. If the Angels are gone please bring something for Partnership West Food Bank on Potluck Monday. Thanks.

### **Christmas Angel Tree**

Each angel will represent 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 attached no later than Sunday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup>** and place it under the tree. All deliveries will be made on Friday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. We urge you to return the gift on time otherwise someone will be deprived. Thank you.

### 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 mousse / gel, nail polish, lip gloss, face cream, disposable razors.

Adult Teenage Male: hair gel, shaving cream, aftershave, disposable razors.

### Maintenance Committee

Are you a handy person? A tradesperson? Do you enjoy doing repairs and renovations? Join the parish Maintenance Committee. Call our parishioner, **Les Mis 905-333-6496**

### In the Diocese

#### Euthanasia/Assisted Suicide – Did you know?

Since Canada legalized euthanasia/Assisted Suicide in June 2016, 374 people have already died from lethal injection. Meanwhile, only 30% of Canadians have access to quality palliative (end of Life) care. Doctors and facilities, even in faith-based hospitals are being forced to help a patient end his life. Please visit [www.canadiansforconscience.ca](http://www.canadiansforconscience.ca) to learn more and to write directly to the Ontario government.

### Advent

#### The Days of Advent

##### St. Pope John Paul II, Dec. 18, 2002

Pope John Paul II in his address on Dec. 18, 2002 said, "The liturgy of Advent...helps us to understand fully the value and meaning of the mystery of Christmas. It is not just about commemorating the historical event, which occurred some 2,000 years ago in a little village of Judea. Instead, it is necessary to understand that the whole of our life must be an 'advent,' a vigilant awaiting of the final coming of Christ. To predispose our mind to welcome the Lord who, as we say in the Creed, one day will come to judge the living and the dead, we must learn to recognize Him as present in the events of daily life. Therefore, Advent is, so to speak, an intense training that directs us decisively toward Him who already came, who will come, and who comes continuously."

#### What is the origin of the Crèche (Nativity Scene)?

The story of the origin of the Christmas crèche rests with the very holy man, St. Francis of Assisi.

In the year 1223, St. Francis, a deacon, was visiting the town of Greccio to celebrate Christmas. St. Francis realized that the chapel of the Franciscan hermitage would be too small to hold the congregation for Midnight Mass. So he

found a niche in the rock near the town square and set up the altar. This Midnight Mass would be very special; unlike any other Midnight Mass. St. Francis was determined to celebrate it with all possible solemnity. He prepared a manger, and brought hay, and an ox and a donkey to the appointed place. The brethren were summoned; the people ran together, the forest resounded with their voices. That venerable night was made glorious with brilliant lights and psalms of praise. St. Francis stood before the manger, full of devotion and piety. Then he preached to the people about the nativity of the poor King, the Babe of Bethlehem. Our own Nativity scenes are a visible reminder of that night when our Savior was born. May we never forget to see in our hearts the little Babe of Bethlehem, who came to save us from sin. We must never forget that the wood of the manger that held Him so securely would one day give way to the wood of the cross. May we too, like St. Francis, embrace Him with all of our love.

Did you know that Bethlehem means house of bread? Jesus was laid in a manger, the trough from which the animals were fed. What a symbol! Jesus is the Bread of Life. When we receive the Eucharist, the true Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ, we too are fed. Jesus is our true food. He is sustenance for our souls. When the Eucharist is received with reverence and in a state of grace, the soul becomes nourished and transformed.

### CATECHISM CORNER

#### **43. How do our guardian angels help us?**

Our guardian angels help us by praying for us, by protecting us from harm, and by inspiring us to do good.

#### **44. What happened to the angels who did not remain faithful to God?**

The angels who did not remain faithful to God were cast into hell, and these are called bad angels, or devils.

*Depart from me, accursed ones, into the everlasting fire which was prepared for the devil and his angels. (Matthew 25:41)*

#### **45. What is the chief way in which the bad angels try to harm us?**

The chief way in which the bad angels try to harm us is by tempting us to sin.

*Put on the armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. (Ephesians 6:11)*

#### **46. Do all temptations come from the bad angels?**

Some temptations come from the bad angels; but other temptations come from ourselves and from the persons and things about us.

*Do not love the world, or the things that are in the world. (1 John 2:15)*

#### **47. Can we always resist temptations?**

We can always resist temptations, because no temptation can force us into sin, and because God will always help us if we ask Him.

*And he has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for thee." (1 Corinthians 12:9)*

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