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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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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MONDAY, FEB.6

8:00 AM + Mirosław Trofimiuk
6:30 PM + Maria, Michał, Robert, Michał Kieda

TUESDAY, FEB.7

9:00 AM + Stella Sadowski
6:00 PM Różaniec
6:30 PM (L) Za parafian i członków Krucjaty

WEDNESDAY, FEB.8

8:00 AM + Maria & Tadeusz Kasperowicz
After Mass, Holy Hour with Benediction
6:30 PM + Maria Majewska

THURSDAY, FEB.9

8:00 AM + Nancy Lowartz
6:30 PM + Bolesław Berek

FRIDAY, FEB. 10

8:00 AM + Helena i Edmund Woziwodzki
5:30 PM Divine Mercy and Holy Hour
6:30 PM + Stefan Surma

SATURDAY, FEB 11

9:00 AM + Za zmarłych członków Żywego Różańca
Healing the Family Tree
5:00 PM + Albert Goulet
+ Mill Davies

SUNDAY, FEB.12

8:00 AM For Parishioners
9:15 AM + Mirosław Trofimiuk
11:00 AM + Czesław & Henryka
12:30 PM + Helena & Czesław Krężałek

Wednesday Morning Holy Hour

Every Wednesday after morning Mass, there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Please come and spend some time with God, who is truly present in the monstrance on the altar. Come for a few minutes or more. Just come.

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.

Healing of the Family Tree

A special Mass will be celebrated Saturday, February 11, 2017 (Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes) at 9 a.m. The celebrant will be Father Ted Slaman. Refreshments will follow in our Parish Centre. Mr. Peter Boushy will also make a presentation on the Apparitions of Our Blessed Mother,

Mary. Sponsored by the Hamilton Chapter of ACT. Free will offering will be gratefully accepted. For further information, call 905-335-6902

Lent begins March 1,2017.

Parish Collections Jan.29, 2017

Envelopes: \$4,363.00 Loose: \$875.05 Seminary: \$45.00
Building: \$180.00 Needy: \$40.00 Initial: \$55.00

Events in the Diocese

ANNUAL WOMEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION at St. Raphael's on Saturday, Feb. 4th, 2017. 8:30am to 3:00pm in the Parish Centre. Our theme this year is "Forgiveness, a New Day". Registration is held at all weekend masses starting Jan 14th. Registration fee is \$30. Last day to register is Sunday Jan.29th. For more information contact Charlotte @905-681-6221 or bcarpenter2@cogeco.ca or download a registration @www.straphaels.ca

Permanent Diaconate Formation

Men interested in learning about the Permanent Diaconate Formation program in the Diocese of Hamilton are invited to attend the information session on Sunday February 5, 2017 that will take place at The Chancery Office in Hamilton. The meeting will be held after 11:00 a.m. Mass. To register or for more information, please contact Deacon Peter Gittens at diaconateformation@hamiltondiocese.com or by telephone at 905-528-7988, ext. 2258.

Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference

On February 18th join Fr. Larry Richards and Archbishop of Montreal Christian Lépine for Serviam Ministries' 2nd annual Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference at Canada Christian College in Toronto. The theme is "Step Up". The day will strengthen and challenge men to become the man God created them to be. Mass, Adoration and Confession will take place.

Special Father/Son rates available. All info and tickets: <https://www.serviamministries.com/events/step-up/>, info@ServiamMinistries.com or 1-888-522-2070.

Valentine Dance

Holy Rosary Parish Knights of Columbus cordially invite you to enjoy a Dinner & Dance with your favourite Valentine on Saturday, February 11 at Holy Rosary Church, 287 Plains Road East, Burlington. Cocktails at 6:15 p.m.; dinner at 7:00 p.m.. Come dine and dance to the music of Rockin' Robin. For your \$40.00 tickets, please call Ron or Susan at 905-521-9445.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2016? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 25, 2017 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only -

those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). For information on how to register go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

PERSONS SEPARATED AND DIVORCED

LEARNING TO COPE (Level 1) is a ten-week support program starting Tuesday, February 28th (7:00 pm to 9:30 pm), at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W, Hamilton. The program is for persons experiencing difficulties as a result of a separation or divorce. For more information, please contact the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988, ext. 2249. Cost: \$35. Past participants are welcome to inquire about further Levels programs starting the same week.

FIND THE "KEYS TO LOVING RELATIONSHIPS"

"Keys" is a ten-week video-based program meant for anyone (married or single) who is looking for a more meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better "me" in all your relationships! The program runs Thursday evenings from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. starting March 2nd, at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W, Hamilton. The cost is \$45.00. For more information, please call the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249.

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Catechism Corner

64. What is actual sin?

Actual sin is any willful thought, desire, word, action, or omission forbidden by the law of God.

65. How many kinds of actual sin are there?

There are two kinds of actual sin: mortal sin and venial sin.

66. What is mortal sin?

Mortal sin is a grievous offense against the law of God.

67. Why is this sin called mortal?

This sin is called mortal, or deadly, because it deprives the sinner of sanctifying grace, the supernatural life of the soul. *Before man is life and death, good and evil; that which he shall choose shall be given him. (Ecclesiasticus 15:18)*

68. Besides depriving the sinner of sanctifying grace, what else does mortal sin do to the soul?

Besides depriving the sinner of sanctifying grace, mortal sin makes the soul an enemy of God, takes away the merit of all its good actions, deprives it of the right to everlasting happiness in heaven, and makes it deserving of everlasting punishment in hell.

For the wages of sin is death; but the grace of God, life everlasting in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

69. What three things are necessary to make a sin mortal?

To make a sin mortal these three things are needed:

- the thought, desire, word, action, or omission must be seriously wrong or considered seriously wrong (by God);
- the sinner, must be mindful of the serious wrong;
- the sinner must fully consent to it.

70. What is venial sin?

Venial sin is a less serious offense against the law of God, which does not deprive the soul of sanctifying grace, and which can be pardoned even without sacramental confession.

71. How can a sin be venial?

A sin can be venial in two ways:

1. when the evil done is not seriously wrong;
2. when the evil done is seriously wrong, but the sinner sincerely believes it is only slightly wrong, or does not give full consent to it.

72. How does venial sin harm us?

Venial sin harms us by making us less fervent in the service of God, by weakening our power to resist mortal sin, and by making us deserving of God's punishments in this life or in purgatory.

But I tell you, that of every idle word men speak, they shall give account on the day of judgment. (Matthew 12:36)

Are You Guaranteed Heaven?

Some people promote an especially attractive idea: All true Christians, regardless of how they live, have an absolute assurance of salvation, once they accept Jesus into their hearts as "their personal Lord and Savior." The problem is that this belief is contrary to the Bible and constant Christian teaching.

Keep in mind what Paul told the Christians of his day: "If we have died with him [in baptism; see Rom. 6:3–4] we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him" (2 Tim. 2:11–12).

If we do *not* persevere, we shall *not* reign with him. In other words, Christians can forfeit heaven (CCC 1861).

The Bible makes it clear that Christians have a moral assurance of salvation (God will be true to his word and will grant salvation to those who have faith in Christ and are obedient to him [1 John 3:19–24]), but the Bible does not teach that Christians have a guarantee of heaven. There can be no absolute assurance of salvation. Writing to Christians, Paul said, "See, then, the kindness and severity of God: severity toward those who fell, but God's kindness to you, provided you remain in his kindness, otherwise you too will be cut off" (Rom. 11:22–23; Matt. 18:21–35, 1 Cor. 15:1–2, 2 Pet. 2:20–21).

Note that Paul includes an important condition: "provided you remain in his kindness." He is saying that Christians can lose their salvation by throwing it away. He warns, "Whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall" (1 Cor. 10:11–12).

If you are Catholic and someone asks you if you have been "saved," you should say, "I am redeemed by the blood of Christ, I trust in him alone for my salvation, and, as the Bible teaches, I am 'working out my salvation in fear and trembling' (Phil. 2:12), knowing that it is God's gift of grace that is working in me."

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