



# 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, 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](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)

## EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### MONDAY, FEB.27

8:00 AM + Jan-Luc & Sebastian Carpentier  
6:30 PM + Wanda Pawłowska

### TUESDAY, FEB.28

9:00 AM + Mirosław Trofimiuk  
6:30 PM + Bolesław Szeligowski

### WEDNESDAY, MAR. 1 **ASH WEDNESDAY**

#### **UNIVERSAL DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT.**

8:00 AM + Mirosław Trofimiuk  
**After Mass, Holy Hour with Benediction**  
7:00 PM + Władysław Wierciach (w 7 rocznicę śmierci)

### THURSDAY, MAR.2

8:00 AM + Mirosław Trofimiuk  
6:30 PM + Mieczysław Cichoń, Karolina Śmiech  
+ Stefania Górniak, Edmund Krężałek

### FRIDAY, MAR. 3 **FIRST FRIDAY**

8:00 AM + Mirosław Trofimiuk  
5:30 PM Divine Mercy and Holy Hour  
6:30 PM (L) Wynagradzająca za Rodzinę Kowanda

### SATURDAY, MAR. 4 **FIRST SATURDAY**

9:00 AM (L) O Miłosierdzie Boże dla Kuby od rodziców  
5:00 PM + Mirosław Trofimiuk  
+ Luisa DiDonato  
+ Marcel Laurin  
+ Charles John Maggio  
+ John Piasecki (from Rose & Sam Galante)

### SUNDAY, MAR. 5 **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

8:00 AM For Parishioners  
9:15 AM + Paulina & Aleksander Telecki  
11:00 AM (L) Fiorella Rozas in her birthday  
12:30 PM + Mirosław Trofimiuk

#### **Wednesday Morning Holy Hour**

Every Wednesday after morning Mass, there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Please come and spend some time with God. He is truly present in the monstrance on the altar. Spending time with God will fortify us with graces and fight the evils of the world. Come for a few minutes or more. Just come. You will be blessed.

**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.

#### **Events in our parish**

##### **CWL MEETING FEBRUARY 27**

Our Meeting is on February 27th at **6:30p.m.** in the Parish Centre. This is our Soup and Bun night and many are contributing. A Presentation after the meal will be made by Jackie Storer from Carpenter Hospice. Donations would be appreciated for Carpenter Hospice. Everyone is welcome.

##### **EASTER CARDS / KARTKI WIELKANOCNE**

On Mar. 5 Missionary Sisters of Saint Peter Claver will visit our parish with the missionary massage and Easter cards sale.

#### **Lent begins March 1. Ash Wednesday**

The time has now come in the Church year for the solemn observance of the great central act of history, the redemption of the human race by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In the Roman Rite, the beginning of the forty days of penance is marked with the austere symbol of ashes which is used in Wednesday's liturgy. The use of ashes is a survival from an ancient rite according to which converted sinners submitted themselves to canonical penance. Abstinence from eating meat is to be observed on all Fridays during Lent. This applies to all persons 14 and older.

##### **Things to Do:**

Go with your family to receive ashes at Mass. Leave them on your forehead as a witness to your faith.

Parents should encourage their children to reflect upon what regular penances they will perform throughout this season of Lent. Ideally, each member of the family should choose his own personal penance as well as some good act that he will perform (daily spiritual reading, daily Mass, extra prayers, almsgiving, volunteer work, housecleaning, etc.), and the whole family may wish to give up one thing together like TV, movies, desserts or do something extra: family rosary, Holy Hour or:

Lenten Alms Jar The whole family can enter into the spirit of saving for alms. A glass jar is placed at the center of the table on Ash Wednesday, and all the money each family member saves as a result of self-denial from smoking, eating candy, going to movies or similar activities is put into it. The mother, buying simpler and cheaper foods for Lenten meals, puts the difference into the jar at meal time — so all can see where the cost of the dessert went! The children spend the first weeks of Lent investigating needy causes and charitable organizations and missions. They will have the responsibility of determining who gets the alms-fund.).

Sacrifice Beans A wonderful way to help younger children remind them to do penance during Lent. Placing lima beans in a jar record each Lenten sacrifice. Some families begin this on Ash Wednesday and then use the collected beans to

cook a penitential bean dish for Good Friday at the end of Lent.

### Events in the Diocese

#### NOVENA TO SAINT JOSEPH

The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to Saint Joseph, March 11th to March 19<sup>th</sup>. Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate in the Novena to Saint Joseph. Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to: Carmel of Saint Joseph  
1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. # 1  
St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0

#### DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

On **Sunday, June 25, 2017**, Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. The Mass is for couples married 25, 40, 50, 60 or 60 plus years in the year 2016. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if assistance is required). **To register go to:**  
[www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)

#### PILGRIMAGE TO QUEBEC

Please join the Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Quebec with Fr. Jim Petrie from July 17 to 21, 2017. Candle light procession every night. Visiting different Shrines in Quebec and Montreal. For more info. Please call:  
Tas @ 905 578 3846 or Cecilia/Burlington @ 905 332 8146  
Mary @ 905 383 9776, Gary/Milton @ 905 691 1105,  
Cora @ 905 531 5524

#### 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.

**STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE?** – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. Retrouvaille can help. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend **March 24, 2017**, please call **905-664-5212** or email: [hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca](mailto:hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca) or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org)

### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

**March 1 - April 9**

**(8am to 8pm)**

***Pray as a family this Lent.***

Join this peaceful, and effective International Prayer Movement. Our prayer community has helped to save 12,668 women's lives. You make a difference - Choose a prayer time from 8am to 8pm.

**Visit:** [40daysforlife.com/oakville](http://40daysforlife.com/oakville) **Email:**

[40daysforlife.oakville@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlife.oakville@gmail.com)

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

**Saturdays @ 10am & Sundays @ 3pm** - Hour of Group Prayer (Oakville Hospital)

**March. 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm** - *Mass for Life with Bishop Miehm* at St. Dominic's (Oakville)

**April. 9<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm** - Final Day Group Prayer outside the Oakville Hospital

**FRIDAY, March 10**, when **Fr. Michael Patella**, a Benedictine monk of Saint John's Abbey and University in Collegeville, Minnesota. Fr. Patella was the chair of the Committee on Illumination and Text for *The Saint John's Bible* — the first handwritten and illuminated Bible in over 500 years. He will explore the meaning of the visual leitmotifs that run through the Bible, connecting one book and story to another. You will also have an opportunity to see three Heritage volumes of this beautiful sacred text.

**Location:** Vanstone Lecture Theatre, Academic Centre (SJ2 1004), St. Jerome's University

**Time:** 7:30p.m. | Doors open at 6:45p.m.  
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