



St. Gabriel's Roman Catholic Church

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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.

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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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MONDAY, JAN.16

8:00 AM (L) Wedding Anniversary of Jonas & Jecelyn

6:30 PM + Zenon Hawryluk

TUESDAY, JAN. 17

9:00 AM St. Gabriel School Mass

6:30 PM + Waclaw Wojtkowski

WEDNESDAY, JAN.18

8:00 AM (L) Marian Ifill

6:30 PM + Weronika Kilian

THURSDAY, JAN. 19

8:00 AM + Anthony & Steven Melo

6:30 PM + Ks. Aleksander Mierzwiński

FRIDAY, JAN.20

8:00 AM (L) Teresa Kot

6:30 PM (L) Maja Milijasevicz

SATURDAY, JAN.21

For those who have left the faith

9:00 AM + Edmund & Helena Woziwodzki

5:00 PM + Piotr Cyganek

SUNDAY, JAN.22

8:00 AM For Parishioners

9:15 AM + Maria & Adolf Wróbel,

+ Stanisław & Genowefa Jasiński

11:00 AM + Heather Childs

12:30 PM (L) O łaskę zdrowia i błogosławieństwo dla Ani w dniu Urodzin

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.

Blessing of Homes

It is traditional to have our homes blessed at the beginning of a new year. If you would like to have your house blessed by a priest, please call the office to arrange a visit.

Saturday Mass in Latin

Beginning in January 2017, the Saturday morning 9 a.m. Mass will be celebrated in Latin.

Parish Collections

January 8, 2017

Regular: \$5103.00

Loose: \$ 915.10

Needy: \$ 85.00

Initial: \$ 380.50

Building: \$ 25.00

Jan. 1 \$ 60.00

Thank you.

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 to follow in our Parish Centre. Sponsored by the Hamilton Chapter of ACT. Free will offering will be gratefully accepted. For further information, call 905-335- 6902.

CWL Meeting

The first Meeting of 2017 will take place on Monday, January 16 in the Parish Centre at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Thank you. Anne.

Volunteer Cleaners

If you signed up to be a cleaner volunteer, you have been assigned to a team. Once a month, you are asked to please come and assist your team. If you cannot come, please exchange with a member from another team. We need to have a full force of cleaners for the job to be done. If you do not have a schedule, there are copies in the Narthex. Each team should elect a team leader so that all tasks will be evenly distributed and completed. Thanks so much for your help in maintaining our beautiful church.

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In our Diocese

Answering the Call

God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 email: mking@hamiltondiocese.com www.hamiltonvocations.com

DAY of PRAYER

SISTERS OF SOCIAL SERVICE

11 Perthshire Court, Hamilton

Friday, January 27th... 9:30 am to 3:00pm

Bring a bag lunch.... Tea & coffee, muffins

(Suggested offering \$20.00)

To Register: please call or e-mail

905-388-3966 sssperthshire@sympatico.ca

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.

Catechism Corner

56. What happened to Adam and Eve on account of their sin?

On account of their sin Adam and Eve lost sanctifying grace, the right to heaven, and their special gifts; they became subject to death, to suffering, and to a strong inclination to evil, and they were driven from the Garden of Paradise.

57. What has happened to us on account of the sin of Adam?

On account of the sin of Adam, we, his descendants, come into the world deprived of sanctifying grace and inherit his punishment, as we would have inherited his gifts had he been obedient to God.

But, by the envy of the devil, death came into the world.
(*Wisdom 2:24*)

58. What is this sin in us called?

This sin in us is called original sin.

What is the sacrament of Confession?

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the most unique and beautiful aspects of Catholicism. Jesus Christ, in His abundant love and mercy, established the Sacrament of Confession, so that we as sinners can obtain forgiveness for our sins and reconcile with God and the Church. The sacrament "washes us clean," and renews us in Christ.

Why should I go to Confession?

If you haven't been to Confession in a while, the Catholic Church wants to welcome you back, and invite you to participate in this beautiful sacrament of healing. Take a step in faith. You'll be surprised about how free you feel

after taking part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. So many Catholics describe incredible feelings of peace, joy, relief, and love that they never expected. Jesus is calling you to experience His mercy in this way too.

What are some benefits of going to Confession?

1. Confession helps us to better "know thyself."

St. Augustine and countless other saints and doctors of the Church talk about the importance of knowing ourselves well. Through coming to know ourselves better, we realize how fallen we are, and how badly we need God's help and grace to get through life. Frequent Confession helps remind us to rely on God to help rid us of our sins.

2. Confession helps us overcome vice.

The grace we receive from the Sacrament of Confession helps us combat our faults and failings and break our habits of vice much more easily and expediently than we could otherwise do without the sacramental grace.

3. Confession brings us peace.

Guilt from the sins we commit causes us to lose our peace and joy. When we hear God's forgiving words to us from the lips of the priest in Confession, a burden is lifted off our shoulders and we can again feel the peace of heart and soul that comes from being in a good relationship with God.

4. Confession helps us become more saintly, more like Jesus.

Jesus was perfectly humble, perfectly generous, perfectly patient, perfectly loving—perfectly everything! Don't you wish you could be as humble, generous, patient, and loving as Jesus? Saints throughout history have felt that way too, and they have frequented the Sacrament of Reconciliation to help transform them into people who are more like Christ. Little images of Christ—that's what saints are!

5. Confession makes our will stronger.

Every time we experience the Sacrament of Confession, God strengthens our will and our self-control to be able to resist the temptations that confront us in our lives. We become more resolute to follow God's will and not our own whims.

Of course, the list of benefits of the Sacrament of Confession goes on and on! But you have to go to reap the benefits! Going to Confession regularly will truly change your life. What's keeping you from Reconciliation?

The words of absolution in the Confessional are truly beautiful: "I absolve you from your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Jesus is waiting to forgive you—all you have to do is ask! Don't miss out any longer on the healing power of Confession.

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