



St. Gabriel's Roman Catholic Church

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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.

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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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



MONDAY, JAN. 9

8:00 AM (L) O ŁASKĘ ROZPOZNAWANIA I WYPEŁNIANIA WOLI BOŻEJ DLA JĘDRKA
6:30 PM + MARIA, IGNACY, MARCIN PIWOWARCZYK
+ STANISŁAW LISEK

TUESDAY, JAN. 10

9:00 AM + MIROŚLAW TROFIMIUK (OD RODZIN BARCZ I GRICKIEWICZ)
6:30 PM + FR. MIECZYŚLAW ZAJĄC

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11

8:00 AM O ŁASKĘ ROZPOZNAWANIA I WYPEŁNIANIA WOLI BOŻEJ DLA JĘDRKA
6:30 PM (L) JANINA WIERCIOCH W 92 ROCZNICĘ URODZIN (OD SIOSTRY HELENY Z RODZINA)

THURSDAY, JAN. 12

8:00 AM + MIROŚLAW TROFIMIUK (OD RODZINY PIENKOSZ)
6:30 PM + STEFAN SURMA

FRIDAY, JAN. 13

8:00 AM + HARRY KALISH
6:30 PM WYNAGRADZAJĄCO ZA RODZINĘ KOWANDA

SATURDAY, JAN. 14

9:00 AM (L) MIŁOSIERDZIE BOŻE I OPIEKĘ DLA KUBY (OD RODZICÓW)
5:00 PM + DENNIS FORGET
+ NANCY RILLO

SUNDAY, JAN. 15

8:00 AM FOR PARISHIONERS
9:15 AM + Edmund Angielczyk
11:00 AM + ALPHONSUS LAMBE
12:30 PM + STEFANIA & JULIUSZ WÓJCIK

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

Dec. 18, 2016

Envelopes: \$4622.00
Loose: \$1216.00
Building Fund: \$1679.00
Needy Fund \$ 193.00

Dec. 25, 2016

Envelopes: \$ 4983.00
Loose: \$ 4418.40
Christmas: \$11,817.00
Flowers: \$ 95.00
Needy: \$ 120.00

Thank you for your generosity.

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. Thank so much for your help in maintaining our beautiful church.

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

THIS CHRISTMAS GIVE THE GIFT OF SWING

THE BURLINGTON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE PRESENTING A TRIBUTE TO DEAN MARTIN & ELLA FITZGERALD WITH THE TORONTO ALL-STAR BIG BAND!

When: Sunday, January 29, 2017, 2:00 p.m. MATINEE
Where: The Burlington Performing Arts Centre
Enjoy a terrific afternoon of Swing with your friends. You can reserve your "GIFT OF SWING" by calling the box office at 905-681-6000. The ticket price is only \$45.00.

Souper Sunday

The December Souper Sunday raised \$188.45. Thanks to all those who participated. Next Souper Sunday will be Jan. 15th after Masses. Delicious soup will be for sale as long it lasts. Please bring containers for take out. We will also take goods for the Food Bank. Please come.

Thank you from Family Outreach Committee

The Family Outreach Committee would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all who participated in the Christmas Angel Tree Project.

Each year the committee prepares angels that represent needy families in our area and our parishioners respond very generously.

Christmas 2016 we made deliveries to 38 families and our priests took gifts to 14 shut-ins.

Each family received vouchers for groceries, a box of candy, your gifts and for those without wrapped gifts toiletries were included. Each child (11 and under) received a piece of clothing and a toy (two angels). All this was possible due to the incredible generosity of our parishioners. Many thanks and may God Bless you in 2017.

In our Diocese

Embracing the Wisdom of Monks & Mystics A Senior Adult Workshop Series 6 Wednesday afternoons, starting Jan. 11, 2017 1:30- 3:30pm Chancery Office - Hamilton This 6 part workshop/study session will explore the lives of twelve great monks & mystics from the Christian tradition in new & creative ways. This course will be facilitated by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND. The cost will be \$35 and includes the text, *Illuminating the Way*, by Christine ValtersPaintner.. For further information please contact Monica at mverin@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-52807988 ext. 2238 Or check the website, www.hamiltondiocese.com for info.

Answering the Call

"On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh."

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

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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