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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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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MONDAY, JAN. 30

8:00 AM + Z rodziny Oleskiew
6:30 PM (L) Józefa Szustka

TUESDAY, JAN. 31

9:00 AM (L) Carrillo Gavirio Family
6:30 PM (L) O łaskę wypełnienia woli bożej dla Wojtka w dniu urodzin

WEDNESDAY, FEB.1

8:00 AM (L) Patricia Morzi
Holy Hour with Benediction
6:30 PM Mass for parents of children who will receive First Holy Communion

THURSDAY, FEB.2

8:00 AM + Pat Morin
6:30 PM (L) Teresa Kot

FRIDAY, FEB.3

8:00 AM + Jordan Boctor
Holy Hour with Benediction
6:30 PM Wynagradzająca NMP od Rodziny Kowandów

SATURDAY, FEB.4

9:00 AM (L) O Miłosierdzie Boże i opiekę dla Kuby
5:00 PM + Anthony & Steven Melo
+ Stephen McPherson(L) Jorge Wayna Villanueva (B-day)

SUNDAY, FEB.5

8:00 AM For Parishioners
+ Francisco Palmares
9:15 AM (L) Maria Kulig
11:00 AM (L) For grace of health for Giuliana
12:30 PM (L) Dziękczynna za Rodzinę Sokołowskich

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.

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 to 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

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.

Parish Collections Jan.22, 2017

Envelopes: \$4250.50 Loose: \$712.75
Building Fund: \$1,360.00 Needy: \$72.00

In our 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.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Is your child in Grade 6? Did you know we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in Grade 7 in the Diocese of Hamilton? Confirmations at our parish are normally celebrated in the Fall of each year. Because it will come

quickly upon us, we want you to be ready in advance. If your child does not attend Catholic School, please contact the parish office as soon as possible so we can assist you. The Catechetical Correspondence Courses from the Diocese of Hamilton may be right for you. For more information on the Correspondence Courses, visit the website www.hamiltondiocese.com or call Monica Verin at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238.

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 for the celebration, go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

Catechism Corner

59. Why is this sin called original?

This sin is called original because it comes down to us through our origin, or descent, from Adam.

60. What are the chief punishments of Adam which we inherit through original sin?

The chief punishments of Adam, which we inherit through original sin, are: death, suffering, ignorance, and a strong inclination to sin.

61. Is God unjust in punishing us on account of the sin of Adam?

God is not unjust in punishing us on account of the sin of Adam, because original sin does not take away from us anything to which we have a strict right as human beings, but only the free gifts which God in His goodness would have bestowed on us if Adam had not sinned.

62. Was any human person ever preserved from original sin?

The Blessed Virgin Mary was preserved from original sin in view of the merits of her Divine Son, and this privilege is called her Immaculate Conception.

I will put enmities between you and the woman, between your seed and her seed; he shall crush your head, and you shall lie in wait his heel. (Genesis 3:15)

The Catholic Church: Pillar of Fire, Pillar of Truth

WHETHER or not you are Catholic, you may have questions about the Catholic faith. You may have heard challenges to the Catholic Church's claim to be the interpreter and safeguard of the teachings of Jesus Christ. Such challenges come from door-to-door missionaries who ask, "Are you saved?", from peer pressure that urges you to ignore the Church's teachings, from a secular culture that

whispers "There is no God"

You can't deal with these challenges unless you understand the basics of the Catholic faith.

In Catholicism you will find answers to life's most troubling questions: Why am I here? Who made me? What must I believe? How must I act? All these can be answered to your satisfaction, if only you will open yourself to God's grace, turn to the Church he established, and follow his plan for you (John 7:17).

AN UNBROKEN HISTORY

Jesus said his Church would be "the light of the world." He then noted, "a city set on a hill cannot be hid" (Matt. 5:14). This means his Church is a *visible* organization. It must have characteristics that clearly identify it and that distinguish it from other churches. Jesus promised, "I will build my Church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18). This means that his Church will never be destroyed and will never fall away from him. His Church will survive until his return.

Among the Christian churches, only the Catholic Church has existed since the time of Jesus. Every other Christian church is an offshoot of the Catholic Church. The Eastern Orthodox churches broke away from unity with the pope in 1054. The Protestant churches were established during the Reformation, which began in 1517. (Most of today's Protestant churches are actually offshoots of the original Protestant offshoots.)

Only the Catholic Church existed in the tenth century, in the fifth century, and in the first century, faithfully teaching the doctrines given by Christ to the apostles, omitting nothing. The line of popes can be traced back, in unbroken succession, to Peter himself. This is unequalled by any institution in history.

Even the oldest government is new compared to the papacy, and the churches that send out door-to-door missionaries are young compared to the Catholic Church. Many of these churches began as recently as the nineteenth or twentieth centuries. Some even began during your own lifetime. None of them can claim to be the Church Jesus established.

The Catholic Church has existed for nearly 2,000 years, despite constant opposition from the world. This is testimony to the Church's divine origin. It must be more than a merely human organization, especially considering that its human members— even some of its leaders—have been unwise, corrupt, or prone to heresy.

Any merely human organization with such members would have collapsed early on. The Catholic Church is today the most vigorous church in the world (and the largest, with a billion members: one sixth of the human race), and that is testimony not to the cleverness of the Church's leaders, but to the protection of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus established only *one* Church, not a collection of differing churches (Lutheran, Baptist, Anglican, and so on). The Bible says the Church is the bride of Christ (Eph. 5:23–32). Jesus can have but *one* spouse, and his spouse is the Catholic Church. Jesus promised to guide his Church into all truth (John 16:12–13). We can have confidence that his Church teaches only the truth.

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