



# St. Gabriel's Roman Catholic Church

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## Parish Staff

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Office Administrator: Renata Jadczyk

## Vocation Director

Most Reverend Wayne Lobsinger, VG, EV 905-528-7988 x2223

## 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 9:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. (Sunday)

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

## Diocesan Newsletter

The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton offer a wide range of workshops and educational opportunities during the course of the year. These activities and events are open to all interested parishioners throughout the Diocese. If you would like to keep informed regarding these opportunities for growing in your faith, you are invited to subscribe to a weekly online newsletter by going to the Diocesan Website ([www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)) and click the "Subscribe to our Newsletter" button on the right side of the homepage. Your email address will be used solely to provide you with Diocesan Newsletter and will never be shared with any third party.

## Parish Hall Bookings

If you wish to inquire about using our Parish Hall for any upcoming functions, please contact parish office.

## Parish Schools

St. Gabriel's School

905-332-3333

St. Mark's School

905-336-3911

Notre Dame

905 335 1544

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Fridays from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Weekdays 20 min before Mass

## 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).

## Notre Dame Catechetical Correspondence Program

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

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 6** *First Sunday of Lent*

8:00 am + Eutrasia Macereu (Uy Family)  
9:30 am + Ks. Sylwester Nowocin  
11:00 am For Parishioners & Benefactors  
12:30 pm + Janina Kwiecień  
5:00 pm Gorzkie Żale / Passion Devotion

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 8**

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross / Droga Krzyżowa  
(Eng)  
6:30 pm + Regina Gallant  
(Eng)

#### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9**

6:30 pm (L) Wynagradzająca za grzechy w  
(Pol) rodzinie Kowanda  
(L) O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Zofii  
Potockiej z okazji urodzin  
(L) O potrzebne łaski dla Celiny Adamczyk

#### **THURSDAY, MARCH 10**

9:00 am + Marilyn Lenard Getz  
(Eng) (L) For God's blessings for Carol Lenard  
(L) Members of CWL  
+++ All Souls in Purgatory  
+ Victor Campos  
+ Stephen Dunn

#### **FRIDAY, MARCH 11**

6:00 pm Droga Krzyżowa / Stations of the Cross  
(Pol)  
6:30 pm ++ Andrzej i Anna Mikołajczyk i wszyscy  
(Pol) zmarli z rodziny Mikołajczyk

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 12**

9:00 am + Dominic Mercuri (by Angela)  
(Pol)  
5:00 pm (L) Mitton Family (by Nancy Meehan)  
(Eng)

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 13** *Second Sunday of Lent*

8:00 am (L) Mary, Mathew, Melissa, Mercedes, Mark  
and Melanie, for their return to church  
9:30 am + Ludwig Zawadowicz i zmarli z rodziny  
Zawadowicz  
11:00 am + Stella Sofia (Sam & Rosanne Galante)  
12:30 pm Za parafian i dobrodziejów  
5:00 pm Gorzkie Żale / Passion Devotion

### PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

Pre-authorized giving is the best and easiest way to continue to support our Parish. It is simple to sign up! Please contact the parish office or visit <https://www.saintgabrielchurch.com/donate>

### OFFERING

Regular Offerings February 26/27: \$ 4,744.80

### LENT STARTING

Lent is a privileged time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This season provides an opportunity to renew and deepen our relationship with Jesus, and to renew the choices we make, so that we might live as He taught.

### LENTEN RETREAT

Lenten Retreat will be led in both English and Polish by Fr. Wojciech Stangel OMI from Holy Ghost Parish in Winnipeg MB. The retreat will occur from April 2nd to 5th. More information to follow.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

- Tuesdays 6:00pm in English
- Fridays 6:00 pm in Polish

Volunteers are needed to lead the Stations of the Cross during Lent. Please speak to Father Paul to make arrangements if you would like to help.

### PASSION DEVOTION (Gorzkie Żale)

One of the signs of Lent in the Polish community are the Gorzkie Żale, sung at church on Sundays during the season of Lent. Please join us every Sunday at 5:00 pm to celebrate this devotion.

### COVID RESTRICTIONS UPDATE

Effective March 1, 2022, churches are open at full capacity as well as Parish halls and other meeting rooms. All previously closed pews will reopen for seating. Mask requirements remain in place. Please remain mindful that the people around you may not have the same comfort level as you.

### THANK YOU FROM OUR YOUTH

The members of our parish Youth Group appreciate the great support from parishioners at the donut sale last week. This will help us fund trips and attend spiritual retreats. Thank you!

### CWL NEWS

The Installation of Officers for the new Executive will take place at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, March 12th. Our next CWL Meeting will be on Monday, March 21st, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Centre. Masks required.

### CHURCH CLEANING

We need volunteers to help with church cleaning. If you have some free time and would like to help, please see Father Paul

### **HELPING UKRAINE**

The mission group is planning to raise money to help Ukraine. Next Sunday, March 13, the group will carry out a "pocket cleaning" campaign. Please, bring loose coins to make a donation towards this cause. Additionally, on Saturday March 19 (Solemnity of Saint Joseph) the mission group is planning to host a fundraising dinner. More details soon.

### **CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES**

Congratulations to the many students from St. Gabriel and St Mark's schools, as well as other students who attended Masses this weekend to formally begin their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Congratulations and God bless, as you begin this important step in your life as Catholics!

### **SYNOD OF BISHOPS 2023**

Pope Francis has called a Synod of Bishops which will take place in Rome in 2023 on the theme of Synodality: Communion, Participation and Mission. Synodality is all about how we walk together in faith and live as the People of God at this moment on our faith journey. As preparation for the Synod, Pope Francis has invited all members of the Church and, in fact, the whole world, to share their experience of listening to God's voice. Everyone is invited to share their experience of faith and thoughts on how we can move forward together to carry out the Mission of Christ, entrusted to us in Baptism. You may respond to the questions electronically by going on-line to <http://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/> or you can pick up a printed copy of the questionnaire from the narthex, complete and return to the Parish by March 28, 2022.

### **LITURGY FOR CHILDREN ON SUNDAY**

Did you know we have Children's liturgy in our parish? This is a wonderful way to teach your children about the faith through interactive and age-appropriate sessions. We invite all children ages 4+ during the 9:30am Polish Mass and our 11am English Mass to participate. No sign up needed.

### **PARISH STORE**

Our parish store is located along the corridor leading from the Church to the Parish Hall. We offer a wide variety of religious products including rosaries, prayer cards, books and more.

### **ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED**

If you'd like to become an altar server, have fun and join a great group of kids while serving at Mass, please talk with Fr. Paul to see how you can join.

### **LITURGICAL PUBLICATIONS ADVERTISING**

Liturgical Publications will be setting up advertisement opportunities for our church bulletin. The advertisement will begin in April 2022 and supports the bulletin service. To participate call Liturgical Publications at 1 800 268 2637.

### **TEEN GROUP**

Our Teen Youth Group meets every Friday at 7pm in the Annunciation room, unless we're going on a trip which normally happens once a month! All teens are invited to join an amazing community and live out our faith in a practical way. There's lots of fun, joy and growth in faith and virtue. If you're interested in joining, please speak to Fr. Paul after the Mass or email the parish office.

### **YOUNG ADULTS GROUP**

Did you know we have a young adults group which meets twice a month in our parish? Join an amazing community and grow in your faith. We meet every other Thursday at 7pm in the Annunciation Room.

### **ST. GABRIEL'S FOOD DRIVE**

Non-perishable food items will make a difference for those less fortunate. If you'd like to help, you can drop off items in the bin located in the Narthex, at any time the church is open.

### **SHARE THE WARMTH**

This winter, the Knights of Columbus are asking for your help from **January 1st** to **March 21st** to "Share the Warmth". Please consider dropping off new winter hats, gloves, and socks to St. Gabriel's. The bin will once again be in the Narthex beside the Food Drive Bin. Thank you and God Bless!

### **SPRING FLOWERS INITIATIVE**

Volunteers are needed to make and deliver 6,200 homemade Spring flowers! Includes discussion starters for parents, teachers and youth ministers to spark conversation about the value of the vulnerable in our society. For more details or to sign up please visit [www.haltonalive.ca/inspirehopeflowers](http://www.haltonalive.ca/inspirehopeflowers) or contact Tawnya Stanus 905-632-3232

### **HALTON ALIVE - SPRING AUCTION**

Support life-affirming education! Participate in or donate to Halton Alive's online Spring Auction. Ideal for finding Easter or Spring decor or that special something for Mothers' and Fathers' Day! Dates: March 21-24 Details: call Tawnya at 905-632-3232 <https://www.haltonalive.ca/springauction>



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