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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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SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING



Monday, November 21 Presentation of Mary

8:00 a.m. + Stephen Dunn
6:30 p.m. + Agata, Bernard Kneblewski

Tuesday, November 22

9:00 a.m. + Carm Luciani
6:30 p.m. +Waclaw Wojtkowski

Wednesday, November 23

8:00 a.m.+ Allemano and Lanzalone Families
Holy Hour and Benediction after Mass
6:30 p.m. Pawel Socha

Thursday, November 24

8:00 a.m. Pastoral Intention
6:30 p.m. Waclaw Wojtkowski

Friday, November 25

8:00 a.m. Pastoral Intention
5:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Hour of Adoration
5:35 p.m.- 6:15 p.m. Confessions
6:30 p.m. Waclaw Wojtkowski

Saturday, November 26

9:00 a.m. + Feliks Szczepanski
4:00 – 4:45 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. + Margaret Legere; + Antonio Galizia;
+Luigi Di Fronzo; + Marjorie Forbes
(L) The Unborn Babies

Sunday, November 27 First Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. + Leslie Fernandes
9:15 a.m. + Tadeusz Urnarski
11:00 a.m. +Stephen Dunn
12:30 p.m. (L) Marzena Krysztof
3:00 p.m. Confirmation (St. Gabriel School) All are welcome

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. You can complete the Mass cards in the Narthex with your info. However, please do not leave money in the Narthex. Thank you.

Offering Nov.12

Envelopes	\$4,092.00
Loose:	\$ 167.60
Families in Need	\$1,419.00
Donation	\$4,000.00

OUR PARISH NEWS

Confirmation

The sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred at our parish on Sunday, Nov.20 at 3 p.m. for St. Mark School and on Sunday, Nov.27 at 3 p.m. for St. Gabriel School. Bishop Daniel Miehm will confer the sacrament. Please pray for the confirmandi as they publicly profess their Catholic faith. All are welcome to attend.

First Saturday Monthly Mass

The next First Saturday Mass will be celebrated Saturday, December 3,2016. English/Polish Mass. Please come.

Parish Store Purchases

Our parish store stocks Catholic items. We sell religious Christmas cards (Polish and English) and stationery paper. Browse Catholic books, rosaries, scapulars, jewelery and varied gift items. Items sell out quickly. Store open after Sunday Masses or by appointment.

C.W.L. Upcoming Meeting

The next Meeting will be Monday, November 21, 2016 at 7:00p.m. in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

This year our Angel Tree will be put up in the narthex on Saturday, November 26th. Each angel will represent a person in need in our parish. We invite parishioners to choose an angel from the tree and purchase a gift or gift certificate. Please return the wrapped gift or gift certificate ***with the angel attached no later than Sunday, Dec 11th*** and place it under the tree. All deliveries will be made on Friday, Dec. 16th. We urge you to return the gift on time otherwise someone will be deprived. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Parish Outreach Committee

RE: Angel tags that Read Toiletries.

Some of the angels will read "toiletries" for either an adult or teenage male or an adult or teenage female. Here are some suggestions that may be helpful. All: Shampoo, body wash / shower gel, bath soap, hand / body cream, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss.

Adult Teenage Female: hair mouse / gel, nail polish, lip gloss, face cream, disposable razors.

Adult Teenage Male: hair gel, shaving cream, aftershave, disposable razors.

The CWL thanks all who helped with/for the Bazaar on November 12th 2016 - The Polish Ladies, the Students from St. Gabriel's School, the Knights, many CWL ladies and others at the Church. Thank you all so much.
Anne Walden
President CWL

Thank you Polish Mission Group

The Polish Mission group donated \$200 to the parish. These are the proceeds from the sale of bakery goods at the Bazaar. Thank you.

Thank you Knights for the donation of \$134.00 from the sale of Christmas cakes at the parish bazaar. Thank you.

Conduct in the Church

Jesus resides in the tabernacle of our Church. He waits everyday for us to visit with Him. Throughout the week, people come to spend quiet time in prayer and meditation. Please respect the silence of the church. If you must speak, please keep it to a whisper. Also, kindly respect the dress code for a holy place. We should be appropriately covered and modest. Men please remove your hats when you are in the Church. Thank you.

ADVENT: A TIME OF PREPARATION

Sunday, November 27, First Sunday of Advent

In the Catholic Church, Advent is a period of preparation, extending over four Sundays. The word *Advent* comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ. This refers, first of all, to our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas; but second, to the coming of Christ in our lives through the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist; and finally, to His Second Coming at the end of time. Our preparations, therefore, should have all three comings in mind. We need to prepare our souls to receive Christ worthily.

First We Fast, Then We Feast

This is why Advent has traditionally been known as a "little Lent." As in Lent, Advent should be marked by increased prayer, fasting, and good works.

Traditionally, all great feasts have been preceded by a time of fasting, which makes the feast itself more joyful. Sadly, Advent today has been supplanted by "the Christmas shopping season," so that by Christmas Day, many people no longer enjoy the feast.

The Symbols of Advent

In its symbolism, the Church continues to stress the penitential and preparatory nature of Advent. As during Lent, priests wear purple vestments, and the Gloria ("Glory to God") is omitted during Mass. The only exception is on the Third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday, when priests can wear rose-colored vestments. As on Laetare Sunday during Lent, this exception is designed to encourage us to continue our prayer and fasting, because we can see that Advent is more than halfway over.

The Advent Wreath

Perhaps the best known of all Advent symbols is the Advent wreath. The wreath consists of four candles (three purple and one pink) arranged in a circle with evergreen boughs

(and sometimes a fifth, white candle in the center). The Advent wreath corresponds to the four Sundays of Advent. The purple candles represent the penitential nature of the season, while the pink candle calls to mind the respite of Gaudete Sunday. (The white candle, when used, represents Christmas.)

Celebrating Advent

We can better enjoy Christmas—all 12 days of it, from Christmas Day to Epiphany—if we revive Advent as a period of preparation. What penances can we do during Advent? Abstaining from meat on Fridays, or not eating at all between meals, is a good way to revive the Advent fast. Perhaps you can spend a few more minutes daily in prayer or Scripture reading. Advent is a season for us to prepare and focus on the wonder of the Incarnation.

CATECHISM CORNER

28. Is the Holy Ghost God?

The Holy Ghost is God and the third Person of the Blessed Trinity.

Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? (1 Corinthians 3:16)

29. What do we mean by the Blessed Trinity?

By the Blessed Trinity we mean, one and the same God in three Divine Persons.

Going, therefore, teach ye all nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. (Matthew 28:19)

30. Are the three Divine Persons really distinct from one another?

The three Divine Persons are really distinct from one another.

And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape, as a dove, upon him. And a voice came from heaven: "Thou art my beloved Son. In thee I am well pleased." (Luke 3:22)

31. Are the three Divine Persons perfectly equal to one another?

The three Divine Persons are perfectly equal to one another, because all are one and the same God.

I and the Father are one. (John 10:30)

32. How are the three Divine Persons, though really distinct from one another, one and the same God?

The three Divine Persons, though really distinct from one another, are one and the same God because all have one and the same Divine nature.

33. Can we fully understand how the three Divine Persons, though really distinct from one another, are one and the same God?

We cannot fully understand how the three Divine Persons, though really distinct from one another, are one and the same God because this is a supernatural mystery.

34. What is a supernatural mystery?

A supernatural mystery is a truth which we cannot fully understand, but which we firmly believe because we have God's word for it.

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