



# St. Gabriel's Roman Catholic Church

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## Parish Staff

Rev. Piotr Machnacki, SAC, Pastor  
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Rev. Mr. Randy Matters, Deacon  
Peter Posocco, Music Director

## 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](http://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](http://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.

## Halton Catholic District School Board Trustee

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905-319-6582 [michaelj@hcdsb.org](mailto:michaelj@hcdsb.org)

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Monday, November 28

8:00 a.m. + + Andrzej Zyluk  
6:30 p.m. + Tadeusz, Maria Partyka

#### Tuesday, November 29

9:00 a.m. + Marie Hendricksen  
6:30 p.m. + Lucian Czajer

#### Wednesday, November 30

8:00 a.m.+ Andrelina Advincula  
**Holy Hour and Benediction after Mass**  
6:30 p.m. O milosierdzie Boze i opieke dla Ewy

#### Thursday, December 1

8:00 a.m. For all Parishioners  
6:30 p.m. + Helena Jan Iglinski

#### First Friday, December 2

8:00 a.m. For all Parishioners  
5:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Hour of Adoration  
5:35 p.m.- 6:15 p.m. Confessions  
6:30 p.m. (L) Rodzina Kowanda

#### First Saturday December 3

9:00 a.m. English/Polish Mass  
(L) O milosierdzie Boze i opieke dla Kuby  
4:00 – 4:45 p.m. Confessions  
5:00 p.m. + Anthony & Steven Melo, Peggy Lindsay  
+ Marjorie Forbes, + Carm Luciani

#### Sunday, December 4 Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. For all Parishioners living and dead  
9:15 a.m. + Jerzy Ostrowski  
11:00 a.m. For all parish volunteers  
12:30 p.m. +Zofia i Jozef Stanek

**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.20**

Envelopes	\$4242.00
Loose:	\$ 831.35
Families in Need	\$ 245.00
Building fund	\$1476.00
Confirmation	\$ 578.05

### **OUR PARISH NEWS**

#### **Confirmation**

The sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred at our parish 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.

#### **CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE**

This year our Angel Tree will be put up in the narthex on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.

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 11<sup>th</sup>*** and place it under the tree. All deliveries will be made on Friday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. 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.

#### **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**

#### **Christmas Spiritual Preparation**

On **Tuesday, Dec.13, 7:15 p.m.-9:00 p.m.** there will be a Penitential service and Confessions in our Church. Come and make your Christmas confession.

#### **Mass for the Sick**

On **Friday, Dec. 16 at 10:00 a.m.** there will be a Mass for the Sick with Anointing. The 8 a.m. Mass will be cancelled on this day. All are welcome.

#### **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

### **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. Thank you.

## **ADVENT: A TIME OF PREPARATION**

### **Sunday, November 27, First Sunday of Advent**

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness and for watchful waiting for the coming of the Son of Man. Matthew's Gospel is dated, by most scholars, to be written after 70 A.D. Most believe that Matthew wrote for a primarily Jewish community, but one that was no longer centered on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in a new situation: Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. There may have been Christians who believed that the events of the world around them gave evidence of the imminent return of the Lord in glory. The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory; so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will be the Lord's coming in glory. The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know that our Lord is coming even if we

cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.

## **CATECHISM CORNER**

### **35. What do we mean when we say that God is the Creator of heaven and earth?**

When we say that God is the Creator of heaven and earth we mean that He made all things from nothing by His almighty power.

*I am the Lord God, that make all things, that alone stretch out the heavens, that establish the earth. (Isaiah 44:24)*

### **36. Which are the chief creatures of God?**

The chief creatures of God are angels and men.

*Thou hast made him a little less than the angels; thou hast crowned him with glory and honor; and thou hast set him over the works of thy hands. (Psalm 8:6-7)*

### **37. What are angels?**

Angels are created spirits, without bodies, having understanding and free will.

*Thousands and thousands ministered to him, and ten thousand times a hundred thousand stood before him. (Daniel 7:10)*

### **38. What gifts did God bestow on the angels when He created them?**

When God created the angels He bestowed on them great wisdom, power, and holiness.

*O ye angels of the Lord, bless the Lord. (Daniel 3:58)*

### **39. Did all the angels remain faithful to God?**

Not all the angels remained faithful to God; some of them sinned.

*And there was a battle in heaven; Michael and his angels battled with the dragon, and the dragon fought and his angels. And they did not prevail, neither was their place found any more in heaven. (Apocalypse 12:7)*

### **40. What happened to the angels who remained faithful to God?**

The angels who remained faithful to God entered into the eternal happiness of heaven, and these are called good angels.

*See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you, their angels in heaven always behold the face of my Father in heaven. (Matthew 18:10)*

### **41. What do the good angels do in heaven?**

In heaven the good angels see, love, and adore God.

### **42. How do the good angels help us?**

The good angels help us by praying for us, by acting as messengers from God to us, and by serving as our guardian angels.

*For to his angels he has given thee in trust, to keep thee in all thy ways. In their hands they shall bear thee up, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. (Psalm 90:11-12)*

### **43. How do our guardian angels help us?**

Our guardian angels help us by praying for us, by protecting us from harm, and by inspiring us to do what is good.

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