

St. Gabriel's Roman Catholic Church

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Office Hours

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	9:00 am-3:00 pm
Wednesday	1:30 am-6:30 pm
Thursday	9:00 am-3:00 pm
Friday	9:00 am-3:00 pm
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	Closed

Sunday Masses

Saturday	ENGLISH	5:00 pm
Sunday	ENGLISH	11:00 am
	POLISH	9:30 am 12:30 pm

Weekday Masses

Tuesday	ENGLISH	6:30 pm
Wednesday	POLISH	6:30 pm
Thursday	ENGLISH	9:00 am
Friday	POLISH	6:30 pm

First Fridays	BILINGUAL	6:30 pm
First Saturdays	BILINGUAL	9:00 am

Adoration

Fridays	5:30 pm-6:30 pm
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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fridays	5:30 pm-6:30 pm
Saturdays	4:00 pm-5:00 pm
Weekdays	20 min. before Mass



New Parishioners

Welcome to our parish community! Parish registration simplifies the process of receiving sacraments such as baptism or marriage, obtaining any documents you may need, and receiving a tax receipt for your contributions. Registration can be completed at the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Baptism

Those wishing to have their child baptized should register at the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Marriage

Anyone wishing to marry at our church, must contact the Parish Office one year prior to the wedding. See our website for more details.

Funerals

Please contact the funeral home of your choice to make the arrangements. The funeral home will then contact us.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

If you have a seriously ill family member, friend or a loved one in hospital, a Catholic priest is available on call 24 hours per day. Requests should be addressed to nursing staff.

Holy Communion and the Sacrament of the Sick are also available to all who are ill or housebound, please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8- SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD.**

9:30 am - Za parafian i dobrodziejów
POLISH
11:00 am + Arnaldo Antonio Berardocco
ENGLISH
12:30 pm ++ Weronika, Adolf, Zbigniew Kłakulak,
POLISH oraz Julia Ragona

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

6:30 pm **MASS IS CANCELLED**
ENGLISH

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

6:30 pm **MASS IS CANCELLED**
POLISH

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

9:00 am **MASS IS CANCELLED**
ENGLISH

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

5:30 pm **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**
6:30 pm + Mirosław Knul
POLISH

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

5:00 pm - For members of CWL
ENGLISH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

9:30 am ++ Henryk i Irena Bielski oraz Tadeusz
POLISH Bielski
11:00 am - For parishioners and benefactors
ENGLISH
12:30 pm ++ Helena i Stanisław Lendzion
POLISH

OFFERINGS DECEMBER 17/18

Regular Sunday Offering	\$5,626.85
Preauthorized Payments	\$809.00

OFFERINGS DECEMBER 24/25

Regular Sunday Offering	\$16,107.75
Preauthorized Payments	\$809.00

OFFERINGS DECEMBER 31/JANUARY 1

Regular Sunday Offering	\$8,810.45
Preauthorized Payments	\$809.00

We thank all of you for your generous support, and for coming together this Christmas by celebrating with the parish community. We hope that you encountered Christ in your life in a personal way, and that you had a peaceful Christmas.

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent.



The Magi come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus. We come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death. The word "Epiphany" means "manifestation." Therefore, as we honor this moment in time when the Christ Child was made manifest to the world, we need to look into our own hearts. There, we discover Christ's ongoing manifestation to us so that we can worship Him Who has also chosen to be born within our hearts. We must diligently seek out that manifestation of God within us and respond to it in the same ways that the Magi responded.

BLESSING OF CHALK ON EPIPHANY

The blessing of chalk on epiphany is a tradition in which parish priests bless chalk for each family so that they may mark the names of the three Magi over their doors, in the blessing of homes as a witness of their faith and protection against evil. The formula is simple: take blessed chalk and write the following above the entrance of your home:

20 + C + M + B + 23

The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi - Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar - who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* - "May Christ bless this house." The "+" signs represent the cross, and the "20" at the beginning and the "23" at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless those homes so marked and that He stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year.

Blessed chalk will be available to take with you after each Mass this weekend by the Altar

MASS CANCELLATION

Weekday Masses will be cancelled from **Tuesday, January 10th- Thursday, January 12th 2023**. Fr. Paul will be away on an annual Oblate retreat. Let us pray for God's blessing and guidance for Fr. Paul during this time of renewal.

WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Requests to place announcements in our weekly Parish Bulletin must be submitted to the office no later than **10:00 am on Monday mornings** and is subject to pastoral approval.

BULLETIN BOARD

Attention all parishioners, bulletin board requests must be submitted to the Parish Office and require pastoral approval.

2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Last chance to pick up your offertory envelopes for 2023 in the narthex of the Church this weekend. If you would like to register as a parishioner and receive offertory envelopes for 2023, please contact the parish office.

*** Your donations are tax deductible. Please do not use your 2022 envelopes in 2023. ***

ST. GABRIELS PARISH ROSARY GROUP

A new Holy Rosary group is being formed within our Parish community for all those who would like to pray. The goal of the group is to pray one decade of the rosary per day in the Popes intentions. There will be an opportunity to sign up at the back of the church next weekend on Saturday, January 14th following the 5:00 pm Mass, and Sunday, January 15th following the 11:00 am Mass.

COFFEE AND DONUTS CALENDAR-2023

Attention all parish groups & ministries! If you would like the opportunity to sell coffee and donuts for fundraising purposes, a new schedule is being created for next year. Please contact the parish office to sign up.

CWL NEWS

Happy New Year!! Wishing you blessings of good health and much happiness. Our next meeting will take place on Monday, January 16th at 7:00pm, in the Parish Centre. Hope to see you there.

OBLATE YOUTH CANADA

Attention youth! You are invited to come out for the very first Oblate Youth Canada Christmas potluck held at our Parish on January 15th 2023 from 2:00pm-7:00pm.



There will be an evening of food, ice breakers, gingerbread houses, games + plenty of opportunities to be with the amazing youth we have in all our groups.

ANGEL TREE PROGRAM 2022

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul at St. Gabriel's Parish would like to thank the parishioners, visitors, schools and organizations that helped us make Christmas more special for our families. Your donations and gifts demonstrate there are amazing people in our world that care about the less fortunate.



We raised \$15,510.50 in cash, \$1,375 in gift cards and received 32 frozen turkeys; we helped 52 families in our community (170 people) have a blessed and joyous Christmas. In addition to providing families with food cards, we provided each person with a Walmart gift card to purchase a few presents under the tree. Words cannot THANK YOU enough. We and the families are so grateful for your continued support.

SHARE THE WARMTH


The St. Gabriel's Knights of Columbus Council announce the return of "Share the Warmth" starting from **January 1st to March 19th, 2023**. Donations of winter hats/mitts/socks can be placed in the bin located in the Narthex of our church. All items collected will be donated to our schools and programs that help the less fortunate in our community. Financial donations to "Share the Warmth" can happen by sending an e-transfer to: stgabrieliskofo@gmail.com. (Please indicate "donation" in the message box). Thank you for your support!

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