

# St. Gabriel's Roman Catholic Church

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Office Hours		
Monday-	Closed	
Tuesday-	9:00 am-3:00 pm	
Wednesday-	1:30 pm-6:30 pm	
Thursday-	9:00 am-3:00 pm	
Friday-	9:00 am-3:00 pm	
Saturday & Sunday-	Closed	
Sunday Masses		
Saturday- ENGLISH	5:00 pm	
Sunday- ENGLISH	11:00 am	
POLISH	9:30 am	
POLISH	12:30 pm	
Weekday Masses		
Tuesday- ENGLISH	6:30 pm	
Wednesday- POLISH	6:30 pm	
Thursday- ENGLISH	9:00 am	
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Friday- POLISH	6:30 pm	
Friday- POLISH First Fridays- BILINGUAL (Adoration and Confessions for	6:30 pm 6:30 pm <i>rom 5:30-6:30.</i>	
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Friday- POLISH First Fridays- BILINGUAL (Adoration and Confessions for First Friday Devotions at 6:30 First Saturdays- BILINGUA Adoration Fridays- Sacrament of Reconciliat	6:30 pm 6:30 pm <i>rom 5:30-6:30.</i> <i>, Holy Mass to follow)</i> JL 9:00 am 5:30 pm-6:25 pm	
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# **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 hrs 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, FEBRUARY 9

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9:30 am	† Jadwiga Tomera
POLISH	
11:00 am	– For parishioners and benefactors
ENGLISH	
12:30 pm POLISH	† Henryk Simbor

## **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

6:30 pm - God's Blessings for Mina Brunet on her ENGLISH Birthdav

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

6:30 pm	† Zdzisław Wolański
POLISH	† Jadwiga Tomera

## **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

- 9:00 am the terminal termin
- ENGLISH **††** Sam Galante & Rosalie Waters
  - † Kruno Penavic
  - God's Blessings for Mercedez Le on her Birthdav
  - Mass of Thanksgiving

## **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

5:30 pm	ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT / CONFESSIONS	
6:30 pm	†† Za zmarłych członków Róż	

POLISH	Różańcowych	

## **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

5:00 pm	† Thomas B Garrett
ENGLISH	•

## **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

9:30 am	† Jadwiga Tomera
POLISH	
11:00 am	†† Feliks & Gertruda Szweda, as well as
ENGLISH	Jan & Boleslawa Cerajewski
12:30 pm	– Za parafian i dobrodziejów
POLISH	

#### OFFERINGS FEBRUARY 1st & 2nd

Sunday offerings	\$4,692.75
Souper Sunday	\$93.00
Seminary Education	\$1,077.00
Preauthorized payments	\$945.00

#### Thank you for your support of our parish!

## **COFFEE & DONUTS**

Sunday, February 9th- served by the Mission Group

#### **BULLETIN PRAYER CORNER**

"Heavenly Father, we come before You today to ask for Your healing hand to be upon our friends who are suffering. Grant them comfort, strength, and wisdom. Restore their health with Your loving care. May Your peace, which surpasses all understanding, guard their heart and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen."

Zofia & Józef Potocki, Stanisław Tomera, Gloria Dianne, Mary Elizabeth, Sophie Weaver, Lynne C.

\*\*Would you like to participate in our bulletin prayer corner? Visit www.saintgabrielchurch.com to fill out a guick form.

#### BAPTISM

In February, the following children will receive the sacrament of baptism:

**Dominic Alexander Ife Erpelo-Oriola** Henry Robert Colin Nugent William Mitchell & Leah Paisley McSkimming Adam Daniel & Brandon Macedo Klein Sienna Angela Polo Izaiah James Thomas Jack & Reece Brooklyn Zarcone Blake & Amelia Chapman

#### **DEDICATION OF ST. GABRIEL'S PARISH** -60TH ANNIVERSARY

Thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Gabriel's Parish! We are truly grateful for the blessings we've received over these 60 years. It was wonderful to come together and reflect on our shared history with the photo montage and the memories shared during the open mic. During this year, we'd like to compile a memory e-book of pictures to be available to the parish so if you come across photos of our parish, especially photos of the construction/early years, please send them to the office. We look forward to continuing this journey together for many more years!

#### 2024 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for 2024 are available for pickup in the Narthex. Thank you for your good stewardship!

#### **PARISH FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 2024**

We are pleased to share our financial results for the 2024 calendar year. Our heartfelt gratitude goes to the Parish Finance Committee for their dedication in preparing the budget, managing financial statements, and overseeing cash flow. We extend our sincere thanks to outgoing members Stephen Clarke and Ron Wilson for their invaluable contributions and warmly welcome our new members, Chris Olak and Christiane Peric.

This past year has been a time of growth and accomplishment for our parish. We have welcomed many new parishioners. seen a significant rise in Mass attendance, and experienced generous support through regular Sunday collections and contributions to our building fund. Through God's grace and your unwavering generosity, we successfully completed several capital projects and brought the One Heart, One Soul program to its conclusion.

On the next page, you will find a summary of the major improvements made to our parish, along with the financial statement for the 2024 fiscal year. Thank you for your continued faith, good stewardship, and commitment to our parish community.

#### MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS IN OUR PARISH

- Church Sanctuary & Sacristy Completed full renovations to create a welcoming and sacred space.
- Church Sanctuary Added Track LED lighting.
- **Church Heating System** Overhauled the entire boiler system and installed new radiators for improved efficiency in the church. Church Climate Control – Installed new energy-efficient large fans to aid in both cooling and heating, along with Daikin air
- conditioning and heat pumps for enhanced comfort in the church.
- Church Confessionals Refurbished to provide a more serene and accessible space.
- Parking lot Repainted parking lot lines and updates signage.
- Parish Hall Roof Completely removed old 35+ year old roof to metal decking and installed new flat roof
- Parish Hall Heating/Cooling Replaced our nonfunctional 35+ year old unit with new 15-ton Carrier Unit
- Parish Hall Washrooms Completely renovated both men's and women's washrooms, including upgrades to sewer lines.

- Rectory & Basement Added new window wells, drainage to backyard, landscaping, and backflow valves to mitigate future risk of flooding.

- Added a proper archive room for parish files.
- strengthened our parish bonds with various fundraisers, parish dinners, and events that brought us together in faith and community. to guide and strengthen us as a parish family.

#### Income Statement for 2024 & 2023

Category	2024	2023
Income		
Sunday Collections	\$300,209.00	\$280,824.00
Building Fund Collections	\$169,411.00	\$134,678.00
Sacramental Revenue	\$11,275.00	\$7,420.00
Hall Rental	\$5,990.00	\$7,350.00
Fundraising	\$15,372.00	\$25,057.00
Other Income (Interest, Bulletin Ads, Parish Store)	\$19,772.00	\$18,507.00
Total Income	\$522,029.00	\$473,836.00
Expenses		
Church Expenses, Maintenance	\$69,469.00	\$71,997.00
Rectory Expenses, Maintenance	\$13,208.00	\$23,594.00
Parish Centre, Sanctuary, Choir, Parish Store	\$42,634.00	\$43,065.00
Office & Administration	\$20,199.00	\$25,712.00
Payroll (Clergy & Religious, Laity, Food & Household, Pension, Benefits)	\$218,785.00	\$167,704.00
Retreats, Seminars, Parish Fellowship, Youth Ministry, Bank Charges	\$10,746.00	\$11,248.00
Cathedraticum	\$34,664.00	\$28,846.00
Mass Intentions	\$5,570.00	\$5,910.00
Total Expenses	\$415,275.00	\$378,076.00
Surplus	\$106,754.00	\$95,760.00

In 2024, thanks to your generous support and dedication, we have completed several significant improvements to enhance our parish facilities:

- Marian Shrine Added a beautiful Marian shrine and devotional candles to enrich our spiritual space.
- Rectory Washroom Restored the original washroom, addressing structural damage.

Rectory & Basement - Rebuilt basement and meeting rooms following a flood, with the costs covered by insurance.

Security System – Installed a comprehensive security camera system around the church and parish hall for added safety. As we reflect on this past year, we are grateful for all we have accomplished together. Our faith continues to grow through liturgies, the sacraments, yearly retreats, numerous devotions, and the launch of our first Bible study. We welcomed both Sister Alice Jaszczk MChR and Fr. Paul Niesiobedzki for their first full year of ministry in our parish. Our youth and young adult groups continue to gather weekly, strengthening their faith and fellowship. The Polish Scouts have also started meeting at our parish and have organized a youth pilgrimage to Portugal for World Youth Day. Through the St. Vincent de Paul program, Mission Group, the Knights of Columbus, and CWL, we have supported those in need locally and abroad. We also introduced a Children's Bible Camp, encouraging faith in our youngest parishioners. This year, we We also welcomed many new altar servers, choir members, lectors, and volunteers who have enriched our liturgies and ministries. We are deeply grateful for your continued support. As we look ahead to 2025, may it be a year of grace, growth, and blessings, as the Lord continues

	Significant Building Projects (Listed	above)
2023	Source	Amount
	Ex Corde	\$30,000.00
\$280,824.00	Diocese of Hamilton	\$25,000.00
\$134,678.00	Anti-Hate	\$7,500.00
\$7,420.00	OHOS Campaign	\$87,500.00
\$7,350.00	Other (OHOS)	\$23,242.00
\$25,057.00	Total Grants	\$173,242.00
\$18,507.00		
\$473,836.00	Money on Loan to the Diocese of Hamilton	\$110,988.00
\$71,997.00	Major Improvements (EXPENSES)	
\$23,594.00	Improvement	Amount
\$43,065.00	Major Church Improvements	\$220,167.00

Improvement	Amount
Major Church Improvements	\$220,167.00
Major Parish Center Improvements	\$106,725.00
New Furniture	\$15,300.00
Total	\$342,192.00

All our major and many minor or deferred maintenance improvements in 2024 successfully completed and financed with above grants, OHOS campaign and building fund donations.