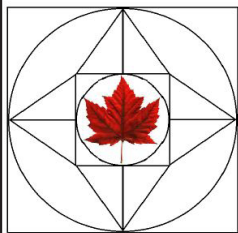


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 Office Administrator: Diana Latacz

**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  
 Friday- POLISH 6:30 pm

First Fridays- BILINGUAL 6:30 pm  
 (Adoration and Confessions from 5:30-6:30.)  
 First Friday Devotions at 6:30, Holy Mass to follow)  
 First Saturdays- BILINGUAL 9:00 am

**Adoration**  
 Fridays- 5:30 pm-6:25 pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
 Tues. & Wed.- 6:00 pm - 6:20 pm  
 Thursdays- 8:30 am-8:50 am  
 Fridays- 5:30 pm-6:20 pm  
 Saturdays- 4:00 pm-4:50 pm

**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, DECEMBER 1**

**9:30 am** †† Za zmarłych z rodziny Góra i Zdybał

POLISH

**11:00 am** † Tadeusz Woziwodzki

ENGLISH

**12:30 pm** †† Zbigniew Buczkowski i Stanisław Cichon oraz za zmarłych z rodziny Buczkowski i Cichon

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3**

**6:00 pm** ROSARY / ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**6:30 pm** †† Maria, Alexander & Włodzimierz Trofimiuk

ENGLISH

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4**

**6:00 pm** ROSARY / ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**6:30 pm** POLISH – O Boże Miłosierdzie i opiekę dla Kubę podejmujących abstynencję  
† Michael Klimowski  
† Paweł Boniakowski

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5**

**9:00 am** ††† All souls in purgatory  
ENGLISH †† Maria & Frank Medeiros  
† Robert Granby  
† Patty Lynn Huschilt  
† Conceicao (Connie) Brazil  
† Alto Muhlhuber

**FIRST FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6**

**5:30 pm** ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT / CONFESSIONS  
**6:30 pm** EN / PL FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS, MASS TO FOLLOW  
†† Jarosław i Henryk Różga, 3 rocznica śmierci

**FIRST SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7**

**9:00 am** EN / PL – O Boże błogosławieństwo i potrzebne łaski dla Basi z okazji 40 urodzin  
**5:00 pm** ENGLISH – For parishioners and benefactors

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8**

**9:30 am** POLISH – O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Maria Leokadia Różańska-Glińska z okazji 80-tych urodzin  
**11:00 am** ENGLISH †† Raffaele & Giovanna Butera  
**12:30 pm** POLISH † Stanisław Szarek

**OFFERINGS NOVEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday offerings \$4,874.55  
Preauthorized payments \$923.00

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

**COFFEE & DONUTS**

Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> - served by the Mom's Group  
**Souper Sunday-** Join us in the parish hall for soup!



**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, Jadwiga & Stanisław Tomera, Gloria Dianne, Czesława Kowal, Joshua Bonilla, Cory Patinson, Eleen Boenisch, John MacKenzie, Andrzej Iwanikow, Janusz Cieplowski

*\*\*Would you like to participate in our bulletin prayer corner? Visit [www.saintgabrielchurch.com](http://www.saintgabrielchurch.com) to fill out a quick form.*

**FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

Let us pray for:

† Alto Muhlhuber

May he rest in peace.

**ADVENT**

*Dear friends, as we enter the beautiful season of Advent, let us embrace this special time as a joyful journey of preparation for the coming of our Saviour. Advent invites us to pause, reflect, and open our hearts to the hope and peace that Christ brings. We warmly encourage you to participate in Mass and the sacraments with renewed meaning and intention, allowing the grace of this season to deepen your faith and fill your hearts with joy. Together, let us prepare not only our homes but our souls, making space for the true light of Christmas. Wishing you a wonderful Advent, Fr Paul Patrick.*

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING SIGN-UP**

This Advent season, we invite individuals, couples, and families to participate in a special tradition during our Sunday Masses. Each week, at each of our Sunday Masses a different group will have the honor of lighting the Advent candle as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

*Would you like to participate? A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex of the church. This is a beautiful opportunity to reflect on the meaning of Advent and share it with our parish community.*

**TRAVELING CHALICE**

As we begin the season of Advent, we invite families to participate in a special prayerful initiative by bringing the "Traveling Chalice" home for a week to pray for vocations.

**How it works:**

- 1.) A family signs up for one of the Sunday Masses during the 4 Sundays of Advent.
- 2.) The family which has the chalice prays a short prayer for vocations included with the Chalice every day for the whole week.
- 3.) The family brings the chalice back on the weekend and it in turn is presented to the next family at Mass.

This week we will start with 5pm Mass. Next week we are looking for a volunteer family to take it for 9:30 Sunday Mass. The 3rd Sunday of advent we are looking for a volunteer family for 11am Mass. The 4th Sunday of Advent for the 12:30pm Mass.

First come first serve- thank you for spreading awareness and praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life!

**RORATE MASSES FOR CHILDREN**

In preparation for Christmas, we invite all children for bilingual Rorate Masses during Advent on **Friday December 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday December 18<sup>th</sup>**. These Masses begin in the dimly lit church and children with lanterns process in with the priest symbolizing the light of Christ entering the world at Christmas. The Masses have kid friendly themes and messages. If you have a lantern from last year, time to find it! All are welcome!



**VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS**

Calling all families with young kids! St. Nicholas will be stopping by our parish after each Mass on the weekend of December 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> — don't miss this special opportunity to meet him!

**KOC- PICK UP YOUR CHRISTMAS CAKES AND COOKIES!**

For those who placed orders, please pick up your order in the Parish Hall on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> between 6:00pm and 6:30 pm or on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> between 10:00am and 1:30 pm. If you are unable to pick up your order at either of these times, please email us at [stgabrielskofc@gmail.com](mailto:stgabrielskofc@gmail.com) to make other arrangements. Thank you for your support and Merry Christmas to you and your family!

**ADVENT RETREAT**

Mark your calendars for our Advent Retreat led by Fr. Marcin Serwin OMI. The Retreat will take place from Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> until Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**RETREAT SCHEDULE:**

**Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> –**

6:00 pm – Conference on Reconciliation/Penitential Liturgy

**6:30 – 8:30 pm – Parish Advent Confessions (in the church and parish hall)**

**Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> –**

6:30 pm – Mass (ENGLISH)  
7:30 pm – Mass (POLISH)

**Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> –**

10:30 am – Healing Mass (BILINGUAL)  
5:00 pm – Mass (ENGLISH)

**Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> –**

9:30 am – Mass (POLISH)  
11:00 am – Mass (ENGLISH)  
12:30 pm – Mass (POLISH)

**\* Our parish Advent confessions will have many priests available to hear confessions. Please note this will be the last chance for confessions before Christmas.**

**NO CONFESSIONS ON:**

**Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024**  
**Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, through Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.**

**\*\* Regular confession times will resume on Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.**

**PARISH STORE**

Christmas cards (English and Polish) and Christmas wafers (oplatki) are available for purchase in the parish store after each Sunday Mass.

**2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

Offertory envelopes for 2025 are available for pickup in the narthex of the Church. **Your donations are tax deductible. Please do not use your 2024 envelopes in 2025.** If you are not yet registered and would like to receive offertory envelopes for 2025, please contact the parish office.

**2024 MONETARY DONATIONS**

**We thank all parishioners for their generous monetary contributions throughout the year. If you would like your contributions to be included in your 2024 tax receipt, the deadline to submit your donations is Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Any donations submitted after the 29<sup>th</sup> will be included in your 2025 tax receipt.**

**PARISH OFFICE- CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS**

The parish office will be closed from Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, through Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025. We wish you a blessed Christmas!

**CHRISTMAS-THEMED DECORATIONS**

We invite all parishioners to join us in creating Christmas wreaths on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30 pm in the parish hall. The handmade wreaths will be sold at the Christmas Fair, and the proceeds will go toward Christmas packages for children in Madagascar. *The organizers will provide some materials, but it would be helpful if participants could bring their own as well. We look forward to seeing you there!*

**CHRISTMAS FAIR**

We warmly invite you to our annual Christmas Fair, taking place on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. **The program includes:**  
🎄 Christmas wreaths, beautiful decorations, unique gifts, jewelry, and much more!  
🥞 **All You Can Eat Pancakes** – Treat your taste buds to delicious pancakes in an "all-you-can-eat" style!  
👴👵 **Meet Santa Claus** – Come, greet Santa, and take a memorable photo. Join us and feel the magic of Christmas in our community! We look forward to seeing you!

**CWL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK**

The CWL invites you to their annual Christmas potluck supper on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. (Please note the date change from December 16). See you there!

**CWL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

The CWL's Annual Christmas Bazaar held on November 16<sup>th</sup> was a tremendous success! A heartfelt thank you to our Parishioners for donating items, jewelry, and baked goods, Grade 8 students from St. Gabriel's for helping with setup and working the jewelry booth, Knights of Columbus for moving furniture, local businesses for supporting our auction and penny sales and **Morag Wilson** for her hard work in organizing the event!

**50/50 Draw Winner:** Lyla, Ticket #15094022 (\$419.50).

If you are a female 16 + interested in joining the CWL, we'd love to have you! Please text our President, **Pearlie Chan**, at **905-407-6116 for more details.**