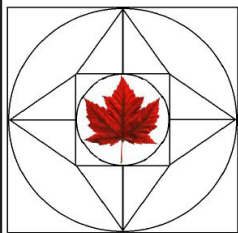


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**Office Hours**

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
Friday- POLISH	6:30 pm

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

**Adoration**

Fridays-	5:30 pm-6:25 pm
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**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 8**

**9:30 am** – O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Maria  
POLISH Leokadia Różańska-Glińska z okazji  
80-tych urodzin

**11:00 am** † † Raffaele & Giovanna Butera  
ENGLISH

**12:30 pm** † Stanisław Szarek  
POLISH

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10**

**6:30 pm** † Mirosław Trofimiuk, w rocznicę śmierci  
ENGLISH

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11**

**6:30 pm** † Alicja Kikoska  
POLISH

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12**

**9:00 am** – God’s blessings for the St. Gabriel  
ENGLISH School Community  
† † † All souls in purgatory  
† Jean Mark Daga  
† Ann Garrett  
† Patty Lynn Huschilt  
† Rodrigo Argueza Jr.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13- RORATE**

**6:30 pm** † † Zofia, Józef, Marianna Skrzypczyk oraz  
EN / PL Stefan Tarach

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14**

**5:00 pm** † Larry Matthew’s  
ENGLISH

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15**

**9:30 am** – Za parafian i dobrodziejów  
POLISH

**11:00 am** – God’s blessings for Sandra Flanagan  
ENGLISH


**12:30 pm** † Władysław Ciekliński  
POLISH

**OFFERINGS NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup> & DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>**

Sunday offerings	\$6,635.70
Preauthorized payments	\$923.00
Souper Sunday	\$125.00

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

**COFFEE & DONUTS**

**Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** - served by the Polish Scouts 

**Today after all Masses, St. Nicholas will visit our parish!**

**CHRISTMAS FAIR**

We invite you to our Christmas Fair this weekend, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in the parish hall! Come out and see our selection of beautiful Christmas decorations, enjoy all you can eat pancakes, and meet Santa Claus!

**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 Ciepłowski.**

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

**BAMBINELLI SUNDAY**

For decades, the Pope has blessed Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes during Gaudete Sunday in Rome. This tradition, known as ‘Bambinelli Sunday’, reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy.

We invite all parishioners, families and children to bring their Baby Jesus figurines for the weekend masses of **December 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>** to be blessed as we too celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your ‘Bambinelli’ home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day and as you lay Jesus in the Manger and allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.

**RORATE MASSES FOR CHILDREN**

We invite all children for bilingual Rorate Masses 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!



**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? There are still a few spots available. The sign-up sheet is available in the narthex of the church.*

**JUBILEE YEAR 2025**

Every 25 years, the Catholic Church celebrates a Jubilee Year. These celebrations have occurred since the 1300's and are rooted in the biblical practice of Jubilee. It is an opportunity to celebrate, reflect, and grow in holiness of life. It is a unique moment to reset and renew my relationship with God, others and myself. The theme for the Jubilee year is Hope. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, invites the whole Church to re-discover the teachings of the Second Vatican Council (1962 - 1965), particularly the four dogmatic Constitutions. At St. Gabriel's, we are planning to offer reflection evenings on these documents as a learning opportunity in February. *Stay tuned for dates.*

**CWL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK**

The CWL invites all ladies to their Christmas potluck supper this coming Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the parish hall. We kindly ask that you bring one non-perishable food item that will be donated to the local food bank on your behalf.

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

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). Thank you for your support and Merry Christmas to you and your family!

**TRAVELING CHALICE**

During 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.

Last week we started with the 5pm Mass. This week a family will take it at the 9:30am 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!

**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 from Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, through Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025. Regular confession times will resume on Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.**

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

This year's Christmas schedule pamphlets are available in the narthex of the church.

**GOT POINSETTIAS? DONATE THEM!**

If your poinsettias are taking over your home and you're not sure what to do with them, why not share the love with St. Gabriel's? We're looking for donations of beautiful poinsettias to help make our Christmas services extra festive! Thank you!

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Our church has a seating capacity of over 650 people? We invite everyone to join us for this year's Christmas celebrations! If you're unable to find a seat in the sanctuary, please feel free to join us in the parish hall, where the Mass will be livestreamed.

**PARISH STORE**

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

**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.

**2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

Offertory envelopes for 2025 are now available in the narthex of the Church. **Please note, do not use your 2024 envelopes for 2025.** If you are not yet registered and would like to receive offertory envelopes for the coming year, kindly contact the parish office.

**Why is it important to support the parish financially?** *Financial donations play a crucial role in supporting the mission and ministry of the Church. Your contributions help maintain the parish, fund programs, support outreach initiatives, and provide resources for worship and spiritual growth. Through your generosity, the parish can continue to serve both the spiritual and practical needs of our congregation and the wider community. Thank you for making a difference!*

**Ways to support the parish:**

- Offertory envelopes
- E-transfers to [office@saintgabrielchurch.com](mailto:office@saintgabrielchurch.com)
- Monthly pre-authorized debits (PAD). To sign up for this convenient option, please visit our parish office.

**2024 MONETARY DONATIONS**

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all parishioners for their generous monetary contributions throughout the year. If you wish for your donations to be included in your 2024 tax receipt, please ensure they are submitted by Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024. **Donations received after this date will be reflected in your 2025 tax receipt.**

**CHRISTMAS TREE FUNDRAISER**

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