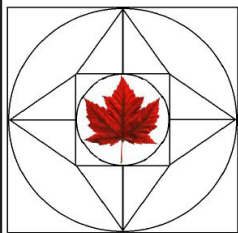


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 Office Administrator: Diana Latacz

**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
<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 22- ADVENT RETREAT**

**9:30 am** † Władysława Biskup, 4 rocznica śmierci  
POLISH

**11:00 am** – For parishioners and benefactors

ENGLISH

**12:30 pm** †† Jan i Bronisława Partyka

POLISH

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup> - CHRISTMAS EVE**

**4:00 pm** † John Grysak

ENGLISH

**7:30 pm** **CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

**8:00 pm** † Ann Garrett

ENGLISH

**10:30 pm** – Za parafian i dobrodziejów

POLISH

**12:00 am** †† Halina i Dariusz

EN / PL

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY**

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

POLISH

**11:00 am** † Cecilia Advincula

ENGLISH

**12:30 pm** † Lidia Czeranowska, 7 rocznica śmierci

POLISH

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26- FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN**

**11:00 am** † George Peskleway

EN / PL

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27**

**9:00 am** † Paweł Socha

EN / PL

*Blessing of wine following Mass*

**6:00 pm** **INTERNATIONAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

ENGLISH

**7:00 pm** **REFRESHMENTS IN PARISH HALL**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28**

*Opening of the Jubilee Year of Hope*

**5:00 pm** †† Anna, Alexander, Laslo Kalmar

ENGLISH

& Miroslav Suljic

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29- FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

*Opening of the Jubilee Year of Hope*

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

POLISH

**11:00 am** † Patty Lynn Huschilt

ENGLISH

**12:30 pm** † Elżbieta Wodala

POLISH

**OFFERINGS DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday offerings \$5,113.85

Preauthorized payments \$923.00

Building Fund \$2,792.00

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

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31- VIGIL, MARY MOTHER OF GOD**

**5:00 pm** † Mirosław Knul

ENGLISH

**6:15 pm** **END OF YEAR THANKSGIVING PRAYER LITURGY**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1- SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

**11:00 am** †† Jan & Danuta

ENGLISH

**12:30 pm** † Stanisław Szybka, 10 rocznica śmierci

POLISH

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 2**

**9:00 am** ††† All Souls in Purgatory

ENGLISH

† Patty Lynn Huschilt

† Sam Galante

**FIRST FRIDAY, JANUARY 3**

**5:30 pm** **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT / CONFESSIONS**

**6:30 pm** **FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS, MASS TO FOLLOW**

EN / PL

– O szybki powrót do zdrowia dla Marii

**FIRST SATURDAY, JANUARY 4**

**9:00am** – O Boże miłosierdzie i opiekę dla Kuby

EN / PL

**5:00 pm** † Patty Lynn Huschilt

ENGLISH

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

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

POLISH

**11:00 am** – God’s blessings for Ankica Penavić

ENGLISH

**12:30 pm** – O Boże błogosławieństwo i potrzebne

POLISH

łaski dla Moniki i jej rodziny

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 7**

**6:30 pm** † Theresa Muhlhuber, 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary

ENGLISH

of passing

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8**

**6:30 pm** – O Boże błogosławieństwo dla rodziny

POLISH

– O Boże błogosławieństwo, zdrowie i

potrzebne łaski dla Zofii i Józefa Potocki

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 9**

**9:00 am** ††† All Souls in Purgatory

ENGLISH

†† Maria and Frank Medeiros

† Sam Galante

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 10**

**5:30 pm** **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT / CONFESSIONS**

ENGLISH

**6:30 pm** – O Boże błogosławieństwo dla członków

POLISH

Róż Różańcowych

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 11**

**5:00 pm** † Arnaldo Antonio Berardocco

ENGLISH

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 12**

**9:30 am** †† Maria i Ryszard Łapiński

POLISH

**11:00 am** – For parishioners and benefactors

ENGLISH

**12:30 pm** – O Boże Błogosławieństwo dla Maji

POLISH

z okazji urodzin

**COFFEE & DONUTS**

**Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**- served by the Youth of our parish.

**Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**- served by the First Communion group.



**SOUPER SUNDAY**

Join us after all Sunday Masses on January 5<sup>th</sup> for some delicious soup in the parish hall. Free will offerings appreciated for the needs of the Parish.

**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**

*\*\*Would you like to participate in our bulletin prayer corner?*

*Visit [www.saintgabrielchurch.com](http://www.saintgabrielchurch.com) to fill out a quick form.*

**BAPTISM**

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

**Albea Ann Segura, Santiago Gabriel & Mauricio David Arce**

**FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

Let us pray for:

**+ Jadwiga Tomera**

**+ Morag Wilson**

May they rest in peace.

*"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us."  
(John 1:14)*

**Dear brothers and sisters,** why did God choose to "Become flesh and make his dwelling among us?" He could have accomplished our salvation in many ways, yet He chose to enter our world as one like us. Christ's birth brings God close to us and gives us not only a Saviour but also a way of life to follow. His nativity also underlines the dignity of human beings made in the image and likeness of God.

As we approach the Nativity Scene this Christmas, let us ask the Lord to fill our hearts with the desire to follow Him more closely.

May we, in turn, become a light for others to follow Christ.

Wishing you a Blessed Christmas,

*Pastoral Team at St. Gabriel Parish*

*-Fr. Paul J. Patrick*

*-Fr. Paul Niesiobędzki*

*-Sr. Alicja Jaszczak, MChR*

**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 OFFICE- CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS**

The parish office will reopen on Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

You are invited to an evening of Christmas Carols on Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Following the caroling, we will gather in the parish hall for some light refreshments.

**JASEŁKA- NATIVITY PLAY**

We invite all parishioners for our annual nativity play (in Polish) led by our children on Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, following the 12:30 pm Mass in the parish hall.

**PASTORAL VISITS "PO KOLEDZIE"**

In accordance with an old tradition in the Catholic Church, Priests visit parishioners' homes and bless them in the weeks following Christmas. This year, Fr. Paul Patrick, Fr. Paul Niesiobędzki and Sr. Alicja will be available to visit parishioners' homes starting January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Each week, they will visit a different region based on the schedule provided below. Those interested in a visit are kindly asked to contact the parish office.

**Week of January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025-** Around St. Gabriel's and North of the 403. i.e. Waterdown, Brant Hills, Mountain Gardens and Orchard etc.

**Week of January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025-** South of the 403. i.e. Port Nelson, La Salle, Glenwood, Aldershot etc.

**Week of January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025-** East and West Burlington i.e. Oakville and Hamilton etc.

**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.**

**BLESSING OF CHALK ON EPIPHANY**

The blessing of chalk on Epiphany is a tradition in which priests bless chalk for each family so that they may bless their 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:

**C+M+B+2025**

The inscription "C+M+B" is an abbreviation of the Latin phrase "Christus Mansionem Benedicat," which means "May Christ bless this house." St. Augustine offered a different interpretation of this abbreviation, expanding it as "Christus Multorum Benefactor," meaning "Christ, benefactor of many." However, this interpretation did not gain widespread popularity among Christians. From a pastoral perspective, it is important to emphasize that the inscription on the door during the Feast of the Epiphany is primarily a reminder of Christ's presence in the life of the family and an invitation to open oneself to His blessing every time one passes through the door.

**\*Blessed chalk will be available to take with you after each Mass on January 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>\***

**CHRISTMAS FAIR**

A huge thank you goes out to all the parish groups and volunteers who made this year's Christmas Fair such a success. Thanks to your involvement and generosity, we will be sending \$2,050.00 to the Mission in Toamasina, Madagascar, for Christmas packages for children. God Bless! -*Missionary Friends of Oblates MAMI*