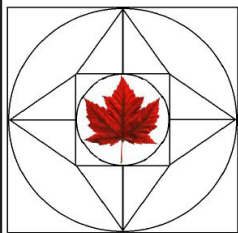


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Office Hours
 Monday- Closed
 Tuesday- 9:00 am-3:00 pm
 Wednesday- 1:30 pm-6:30 pm
 Thursday- 9:00 am-3:00 pm
 Friday- 9:00 am-3:00 pm
 Saturday & Sunday- Closed

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
 (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 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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

6:30 pm † Doreen Laderoute

ENGLISH

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18- RORATE MASS FOR KIDS

6:30 pm – O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Ariany

EN / PL

Mokamel z okazji urodzin

†† Za zmarłych członków Żywego Różańca

† Weronika Kilian

† Małgorzata Faltny

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19- ADVENT RETREAT

9:00 am – God’s blessings, health and healing for

ENGLISH

the CWL ladies & their spouses

† † † All souls in purgatory

†† Late members of the Ho Family

† Antonio Caloura

† Joseph MacPherson

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- ADVENT RETREAT

6:30 pm † Patty Lynn Huschilt

ENGLISH

7:30 pm 1) – O Boże błogosławieństwo i zdrowie

POLISH

dla Nicole i Olivii z okazji urodzin

2) – O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Wiktorii

i Julii z okazji urodzin

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21- ADVENT RETREAT

10:30 am **HEALING MASS**

EN / PL

– O powrót do zdrowia i potrzebne łaski

dla Rafała

5:00 pm – God’s blessings for Fr. William Meehan

ENGLISH

on his ordination to the Priesthood

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22- ADVENT RETREAT

9:30 am † Władysław Biskup, 4 rocznica śmierci

POLISH

11:00 am – For parishioners and benefactors

ENGLISH

12:30 pm †† Jan i Bronisława Partyka

POLISH

***NO CONFESSIONS from Friday, December 20th, 2024, through Thursday, January 2nd, 2025. Regular confession times will resume on Friday, January 3rd, 2025.**

OFFERINGS DECEMBER 7th & 8th

Sunday offerings \$4,876.00

Preauthorized payments \$923.00

Building Fund \$1,810.00

Thank you for your support of our parish!

COFFEE & DONUTS

Sunday, December 15th - served by the Youth of our 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, 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 to fill out a quick form.*

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24th

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 pm – Family Mass for children in English

7:30 pm – Christmas Caroling in English

8:00 pm – Shepherds Mass in English

10:30 pm – Shepherds Mass in Polish

12:00 am – Shepherds Mass in English & Polish

Wednesday, December 25th

CHRISTMAS DAY

9:30 am – Mass in Polish

11:00 am – Mass in English

12:30 pm – Mass in Polish

Thursday, December 26th

FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

11:00 am – Mass in English & Polish

Friday, December 27th

9:00am – Mass in English & Polish

Blessing of wine to follow

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm – International Christmas Carols

7:00 pm – 7:30 pm – Refreshments in parish hall

Saturday, December 28th

Opening of the Jubilee Year of Hope

5:00 pm – Mass in English

Sunday, December 29th

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Opening of the Jubilee Year of Hope

9:30 am – Mass in Polish

11:00 am – Mass in English

12:30 pm – Mass in Polish

Tuesday, December 31st

5:00pm – Vigil Mass in English -Mary Mother of God

6:15pm – 7:00pm – End of Year Thanksgiving Prayer liturgy

Wednesday, January 1st

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

11:00 am – Mass in English

12:30 pm – Mass in Polish

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME 2025!

Our parish youth are preparing for an incredible journey to Rome in 2025 for the Youth Jubilee, and you can help them get there! This Advent season, the youth is offering:

- Christmas wafers (opiatki) to share blessings with loved ones
- Hay for the Christmas Eve table
- Beautiful wreaths and other seasonal items
- Honey for your festive table

By purchasing these meaningful items, you’re not just preparing your home for Christmas—you’re supporting a life-changing pilgrimage for our youth!

RORATE MASS FOR CHILDREN

We invite all children for a bilingual Rorate Mass on **Wednesday, December 18th.**

CHRISTMAS PREPARATION

As we prepare for Christmas, we invite you to our parish Advent retreat, beginning on December 19th with a special conference on the Sacrament of Confession. Confessions will also be available that evening. Let’s use this opportunity to open our hearts and prepare for the Lord’s coming!

NEW HEAT/AC FOR PARISH HALL

Our parish hall recently had an urgent issue with the rooftop HVAC unit—a split heat exchanger was leaking fumes and exhaust into the hall. Thankfully, we were able to quickly find and install a new 15-ton Carrier unit. This new system should serve us as faithfully as the last one, which lasted an impressive 36 years since its installation in 1989! The total cost for the unit and installation came to \$33,000 which we were able to pay for using our Sunday collections. *As a parish community we are deeply grateful for everyone’s continued support of our parish which makes these necessary improvements possible.*

ALTAR SERVER SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Last Saturday our altar servers participated in a fun and spirited tournament with altar servers from five other parishes in the GTA. Both the younger division (up to grade 6) and the older division (grades 7 through high school) played their hearts out. While they didn’t take home the win this year, they showed amazing dedication. With a little more training, we’re ready to take on the challenge again next year!

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. A big thank you to the Scouts for organizing and animating our parish visit from St. Nicholas—it was a joyful moment for everyone especially the children!

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.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

You are invited to an evening of Christmas Carols at St. Gabriel’s parish on Friday, December 27th at 6:00pm. Following the caroling in the church, we will gather in the parish hall for some light refreshments. If you play a musical instrument and would like to join the musicians or would like to sing a traditional song from your cultural background, please let the parish office know.

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.*

PARISH OFFICE- CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS

The parish office will be closed from Monday, December 23rd, 2024, through Monday, January 6th, 2025. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 7th, 2025.

PASTORAL VISITS “PO KOŁĘDZIE”

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 13th, 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 13th, 2025- Around St. Gabriel’s and North of the 403. i.e. Waterdown, Brant Hills, Mountain Gardens and Orchard etc.

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

Week of January 27th, 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 29th, 2024. **Donations received after this date will be reflected in your 2025 tax receipt.**

CHRISTMAS TREE FUNDRAISER

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