

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.

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

8:00 am † Michael Swales  
ENGLISH NO LENTEN LAMENTATIONS AT 9:00 am  
9:30 am † Marian Rybicki  
POLISH  
11:00 am † Stanley Warda  
ENGLISH  
12:30 pm – Za parafian i dobrodziejów  
POLISH

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

NO CONFESSIONS

6:30 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS, MASS TO FOLLOW  
ENGLISH † Maria Mui

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

NO CONFESSIONS

6:30 pm †† Jan i Bronisława Partyka  
POLISH

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17

NO CONFESSIONS

7:00 pm – For vocations to the priesthood and  
EN / PL religious life  
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
TO FOLLOW UNTIL MIDNIGHT

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18

NO CONFESSIONS

3:00 pm GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY  
ENGLISH  
6:00 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
EN / PL  
7:00 pm GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY  
POLISH  
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
TO FOLLOW UNTIL MIDNIGHT

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19

NO CONFESSIONS

EVERY HALF HOUR FROM  
9:00 am – 1:00 pm BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD IN  
EN / PL PARISH HALL  
9:00 am – 1:00 pm ADORATION OF THE BLESSED  
SACRAMENT AND TOMB OF CHRIST  
IN THE CHURCH

8:00pm – For the elect in our parish that will be  
EN / PL received into the Catholic Church

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20

7:00 am “RESURRECTION” EASTER MASS WITH  
POLISH PROCESSION  
– Za parafian i dobrodziejów  
9:30 am – For parishioners and benefactors  
ENGLISH  
11:00 am – For parishioners and benefactors  
ENGLISH  
12:30 pm – Za parafian i dobrodziejów  
POLISH

EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 21

NO CONFESSIONS

11:00 am † Mirosław Knul  
EN / PL

OFFERINGS APRIL 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday offerings \$6,065.00  
Share lent \$1,759.00  
Preauthorized payments \$945.00  
Thank you for your support of our parish!



COFFEE & DONUTS  
Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> – Served by the Scouts.

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, Mary Elizabeth, Laura Yaran.

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

PALM SUNDAY

Every day of Holy Week is a step on our spiritual pilgrimage, and Palm Sunday is where that journey begins. Palm Sunday, just one week before Easter, commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As Catholics, we carry blessed palm branches into church, just as the crowd once greeted Jesus with joy, welcoming Him as He rode into the city on a donkey. The Gospel readings also bring us face-to-face with Jesus' Passion and death, helping us reflect on His incredible sacrificial love. Take a moment to reflect on this powerful event by reading Mark 11:1-11.

ADDITIONAL PARKING

Due to increased attendance at our Masses and liturgies, additional parking is now available at the school inside the playground area. The entrance is located within the chain-link fence. Please ensure not to block any entrances, exits, or doors.

HOLY THURSDAY

Holy Thursday marks the beginning of the Easter Triduum, the holiest days of our faith. It commemorates the Last Supper, when Jesus gathered with his disciples and instituted the Eucharist. During the Mass of the Lord's Supper, we remember Jesus washing the feet of his disciples, showing us the example of humility. Most importantly, on this night, Jesus gave us the Eucharist, saying, "This is my Body... This is my Blood...

Do this in remembrance of me." It's not just a symbol, but a command to continue this sacred practice in his memory. For over two thousand years, we, as Catholics, have faithfully obeyed this command at every Mass. Take some time to reflect on Luke 22:14-16, 19-20, and 39-46 as you remember this profound moment in our faith.

GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday commemorates the day Jesus endured torture, mockery, and crucifixion, dying in agony. It seems like an awful day, so why do we call it "Good"? We call it Good Friday because, through His suffering and sacrifice, Jesus saved us from our sins. As it says in Isaiah, "He was wounded for our transgressions... and with his stripes, we are healed." Christianity is the only faith that recognizes the transformative power of suffering. While the world tries to escape pain, we are reminded each Sunday at Mass that our suffering, united with Jesus' on the Cross, has profound meaning. Without Him, our pain becomes meaningless. But willing sacrifice out of love is the path that leads us back to true life. For deeper reflection, read Luke 23:26-47 or watch a Good Friday Reflection. On Good Friday, the church will be open from 12:00pm until 12:00am (Midnight).

THE BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD

The blessing of the Easter basket, filled with food for Easter Sunday, is a cherished Catholic tradition that has been passed down for generations. Over time, it has become a meaningful custom embraced by people of many different backgrounds, drawn to its deep symbolism and beauty. On Holy Saturday morning, families carefully prepare their baskets, filling them with special foods rich in spiritual meaning. These baskets are then brought to the church to be blessed by a priest. On Easter Sunday, after attending Mass, families gather to enjoy the blessed food and share joyful Easter greetings. A traditional Easter basket typically includes:

- Decorated hardboiled eggs, symbolizing new life and Christ's Resurrection
- Lamb-shaped butter or sugar, representing Jesus, the Lamb of God
- Bread, reminding us that Christ is the Bread of Life
- Meats, such as ham or sausage, symbolizing abundance and festivity
- Salt, a sign of purification and a reminder that we are called to be the "salt of the earth"
- Horseradish and vinegar, symbolizing the bitterness of Christ's suffering
- Wine, representing the Blood of Christ

HOLY SATURDAY

The Mass on Holy Saturday is the Easter Vigil. It ends the Triduum and begins the Easter celebrations. The service begins once the sun has set. Outside the church, a fire lights the Paschal candle, and the flame is shared throughout the church to individual handheld candles. The Liturgy of the Word begins in darkness. The readings demonstrate the connection between the Old and New Testaments and how Jesus fulfilled Scripture and achieved salvation for all humanity. The Liturgy of Baptism, which follows the Gospel and homily, marks the culmination of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program. Catechumens, who have been preparing to enter the Church, are baptized,

confirmed, and later receive their first Holy Communion. The Easter Vigil is a joyous, celebratory liturgy, filled with rich songs and symbols.

EASTER SUNDAY “RESSURECTION MASS”

The Resurrection Mass is a long-standing tradition in the Church in which we follow in the footsteps of the disciples who came to the empty tomb and then went out to proclaim that Jesus was risen from the dead. The Mass begins in darkness at the tomb in the Church – the priest leads the faithful in singing “Christ is Risen” and then the Eucharist is brought in procession outside the Church while Easter songs are sung. On Easter Sunday, we invite all parishioners to come dressed in their traditional ethnic clothing

CWL ANNOUNCEMENT

Please note: There will be no CWL meeting in April.

CWL NEWS

Our CWL will honour Mary Our Mother, during the month of May, with a May Crowning on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 5:00 pm Mass. We hope you can join us.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed from Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> until Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. The office will reopen on Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. We wish you a happy Triduum and Easter Season!

KOC- PASTA DINNER IS BACK!

Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, parish hall, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Lots of pasta, entertainment, draws and fun! Bring the family and enjoy the evening The Knights of Columbus are once again serving up a special night and you don't want to miss out. Tickets (\$35 adult, \$20 child) are available after Mass, in the Parish Office or by emailing [stgabrielskojc@gmail.com](mailto:stgabrielskojc@gmail.com). Thank you!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY BRUNCH

Join us for a special Divine Mercy Sunday Brunch on April 27<sup>th</sup>, following all Sunday Masses. Enjoy a delicious meal and fellowship with your parish family! Ticket Prices: Adults: \$15.00. Children (10 and under): \$7.00. Tickets will be available for purchase in the narthex after all weekend Masses. We look forward to seeing you there!

Struggling with the impact of divorce or separation?

You're not alone! Join the award-winning Critical Mass for an inspiring two-day retreat, where music, testimonies, and faith-filled discussions will guide you toward hope and healing. Don't miss this chance to reconnect with your faith and find strength in community—space is limited to 25 participants, so register early! We are offering a choice of two retreat weekends: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Waterloo on May 23/24 or St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Hamilton on May 30/31. Friday evening from 6:45- 9:30 PM and Saturday from 8:45 – 4:00 PM. Register now by emailing [davefrommcm@gmail.com](mailto:davefrommcm@gmail.com) or calling 519-572-6962 or visiting <https://www.criticalmassmusic.org/tour-dates>. Cost is \$130 and includes materials, snacks and lunch; early bird special by April 30<sup>th</sup> of \$100.