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Office Hours

Monday-	Closed
Tuesday-	9:00 am-3:00 pm
Wednesday-	1:30 am-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. 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 hours 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 17- ADVENT RETREAT

9:30 am ++ Za zmarłych z rodziny Barańskich, Pawłowskich, Szymańskich i Jezierskich
11:00 am – For parishioners and benefactors
12:30 pm + Weronika Kilian

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18- ADVENT RETREAT

6:30 pm – For parishioners and benefactors
7:30 pm – O Boże Błogosławieństwo dla Victorii i Julii w dniu urodzin

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19- ADVENT RETREAT

6:30 pm + Mirosław Knul
7:30 pm + Jan Krzyczewski

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

6:30 pm + Władysława Biskup
 + Paweł Socha
 – O Boże Błogosławieństwo dla Adriany Mokamel z okazji urodzin
 – Intencja dziękczynna za łaski otrzymane, z prośbą o zdrowie dla Józefa Tokarz
 – Marise Boenisch

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

9:00 am +++ All Souls in Purgatory
 + Joseph MacPherson
 – For God’s blessings for Sophie

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm - ADVENT CONFESSIONS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

6:30 pm **BILINGUAL RORATE MASS**
 + Walter Daciuk

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

5:00 pm – For parishioners and benefactors

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24- FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY MASSES:

9:30 am + Janina Cerajewska
11:00 am + Halina Sadecka
12:30 pm **NO MASS**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES:

5:00 pm + John Grysak
10:30 pm – O Boże Błogosławieństwo i opiekę Matki Bożej dla Lukasa i Zosi
12:00 am – For God’s Blessings for Natalia, David, Klara, Hannah and Joseph

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25- CHRISTMAS DAY

9:30 am – Za parafian i dobrodziejów
11:00 am – For parishioners and benefactors
12:30 pm – Za parafian i dobrodziejów

OFFERINGS DECEMBER 9th / 10th

Sunday Offerings \$4,773.80
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Thank you for your support of our parish!

DONUTS

The Youth Group will be selling coffee and donuts this Sunday.



ADVENT RETREAT

We invite all parishioners for our four-day Advent Retreat led by Fr. Chris Szkubera CR.

RETREAT SCHEDULE:

Saturday, December 16th – 5:00 pm (ENGLISH)
Sunday, December 17th – 9:30 am (POLISH)
11:00 am (ENGLISH)
12:30 pm (POLISH)
Monday, December 18th – 6:30 pm (ENGLISH)
7:30 pm (POLISH)
Tuesday, December 19th – 6:30 pm (ENGLISH)
7:30 pm (POLISH)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Confessions will be heard half an hour before Retreat Masses on Monday, December 18th and Tuesday, December 19th.

Advent Confessions will take place on Thursday, December 21st from 6:30 pm-8:30 pm.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO CONFESSIONS ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

Wednesday, December 20th, 2023
Friday, December 22nd, 2023, through
Monday, January 1st, 2024.

**** Regular confession times will resume on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024.**

2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Offertory envelopes for 2024 are available for pickup in the narthex of the Church. *Your donations are tax deductible.*

Please do not use your 2023 envelopes in 2024. If anyone is unable to pick up their offertory envelopes or would like to register to receive envelopes for 2024, please contact the parish office for more information.

2023 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 2023 tax receipt, the deadline to submit your donations is Sunday, December 31st, 2023. Any donations submitted after the 31st will be included in your 2024 tax receipt.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

You are invited to an evening of Christmas Carols at St. Gabriel's parish on Friday, December 29th at 7:00pm. 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.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

We invite all couples celebrating their 1st, 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th+ Wedding Anniversary to attend Mass in honour of the feast of the Holy Family on Saturday, December 30th, and Sunday, December 31st. All couples will receive a special blessing for their marriage.

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 7th, 2024. 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 7th, 2024- Around St. Gabriel's and North of the 403. i.e. Waterdown, Brant Hills, Mountain Gardens and Orchard etc.

Week of January 14th, 2024- South of the 403. i.e. Port Nelson, La Salle, Glenwood, Aldershot etc.

Week of January 21st, 2024- East and West Burlington i.e. Oakville and Hamilton etc.

PARISH OFFICE- CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS

The parish office will be closed from Thursday, December 21st, 2023, through Monday, January 1st, 2024. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024. We wish you a blessed Christmas!

SOUPER SUNDAY

Please join us after all Sunday Masses today for some delicious soup in the parish hall. Free will offerings appreciated for the needs of the Parish.

POLISH SCOUTS- CHRISTMAS CAROLING

The Polish Scouts are continuing our Polish Christmas Caroling tradition and visiting homes in Burlington on Sunday, December 17th, between 1-6 pm. If your family would like a visit, please call Basia (Scout leader) at 905-319-0895 or email:Kartuzy@watra.zhpkanada.org

JASEŁKA- NATIVITY PLAY

We invite all parishioners for our annual nativity play (in Polish) led by our children on Sunday, January 7th, 2024, following the 12:30 pm Mass.

SSVP- ANGEL TREE PROGRAM



Our annual Angel Tree is up in the Narthex. Please take an angel and put your donation in the enclosed blue envelope. You can return your donation during the regular Sunday collection before December 25th. The Angel Tree program was a big success last year because of your generous contributions. We thank you for your continued support and hope that you will be able to help our families again this year.

CHRISTMAS MOVIE AT ST. GABRIEL'S

Come to St. Gabriel Parish Hall to Enjoy a Wonderful Christmas movie on Thursday, December 28th at 7:00 pm! "Silent Night: A Song for the World" narrated by Hugh Bonneville. The movie tells the story of this traditional Christmas Carol: how it came to be and its success around the world and how it is enjoyed by many cultures. All are welcome; bring your children and grandchildren. Coffee and sweets will be provided.

NEW YEARS EVE DANCE

The Burlington Polish Hall invites you to their annual "New Years Eve" dance on Sunday, December 31st. Doors open at 7:00 pm. Location: 2316 Fairview Street, Burlington. Ticket cost: \$130. To purchase your tickets please contact Czesława at 289 707 2913 or Maria at 647 766 7760.

CHRISTMAS TREE FUNDRAISER

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