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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 10**

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

POLISH

**11:00 am** + Maria Wieciorkowska

ENGLISH

**12:30 pm** + Stanisław Szarek, 8 rocznica śmierci

POLISH

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12- FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

**7:00 pm** – In thanksgiving for all received graces for the Freyberg family

ENGLISH / SPANISH

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13**

**6:30 pm** + Janina Cerajewska

POLISH

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14**

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

ENGLISH

+ Kevin Connolly

+ Paula Miller

+ Rodrigo Argueza Jr.

– For God’s blessings for the Missionary Sisters of Christ the King

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15**

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

**6:30 pm** BILINGUAL RORATE MASS

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++ Zofia i Józef Skrzypczyk

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16**

**5:00 pm** + Mike Eastick

ENGLISH

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17**

**9:30 am** ++ Za zmarłych z rodziny Barańskich,

POLISH

Pawłowskich, Szymańskich i Jezierskich

**11:00 am** – Parishioners and benefactors

ENGLISH

**12:30 pm** + Weronika Kilian

POLISH

**OFFERINGS DECEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Sunday Offerings	\$6,513.10
Building Fund	\$3,081.00
Preauthorized Payments	\$892.00

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

**DONUTS**

The Mission Group will be selling coffee and donuts this Sunday during the Christmas Fair. See you there!



**BAPTISMS**

On Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, the sacrament of baptism will be bestowed upon:

**Marcus Jacob Supan Pineda**

Son of Mark & Toni

**Charlie Puhalski**

Son of Barry & Vicki

**BAMBINELLI SUNDAY**

The Third Sunday of Advent (December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023) is known as Gaudete Sunday. Since the pontificate of Pope John Paul the Great, it is also called Bambinelli Sunday to commemorate the blessing of the Gesu Bambino (baby Jesus). Children of Rome flock to Saint Peter's Piazza where the Pope blesses the figurines of the Baby Jesus which the kids bring from their homes and then return them in time for the family display of the Nativity Set. **We invite all children to bring the Christ Child from your manger scene to Mass next weekend and receive a special blessing as we continue our final Advent preparations.**

**RORATE MASSES FOR CHILDREN**

In preparation for Christmas, we invite all children for special bilingual Rorate Masses every Friday until December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please bring a lantern. Following Mass, we invite all children for hot chocolate in the parish hall.



**ADVENT RETREAT**

Mark your calendars for our four-day Advent Retreat led by Fr. Chris Szkubera CR. The Retreat will take place from Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> until Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**RETREAT SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 pm (ENGLISH)**

**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 am (POLISH)**

**11:00 am (ENGLISH)**

**12:30 pm (POLISH)**

**Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm (ENGLISH)**

**7:30 pm (POLISH)**

**Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm (ENGLISH)**

**7:30 pm (POLISH)**

**CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

Confessions will be heard half an hour before the Retreat Masses on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. **Advent confessions** will take place on Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30-8:30 pm.

**NO CONFESSIONS ON:**

Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

**Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 through Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.**

**\*\* Regular confession times will resume on Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.**

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

We invite all parishioners for a special Mass in English and Spanish on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Refreshments will be served in the parish hall after Mass.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

This year's Christmas schedule pamphlets are available in the narthex of the church and on our parish website.

**CHRISTMAS- PARISH DEEP CLEAN**

We invite all parishioners to come out and help deep clean our parish on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 am, in preparation for Christmas this year. Thank you for your help!

**PARISH OFFICE- CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS**

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

**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.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR**

The Friends of the Oblate Missions invite you to a Christmas Fair this weekend (December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 2:00 pm) in the parish hall. Shop at the Christmas Fair and buy Christmas decorations made by our parishioners showcasing their heartfelt creations.

**JASEŁKA- NATIVITY PLAY**

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

**SOUPER SUNDAY**

Souper Sunday Returns! Please join us after all Sunday Masses on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Soup will be available to enjoy in the parish hall or take-out. Free will offerings appreciated for the needs of the Parish. If anyone is interested in helping with set-up, providing soup, or clean-up, please contact Mark at 905-681-5519.

**CWL NEWS**

Our Christmas Potluck Supper will be held on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, with set up at 6:00 pm and supper to follow at 6:30 pm in the Parish Centre. All ladies of the parish are invited to bring their favourite dish and join together for supper and a Christmas Sing Along. Hope to see you there.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Thank you for your supporting our annual “Cakes & Cookies” fundraiser. Thanks to you, we beat last year's total! Our “Share the Warmth” program returns in January. Please put new or gently used hats, mitts, scarves or winter socks in the bin in the narthex.

Are you thinking about joining the Knights of Columbus? Check out our NEW membership brochure available in the narthex or visit <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-kofc.html>. We look forward to welcoming you to our Council!

**NEW YEARS EVE DANCE**

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



**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 25<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**POLISH SCOUTS- CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

The Polish Scouts are continuing our Polish Christmas Caroling tradition and visiting homes in Burlington on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:Kartuzy@watra.zhpkanada.org)

**CWL BAZAAR**

The St. Gabriel's CWL would like to sincerely thank ALL who volunteered at our recent Bazaar. It was very heartwarming to see the number of people who came out to volunteer their time and talent to make the Bazaar a successful event. We would also like to thank the parishioners of St. Gabriel's Church and many local businesses for their generous donations and support. Stay tuned for an update on our total fundraising amount.

**CHRISTMAS TREE FUNDRAISER**

**Windy Hill Christmas Tree Farm** is a family-owned business. The Forbes Family invites you to cut your own fresh Christmas tree. For every tree that is purchased by you, a parishioner, the Forbes Family will donate \$10 to our Church! **Make sure to bring a copy of this bulletin with you when purchasing.** Call Ruth and Jim Forbes at 905-659-2221 for pricing or for appointments.