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Pastor: Fr. Paul Patrick, OMI  
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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 3**

**9:30 am** – Za członków żywego różańca  
POLISH  
**11:00 am** + Albert F. Risso  
ENGLISH  
**12:30 pm** – Za parafian i dobrodziejów  
POLISH

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5**

**6:00 pm** **ROSARY / ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
**6:30 pm** – For all volunteers within St. Gabriel's Parish  
ENGLISH

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6**

**6:00 pm** **ROSARY / ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
**6:30 pm** + Maria Tomera  
POLISH + Jan Tomera  
+ Ks. Franciszek Trzupiek  
+ Janina Cerajewska

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7**

**9:00 am** +++ All Souls in Purgatory  
ENGLISH ++ Maria & Frank Medeiros  
+ Bernard Welsh  
– For health and God's blessings for Gabriel Copeland

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8**

**12:00 pm-1:00 pm** **ADORATION**  
**5:30 pm** **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT / CONFESSIONS/ RORATE**  
**6:30 pm** + Janina Wiercioch  
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**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9**

**5:00 pm** + Daintree Wright  
ENGLISH

**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

**OFFERINGS NOVEMBER 25<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday Offerings \$4,524.90  
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**DONUTS**

The Polish Scouts will be selling coffee and donuts this Sunday.



**FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

Let us pray for:

+ **Hernan Ayala**

May he rest in peace.

**ADVENT**

Advent is a season of waiting and expectation for Christmas – the birth of Christ, the Nativity of Our Lord. We prepare our homes and hearts for four weeks before Christmas. Advent is also the beginning of a new liturgical season – it concludes a long period of Ordinary Time and leads us into the new church year with hope and patience in preparation for Christmas.

**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. For more information, please see Sr. Alicja.



**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. Fr. Chris is Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Kitchener and is a member of the Congregation of the Resurrectionists, who established St. Gabriel parish.

**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 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 pm- 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.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

This year's Christmas schedule pamphlets are available in the narthex of the church.

**2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

Offertory envelopes for 2024 are available for pickup in the narthex of the Church after each Mass this weekend. *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 further information.

**KOC- CHRISTMAS CAKES AND COOKIES**

**Please pick up your order in the Parish Hall today following any Sunday Masses.** If you are unable to pick up your order, please email stgabrielskocf@gmail.com to make other arrangements. Thank you for your support!

**MEETING- ENGLISH LECTORS**

There will be a mandatory meeting for all Lectors reading during **English Masses** on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the church.

**PARISH STORE**

Christmas cards (English and Polish) and Christmas wafers (opłatki) are available for purchase in the parish store after each Sunday Mass.

**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.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR**

The Friends of the Oblate Missions invite you to a Christmas Fair on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in the parish hall. Shop at the Christmas Fair and buy Christmas decorations made by our parishioners showcasing their heartfelt creations. You will find beautiful jewelry, baked goods, tasty treats, home decor, Christmas cards, winter clothing, books, and much more. See you there!

If you would like to volunteer, join us on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall to make Christmas decorations.

**JASEŁKA- NATIVITY PLAY**

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

**SSVP- ANGEL TREE PROGRAM**

Our annual Angel Tree is up in the Narthex. Please take an angel and in the enclosed blue envelope make your donation. 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 kindness and we hope that you will be able to help us help our families again this year. Our families depend on your generosity and are grateful for anything you can give to help them celebrate Christmas.



**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.

**COFFEE AND DONUTS CALENDAR-2024**

Attention all parish groups & ministries! If you would like the opportunity to sell coffee and donuts for fundraising purposes, a new schedule is being created for next year. Please contact the parish office to sign up.

**YTOL- YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT**

YTOL (Youth Teams of Our Lady) Canada welcomes and invites all young adults for an in-person retreat filled with conferences, discussions, prayer, Adoration, Mass, confessions and social opportunities. The topic is "How to have hope in a world filled with evil." For more details, please email ytolcanada@gmail.com

**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.**



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