

St. Gabriel Parish

The Messenger

Religious Instruction November 2024 Newsletter



Welcome back!

We are looking forward to another exciting year! We are proud to continue to offer Catholic Religious Instruction(RI) to your child. We have exciting plans for our year ahead.

Our monthly newsletters will be our way to communicate important information to our RI families. We will be including parish news and important upcoming dates, as well as seasonal activity ideas that you can do at home as a family. We will also continue with our Mission Possible Family Tasks. These are meant to get families talking about topics we will be undertaking in the RI classes.

Our newsletters can also be accessed in the RI section of our website - <https://www.stgabrielscatholicchurch.ca/>

Meet St. Gabriel Church's newest shepherd, Father Jhack Diaz!

Here is a Q&A to get to know him better:

1. Where are you from?
I came from the province of Bukidnon located at the southern part of the Philippines. The Island called Mindanao.
2. When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?
I was born and raised on the farm but my heart's desire was to become a physician.
3. What games did you like to play as a child?
I am an avid fan of basketball games.
4. How many years have you been a priest?
Soon to be 8 years in the priestly ministry.
5. How many years have you been in Canada?
I came 9 years ago. September 8, 2015 to be exact.
6. What is your favourite Filipino dish or food? What is your favourite Canadian food?
I love to eat adobo, sinigang and pinakbet. For Canadian food, I like the well done beef steak, chicken noodle soup and vegetable salad.
7. What was a new experience you had upon coming to Canada?
-51 winter in Fort Chipewyan
8. What do you like to do for fun?
Pickleball
9. What is your favourite bible verse?
Psalm 40:1
10. What are your hopes for the students of the RI program?
May they come to know, love and serve the Lord and not be afraid to practice their faith.
11. What do you miss the most from home?
Family, food and friends
12. Any other fun information you want to share...
I do blogging and vlogging. I have a youtube channel.



Our Mission Possible Continues!!

Today we launched our first RI class for the 2024-25 school year. Our students were introduced to our Mission Possible theme:

Many Parts; One Body



In fact, we used Mr. Potato Head to help our children have a better understanding of [1 Corinthians 12: 12-2 27](#). Sounds crazy!?? Ask your child about Fr. Jhack and Mr. Potato Head!

Please take the time to chat with your child to find out the key message that they heard about today.

How can this message play a role at home?

At school?

In our community?

What's Going On?

There are many exciting events taking place at St. Gabriel's Church for our families throughout the year. Take a gander! Mark your calendars!

Join us for one of our regular masses!

Saturdays - 5:00 p.m.

Sundays - 10:00 a.m.

All are welcome!

Reconciliation classes (First Confession) will begin shortly. Please contact Theresa Traynor for more information;
theresa8.traynor@gmail.com

Mission Possible: Family Task

Our Mission Continues! Welcome to your first 'Mission Possible' challenge of this year. As a family, complete the following information. Return to school by November 26th. Your submission we be added to a draw for the chance to win a Family Advent\Christmas Gift! Have Fun!!

Today we learned that, like the parts of our body, we all have a part to play. We learned that all the parts are important and that they need to work together for the good of all. We all have God-given gifts that will help us play our part. Let's discover what they might be.

As a family discuss and write down a possible definition for the following two words:

Definition of the word TALENT

Definition of the words GOD-GIVEN GIFTS

Discuss and have your child write down what you believe are their God-given gifts!

Please return this slip to your school's office by November 26th for a chance to win the Family Advent/Christmas Gift Basket. This year there will be a chance to win a gift bag in both respective schools. (WHPS and LTIS)

Child's first name: _____ Gr. _____