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Fr. Wilson Andrade C.S.C. - Pastor

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<b>OFFICE HOURS</b>	Mon-Fri	9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
	Saturday	3:30 PM - 6:30 PM
	Sunday	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
		<i>closed on Statutory Holidays</i>

## MASS TIMES

Saturday	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Mon - Fri	9:00 AM

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM  
or by appointment

## PRAYER BEFORE WEEKDAY MASS

8:00 AM in the Adoration Chapel  
8:30 AM Rosary in the church

## PERPETUAL ADORATION

We encourage you to spend some time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel, anytime, day or night.

## SACRAMENTS BAPTISMS & BECOMING ROMAN CATHOLIC

- For newborns, any weekend Mass.
- For school aged children, after being catechized.
- For adults interested in becoming Roman Catholic call the office for more information.

## WEDDINGS

Please contact us at least one year in advance.

## MINISTRY TO AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please advise us if you have someone ill at home, in the hospital, or in a local nursing home so that we can minister to them.

## FUNERALS

Please contact us and your choice of funeral home. For information on Catholic burial, please contact the cemetery office at 905.522.7727 or 1.800.661.5985, or visit [www.TheCatholicCemeteries.ca](http://www.TheCatholicCemeteries.ca)

## PARISH SCHOOLS

- Assumption High School  
905.634.1835
- St. Raphael's Elementary  
905.637.3810
- St. Paul's Elementary  
905.632.1424

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905.681.6394

## Archangel St. Raphael "God is my Healer"

The angel of joy; patron of: travellers, bearers of good news and men and women seeking a good spouse.

*See the Book of Tobit, especially chapter 12*

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Vocations [www.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com)

## Mass Intentions

**Monday, April 24** at 9:00am  
Ints. André Denis

**Tuesday, April 25** at 9:00am  
†Karl Plach

**Wednesday, April 26** at 9:00am  
†Lou Frangella

**Thursday, April 27** at 9:00am  
Ints. Ferruccio Zanatta;  
†Helen Samson; †Martin Perusini;  
†Diane Medeiros; †Warren Chenery

**Friday, April 28** at 9:00am  
9:00am Ints. Rev. George Rybansky

**Saturday, April 29** at 5pm  
Ints. Lesley Cairns  
†Maria Medeiros; †Danielle Beïque; †Emil Komac  
†Josephine Palango; †Natividad Laurenté

**Sunday April 30**  
9:00am For Our Parishioners  
11:00am †Wenceslaus Santos

### *Please pray for:*

Nella Cannito	Wendy Bonenfant
Tom Olds	Lee Olds
Ida Filice	Stephen Pustai

*Names on this list will remain for a period of four weeks to allow space for other names. Please phone the parish office before Tuesday morning to have a name added.*

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

April 16

Envelopes (149)	\$3,558
Loose	\$537

*Thank you for your generous support*



**PARISH PIZZA NIGHT:** Please join us for a fun evening and fundraiser on Sunday April 30, 2023 in St. Raphael's Parish Centre (5pm to 7pm). The funds raised will go towards St. Raphael parish youth programs and St. Raphael's Catholic Women's League charities. Tickets (\$6 and \$12) for pizza, drink and make your own sundae. Bring cash or cheque and purchase items from Repeat Boutique (jewelry, scarves, purses and crochet toys). Raffle and cookie table. Tickets on sale before and after masses on April 15/16, April 22/23 and April 29. Presented by St. Raphael's Catholic Women's League.

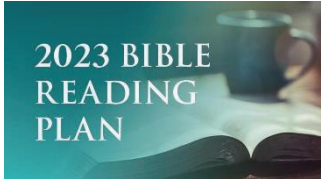
### Year of Prayer April - 2023 *Hope and New Life*

**"Lord, teach us to Pray" Matt. 6:9-13**

During this **YEAR OF PRAYER**, I invite you to reflect on the Prayer in the light of Hope and New Life as we celebrate the Paschal mystery of our faith: Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, our Lord. As we light the new Paschal Candle, let us renew our Baptismal promises, and let us keep awake and wake up in the Lord, so we can live as brothers and sisters in justice, peace, and love.

### THE WORD OF GOD: THE BIBLE PROJECT:

During this season of Lent, we encourage you to read the Bible. We have a Bible Project Sheet available for you if you would like to take the challenge to read the Bible in 4 months. It takes 72 hours to read the Bible, you can do it at your own pace. You can fill out the Registration Form and take the Bible Reading Sheet available at the entrance. For more information, please contact Fr. Wilson Andrade or email the parish office.



2023 BIBLE  
READING  
PLAN

**THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS VOLUME I:** Please consider joining us as we continue our Pivotal Players Series on **Wednesday, April 26 at 7:00pm** in the Church Hall. This is a 6 Part series wherein Bishop Barron takes us on a journey to unlock the truth behind the Catholic Church's most influential people! You'll discover the places where St. Thomas Aquinas lived, learned, and wrote. Visit the countryside where St. Francis gathered a group of friars and revived the Church. See the places where St. Catherine of Siena ministered and prayed. Trek through England to where Bl. John Henry Newman and G.K. Chesterton left their mark and sparked an English Catholic revival. And through unprecedented HD footage, marvel at the extraordinary art of Michelangelo, from his David statue in Florence, to the Pietà at St. Peter's, to the Sistine Chapel.

### PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH:

As spring begins, we see new life erupting everywhere. This is a great chance to point out the beauty of God's creation to your children, as buds form, trees bloom and flowers grow.



Remind them of God's creative power and how he created all this for us, but also gave us the task of caring for His creation. We must nurture and protect God's created world. It is also a chance to remind them that life too has cycles and we can begin anew – the Sacrament of Reconciliation allows us to seek forgiveness and start anew, just as nature does each spring! Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

**CONFIRMATION CELEBRATIONS ON SATURDAY:**

The Most Rev. Douglas Crosby will visit our parish on **Saturday, April 29**, to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our candidates.

The Confirmation for St. Raphael School will be at 9:30am and for St. Paul School at 11:30am. Please pray for all our candidates as they make this important step on their journey in faith.

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS AND ROSARY MAKING:**

On the Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima, on Saturday, May 13, please join us for a special morning mass in the church at 10:00am followed by a Rosary making seminar in the parish centre. All materials and equipment will be provided.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION:

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**CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

**WEEK 2023** begins on Sunday, April 30, 2023. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of

publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in your children's school, and are welcome to attend, if possible. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations. This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, "*We are Many, We are One.*"

The theme for Catholic Education Week 2023 was inspired by the following considerations:

- The Church worldwide has embarked on a synodal process, "a synod on synodality," which centres on intentional listening: listening to each other and listening to the Holy Spirit. We have each been asked to actively reach out and listen to the voices and experiences of people where they are at and consider what steps the Holy Spirit is inviting us to take as we walk together. As the Catholic Bishops of Ontario highlighted in *Renewing the Promise*, "It is about taking the time to walk alongside one another, to listen and to teach, and in doing so, to transform."
- The Ministry of Education's focus on Inclusion and Equity resonates with all educators and administrators as we desire to serve all of God's children and Pope Francis' encyclical entitled, *Fratelli Tutti*, will guide us in this good work.
- The challenges to personal and spiritual well-being posed by the uncertainty of the current global crisis makes the timing and the concerns of Mental Health Week, which takes place during the same week as Catholic Education Week, all the more relevant.

The Catholic Education Week biblical quote is, "*We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members, one of another.*" (Romans 12:5)

**THE HANDMAIDS OF THE LORD:** The Hamilton St. Catharines Area Handmaids of the Lord is inviting women to join their Christian Life Program starting on **Sunday, April 30**, at 2pm in the **St. Francis Room**. The Handmaids of the Lord are a group of women dedicated to the mission of personal transformation, evangelization to bring others to a renewed life in the Lord, and wholehearted service to bring glad tidings to the poor. For more information, please contact Michelle 416-838-1731 [chloedave83@gmail.com](mailto:chloedave83@gmail.com) or Ludy 416-670-4951 [lourdescanary@gmail.com](mailto:lourdescanary@gmail.com)

**THE SERRA CLUB OF HAMILTON** is holding their Vocations Recognition Dinner on Tuesday May 2, at Liuna Station. Tickets are \$90. Please phone 905-628-5682 or email [SerraHamilton1965@gmail.com](mailto:SerraHamilton1965@gmail.com) for more information.

**JOIN THE REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL FOR AN IN-PERSON SCREENING**

at The Staircase Theatre, Hamilton with guest speaker Jason Hoffing from Relay Coffee on Thursday, April 27! The film **Black Gold** highlights the importance of Fair Trade Coffee. It follows Tadesse Meskela, a man on a mission to save 74,000 struggling coffee farmers in Ethiopia from bankruptcy. Against the backdrop of Tadesse's journey to London and Seattle, the power of the multinational players that dominate the world's coffee trade becomes apparent. **Location: 27 Dundurn St N, Hamilton.** To RSVP and view our schedule go to:

[www.reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/](http://www.reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/)

**GRIEF RELIEF** - Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life?

Join us on Thursdays from 7 – 8:30 p.m. to learn more about what you are feeling and how to gently move forward. You are not alone! This program will be offered online using Zoom. To register, go to [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) and look under Upcoming Events. For information, call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

**HOLY CROSS FORMATION COLLECTION:** Thank you for your generous donations to the Holy Cross Formation. The funds raised will go to the Seminary Formation of three of our Holy Cross religious of Northeastern Province in India, to which Fr. Wilson and Fr. Emmanuel belong. The profiles of the seminarians are on the Bulletin Board. Their names are Pintu Marak, Sahanborlang Mawrie, CSC, and Preet Anpam Beck, CSC. Please do keep them in your prayers, if anyone would like to donate, please use the envelopes dedicated for the Holy Cross Formation.

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