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OFFICE HOURS	Mon-Fri	9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
	Tues & Thurs	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
	Saturday	9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
	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
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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.

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

SACRAMENTS BAPTISMS & BECOMING ROMAN CATHOLIC

- For newborns, every first and third Sunday at 1:00 PM
- For school aged children, after being catechized.
- For adults interested in becoming Roman Catholic call the office for more information.

PARISH SCHOOLS

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HOTLINE
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

Please visit these websites: The Diocese of Hamilton HamiltonDiocese.com
 Catholics Come Home www.CatholicsComeHome.org Vocations www.HamiltonDiocese.org

FIFTH DAY OF THE LORD IN EASTERTIDE

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 25 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Dr. Marilyn Ray

Tuesday, April 26 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Megnonita Rotil Gautani

Wednesday, April 27 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Helen Kucia

Thursday, April 28 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Ian Fraser; + Darryll Malley;
+ Barbara Hartnett; + Ida Belvedere; + Irene Gaspar

Friday, April 29 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Hermann Stegen

Saturday, April 30 at 5:00 p.m.
+ Robert Colterman; + Fraser McIntosh;
+ Manuel & Maria Furtado; Ints. Andy Condron

Sunday, May 1
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners
11:00 a.m. + Aileen Maguire

Please pray for the following:

Maureen Fisher	Molly Laporte	Barbara Kennedy
Isabelle Wild	Nicola Izzi	Maritza Garcia
Martin Dawson	Sarah Scharer	Gonzalez
John Scharer	Vincent Stanford	Michael Dowson
Mary Berry	Jim Singer	Milan Heck
Doug Pudsey	Catherine Gee	Helen Weppler
Sylvia Gzik	Elizabeth Talatala	Godofredo Elegado Sr.



If you would like a loved one prayed for by the parish and included in the weekend Prayers of the Faithful, please call the Parish Office by Tuesday afternoon.



ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER
[Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si'*]
"A change in lifestyle could bring healthy pressure to bear on those who wield political, economic and social power. This is what consumer movements accomplish by boycotting certain products. They prove successful in changing the way businesses operate, forcing them to consider their environmental footprint and their patterns of production. When social pressure affects their earnings, businesses clearly have to find ways to produce differently. This shows us the great need for a sense of social responsibility on the part of consumers. Purchasing is always a moral - and not simply economic - act. Today, in a word, the issue of environmental degradation challenges us to examine our lifestyle". *Laudato si* #206. When choosing household cleaning products, such as laundry soap, dish soap, personal grooming products etc., read the labels on bottles and choose products that do not contain chemicals that are harmful to the Earth! Check out The David Suzuki Foundation: <http://david Suzuki.org> for the latest in environmental news and green living!

FIFTH DAY OF THE LORD IN EASTERTIDE

During World War II, my great uncle in Italy served as a "partisan," a resistance fighter against the Nazis, and he gave his life for that cause. Resistance fighters like him fought throughout occupied Europe. They had to communicate secretly, often in code, as they tried to give hope to their captive brothers and sisters.

On these Easter Sundays, we read from the *Book of Revelation*. This New Testament work is puzzling, with its strange descriptions and symbolism. Many readers misunderstand its purpose, and try to find involved, often convoluted references to specific events in our own time or the future. But much of Revelation refers to the time in which it was written. Like those resistance fighters in occupied Europe, the early Christians lived through persecution under Roman rule. I like to understand the *Book of Revelation* as a kind of "resistance literature," a message of hope shared by persecuted Christians. Jesus has triumphed over evil; God's enemies will be defeated; even death itself.

Today, we Christians face our own troubles. We need to hear encouragement, as the *Book of Revelation* tells us that all will be made new, that death is not the end. It's an ancient message of hope as new as today's dawn. *Fr. Greg Friedman OFM*



CARD PARTY FUNDRAISER - THURSDAY, MAY 5TH @7:00 p.m. in the Parish Centre.

The Catholic Women's League annual Dessert Card Party this year is a fundraiser for our Syrian refugee family and elevator projects. There will be fabulous door prizes; a 50/50 draw and delicious desserts to enjoy for only \$15.00. Get a group together to play bridge or euchre (please bring your own cards). Tickets are available in the Religious Articles store or by calling Helen @ 905-634-7481.



A MOTHER'S DAY FUNDRAISER FOR ST. RAPHAEL'S ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT

Spring is in the air, so come out with your family and friends to St. Raphael's English Tea Party, on **SATURDAY, May 7th**. Two sittings: 1 pm – 2:15 pm or 3 pm – 4:15 pm. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children (5 -12), under 5 free. Enjoy tea, English or herbal (or coffee or juice), plus tea sandwiches and goodies. Visit our raffle tables -tickets are 6 for \$5 and 15 for \$10. Kids can make a free corsage for Mom or Grandma. Come out and support our fundraiser and have some fun. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Contact Charlie 905-681-6221, bcarpenter2@cogeco.ca or Jen - jenlandry76@gmail.com. Tickets are available after weekend masses.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS: Please keep these dates in mind for our future fundraising efforts.

May 28 - Plant Sale, **June 18** - Parking lot sale and BBQ. If you have any questions please contact Marlene at 905-634-0733.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, April 17th \$5,115.00
Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (April 15) \$4,500.00

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

APRIL 24, 2016

THANK YOU! Through your generosity a total of \$3,503.00 has been collected in support of Christians living in the Holy Land through the Good Friday Collection. *Please note that this special collection is now complete.*



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:

Thank you for your generous support. The month of April collection raised \$1,290.00 for the needy in our community.



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL - TUESDAY, APRIL 26TH. We encourage all Catholic Women's League members to attend the 9:00 a.m. Mass on this day since it is the

feast day of our patron saint. Let us give thanks for the league and our fellowship as we stand united in faith and mercy for God and country.

THANK YOU TO THE MUSICIANS: Sorry ... We missed a heartfelt thanks to **Michael Keys** (Dowson) and his mates for volunteering their talents on our pizza/ice cream event. You made the night that much better!



YOUTH MASS: The next youth Mass will be on **Saturday, May 7th at 7 p.m.** All are welcome! Please contact Fr. Francis if you are interested in participating in the Mass.

NOTICE OF UPCOMING MARRIAGE: There is a promise of marriage between *Cindy Jarvis and Brian Phillips*. The wedding will take place on April 30th.

There is a promise of marriage between *Paula Moretti and Paul Toste*. The wedding will take place on May 14th.

SUMMER 2016 BIBLE CAMP

July 11 – July 15 for children from J.K. to Grade 6. For more information please take a registration form from the Parish Entrance as well as St. Raphael and St. Paul School Offices. *Registration deadline is June 10th.*

SUNDAY MISSALS: If you borrowed a Missal or accidentally brought one home, please return it to the baskets in the parish entrance. Missals are available for purchase in the Religious Articles Store. We also ask that missalettes used during the week are returned to the basket. Subscriptions to "Living With Christ" and "The Word Among Us" are available to those who wish to keep their own copy. Thank you.

NEW SATURDAY OFFICE HOURS: Starting Saturday, April 30th, the office will be open from 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., instead of 9 a.m. to noon.

BOOMERANG CARDS: Bridge and euchre sessions are held in the Parish Centre on **Monday afternoons** at 1:00 p.m. Join us for an afternoon of fun for only a toonie.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Did you know that the Knights of Columbus Hall is available for celebrations, meetings, socials and more? Call 905-580-3472 for more information or visit our website www.kofc5073.ca

HEROIC CATHOLICISM: You are invited on **May 28th** to join Tim Staples and Tanya Granic Allen at the Canada Christian College in Toronto in what is going to be another amazing day filled with prayer, faith and fellowship. In a world where it is increasingly more difficult to practice our faith, the world and the Church requires people to practice heroic Catholicism. All info and to purchase tickets:

www.ServiamMinistries.com/events/heroic/,
info@ServiamMinistries.com or 1-888-522-2070.

YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE SUNDAY: The next Pilgrimage Sunday at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King will take place on **Sunday, May 15th**. The Cathedral will be open to pilgrims at 2:00 p.m. The Door of Mercy can be accessed through the doors adjacent to the Cathedral Rectory. At 2:30 p.m. prayer in the style of Taizé – Scripture and meditative chants will be offered. You are welcome to join us for the 4:00 p.m. Mass – Monsignor Earl Talbot will preside and preach. A plenary indulgence may be gained by the faithful who enter through the Door of Mercy. In order to gain the indulgence pilgrims enter the door, make a profession of faith and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. They should also receive Holy Communion and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation within 20 days of the pilgrimage.

Assumption Catholic Secondary School Fundraiser!

Test Drive a New Buick and help Buick donate up to \$10,000 for our school. Come out to Assumption on **Saturday, May 7th**, between 10:00am and 4:00pm. Buick will donate \$20 per valid test drive, so the more people who drive, the more money we'll earn! There will also be a BBQ, door prizes, activities for children and more! For more details, please visit the school website at www.gobluego.ca

5TH ANNUAL HCCEF CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

Event Date: **June 1, 2016**. Location: Hidden Lake Golf & Country Club. All proceeds support the HCCEF Student Guardian Program – Helping students in need achieve their full potential. Details: \$175 / golfer until April 30/16 (Early Bird). \$200 / golfer – May 1 - May 27/16. Golf Fee includes Golf, Cart, Lunch, Dinner & Prizes. Dinner only - \$50.00 per person. All entries due by: Friday, May 27, 2016. Register online: www.hccef.org

HEAL YOUR HEART - Are you dealing with a loss in your life? (Death of spouse, child or miscarriage; divorce; job loss; loss of your home; health; a pet; culture; infertility; romantic relationship; ailing parents) There is help – you are invited to join us for a series of Group Bereavement Workshops intended to assist you in coping with the feelings associated with loss. The goal of the workshops is to provide definitive actions that will mend conflicting emotions that hold you back from enjoying life. Join us for this 6 week course being held **Wednesdays April 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25 and June 1** at St. Michael Parish, 181 Sewell Drive, Oakville. The afternoon sessions will run from 1 - 3 pm. For more information call Ilse at 905-338-1778; to register go to www.hamiltondiocese.com or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. Cost is \$35 and includes material.

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