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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

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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

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

SECOND DAY OF THE LORD IN EASTERTIDE [DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY]

Mass Intentions 

Monday, April 4 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Mark Pogue

Tuesday, April 5 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Anita Bannan

Wednesday, April 6 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Marion van de Vrande

Thursday, April 7 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Ted Neill; + Lawrence Tan;
+ Scott Haworth; + Edward McCaughey

Friday, April 8 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Anne Marie McCarthy

Saturday, April 9 at 5:00 p.m.
+ Marion van de Vrande.; + Pat Sheehan;
+ David Anthony Gismondi
Ints. Michel & Bernadette Denis; Ints. The Skura Family

Sunday, April 10
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners
11:00 a.m. + Darryll Malley



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"I'll need to see some proof" --how often have you used that expression? Most of us are quick to call for proof for anything out of the ordinary. We don't want to be "taken in" by extravagant claims or scams.

So today's Gospel, the story of "Doubting Thomas," has a modern appeal. It sounds natural to us for Thomas to want to have his doubts answered with real proof. But Jesus praises those who believe without any physical proof. He calls such believers "blessed."

This Easter story is specifically directed at us, those who would come to believe in Jesus down through the ages. We welcome the testimony of those who went before us: those who walked with Jesus after his resurrection and went on to witness to him throughout the world. We are part of a community of faith, a living legacy passed on from generation to generation and often given at great cost, with personal sacrifice.

When we hear this Gospel proclaimed in a community of believers this Easter, we can take heart in the Lord's words. And where my faith wavers, I can gain strength from the Holy Spirit at work in the midst of the community of faith. *Fr. Greg Friedman OFM*

REJOICE!!! THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED. On this joyful season, where we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, we, the pastoral staff would like to thank everyone who helped us to make our Holy Week celebrations beautiful, meaningful and richer! Especially, to Choir members, Altar servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Decorators, Ushers, Members of various Parish Committees, and Sacristans. We together, indeed have helped one another to experience Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection. Thank you very much for your time and commitment. You are a blessing to our parish.

Fr. Francis and Fr. Frank

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DRAMA PRESENTATION

I wish to thank the many parishioners who assisted with the before and after preparations and clean-up during the Stations of the Cross Drama Presentation on Good Friday. Your help was greatly needed and appreciated. In addition, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all the performers who gave of their time and talents to rehearse, perform and assist in the Dramatization. To all the parishioners who attended the performance, we hope that the re-enactment of our Lord's Passion enhanced your Holy Week experience by giving you a sense of the Love and Sacrifice that Jesus demonstrated at the time of his death and continues to extend to all of us today.
Orlando Tesolin

PARISH DAY 2016 will be held on **Saturday, April 16th** in the Parish Centre. "**Nature as the Word of God**" will be facilitated by Reverend John McCarthy, S.J., Ecologist. **Tickets are on sale after all Masses.**

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.

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	Robert
Helen Wepler		Ravenscroft



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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Good Friday, March 25 \$ 3,070.00
Easter Sunday, March 27th \$14,932.00

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

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



ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER

[Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si']

"Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods. It represents one of the principal challenges facing

humanity in our day. Its worst impact will probably be felt by developing countries in coming decades." *Laudato si* #25

Your sisters and brothers in the Global South, who contribute the least to climate change, are the ones most affected by it. This week, be conscious of how much energy you use! Unplug electronics! Last out of the room, turn out the lights! **Help fight Climate Change!**

EX CORDE GRANT for OUR NEW ELEVATOR

The EX CORDE FOUNDATION was established by Bishop Douglas Crosby to give grants to help fund parish projects in the Diocese of Hamilton. We applied for a grant to help finance our major Accessibility Project, the new elevator. Last week we received a cheque from the Foundation Committee for \$21,000. This free gift has helped us to push our fundraising efforts to about \$132,000. We are indeed, very grateful to the Diocese of Hamilton for this financial help which comes to us in addition to the \$40,000 grant already received from the Diocese. We still have a big task ahead of us to finance the project, but in a few months, we all will be able to experience the easy accessibility to our awesome worship space and our wonderful parish centre. So, from the heart, to EX CORDE we give thanks.

YOUTH MINISTRY: UPCOMING EVENTS

YOUNG ADULTS MEETING: Friday April 8 and 22 / 7-9 p.m. We meet in the St. Francis Room.

THEOLOGY ON TAP: Thursday April 7 / 7-9 p.m. at Fionn Maccool's Pub, 350 Dundas St. East, Oakville. Speaker Bishop Daniel Miehm, "A personal encounter with Pope Francis and his vision for the Church"

MAKING A CHANGE IN THE YEAR OF MERCY

A day of renewal and reflection for Young Adults (ages 18-35) Guest Speaker: Michael Chiasson, Access 52 Ministries. **Sunday, April 24, 2016**, 1:00 - 7:00pm (dinner included). McNally Hall, Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. \$5.00 offering suggested. To register or for more information contact: Christina Mines, cmiles@hamiltondiocese.com, 905-528-7988 ext 2239



CWL FUNDRAISERS: Please support our fundraisers! The Catholic Women's League will be holding two fundraisers for our Syrian refugee family and elevator project. We ask

that all CWL members and parishioners support these two fundraisers held in our Parish Centre: **Card Party on Thursday, May 5 @ 7:00 PM** and **English Tea on Saturday, May 7 @ 1 & 3 PM**. For more information contact Helen: 905-634-7481, helen.sheehan@cogeco.ca or Charlotte: 905-681-6221, bcarpenter2@cogeco.ca.



LADIES COFFEE MORNING: All Ladies are invited this **Wed., April 6th** at 9:30 a.m. in the St. Francis Room.

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.

CELEBRATION OF PRIESTHOOD AND CONSECRATED LIFE DINNER 2016:

Join the Serra Club of Hamilton in Celebrating 50 years of Service by Fr. Ciavarrro, Fr. Curtin, Fr. Isabelle, Fr. Strohmeyer, Fr. Clarke SJ, Fr. Kelly CCSp, Fr. Wagner CSC, Fr. Wahl CR and Sr. Kerrigan CSJ on **Tuesday April 26, 2016** at Liuna Station. Check <http://celebrationprl.wix.com/dinner> for details or contact Margaret Carreiro at 905-628-5682.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING AT ST. RAPHAEL PARISH

Pre-authorized Giving allows those who wish to have their monthly donations debited directly from their bank accounts. St. Raphael Parish has had this program in place since November 2015 and we currently have 32 families participating.

Why Should I Participate?

Advantages for you: • Convenience: Your offering is deducted from your account once each month and automatically deposited in the Parish account. • You can plan your giving in advance for the whole year. • You can continue to support the Parish when you are away.

Advantages for St. Raphael Parish: • A regular, dependable flow of contributions to the church, especially over the summer holiday months. • A reduction of processing time for the Volunteers who count the collection every Sunday.

We respect that giving is a very personal thing, but we hope the implementation of this optional plan will be a source of convenience for you. Brochures are available in the parish entrance or in office.

ARE YOU MISSING A PAIR OF GLASSES??? Please check the **Lost and Found box** across from the St. Anthony Room.

3 Full DAYS to get to know LOVE. God is Love. There will be transportation, accommodation, and meals for this 3-Day Cursillo weekend with talks, prayer, masses, discussions, etc. The Men's weekend is Thursday evening, May 26 to Sunday evening May 29. The Women's weekend is Thursday evening, June 9 to Sunday evening, June 12. Please call Wilma and/or Frank Malick for more information: 905 870 0641

GOSPEL OF LUKE, REFLECTION SERIES:

Wednesday April 13, 7:30-8:00 p.m. @ Holy Rosary Parish Burlington. "The Power of the Parables" with Bishop Daniel Miehm. For registration please contact Monica Verin at the chancery office (905) 528-7988 x 2238.

LAUDATO SI: A LOOK AT THE NEW ENCYCLICAL:

May 3, 10, 17 & 24, 7 - 8:30 p.m., Notre Dame Convent, Waterdown. In this workshop/ study series we will explore the themes and major components of Pope Francis' Encyclical on the environment & the impact it has on our lives. This course will be facilitated by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND. The cost is \$75 and includes text & resources. For further information contact Monica at 905-528-7988 ext. 2238, mverin@hamiltondiocese.com

HALTON ALIVE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Don't miss the chance to learn more about all the good pro-life work being done in Halton Region. Meet our new board members and see who will be honoured with the Culture of Life award this year!

Refreshments included **Thursday April 14th, 7:30pm @ St. Gabriel's Parish (2261 Parkway Dr. Burlington).** Please RSVP at www.haltonalive.com or 905-632-3232



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