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OFFICE HOURS

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

closed on Statutory Holidays

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.

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

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE
SERVING IN THE REIGN OF GOD**



Monday, May 1 at 9:00 a.m.
St. Raphael School Mass
+ William Smith

Tuesday, May 2 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Jennifer & Robert Peters

Wednesday, May 3 at 9:00 a.m.
Mass of Thanksgiving

Thursday, May 4 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Ronald Bocarro; + Sylvia Gzik;
+ Joseph Baff; Repose of Souls

Friday, May 5 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Michael Dawson

Saturday, May 6 at 5:00 p.m.
+ Clinton Cox; + Marie-Therese Pinto;
+ Francis Ruetz; + Sylvia Gzik; + Roberto Dizon Sr.

Sunday, May 7
9:00 a.m. + Irene Herman
11:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners

Please pray for the following:

Isabelle Wild	Molly Laporte	Barbara Kennedy
John Scharer	Nicola Izzi	Maritza Garcia
Mary Berry	Sarah Scharer	Gonzalez
Doug Pudsey	Vincent Stanford	Michael Dowson
Rosy Santos Perez	Jim Singer	Milan Heck
John O'Boyle	Catherine Gee	Helen Weppler
Frances Wentges	Elizabeth Talatala	Jane Urquhart
Diane Svazas	Maria Szkitalinski	Laith Yousif
Peggy Evans	Irene Groves	Michael Colameco
Sr. Rosalie Siegler	Rose Hughes	Jill Ascah
Jack Harber		

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 a.m.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, April 23rd \$ 6,169.00

Thank you for your continued support!

THANK YOU! Through your generosity a total of \$3,900.00 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.*

PARISH BREAKFAST: Join your fellow parishioners for a delicious breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus on **Sunday, May 7th** after the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses in the Parish Centre. Tickets are on sale after Mass or at the door. (\$8/adult, \$4/child under 12, free for children 5 and under) *We welcome and congratulate all the First Communion Students and their families at this breakfast!*



LADIES COFFEE MORNING: All Ladies are invited this **Wed., May 3rd** at 9:30 a.m. in the St. Francis Room.

**THE VICTORIOUS SERVANT OF GOD REIGNS
[Third Sunday of Eastertide]**

Jesus Christ is the **Victorious Servant of God** who opens our eyes and hearts to experience His presence. When **Helen Keller** was not quite two years old she had a high fever which caused her to become deaf and blind. Unable to see nor hear, she felt lost. She would hang on to her mother's skirt to get around. She could recognize people only by feeling their faces or their clothes. In today's Gospel Cleopas and his friend, walking on the road to Emmaus encountered Jesus. Even though their vision and hearing was not physically impaired, they did not recognize Jesus until the **breaking of the bread**. This scriptural passage reminds us to **look for Jesus present in our lives**. The words from another Gospel, Matthew 25, haunt us: "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or away from home or naked or ill or in prison and not attend to your needs?" Serving each other, especially "those on the margins" in God's Reign, will help us to meet the Risen Saviour on our life's journey.

THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH: All are invited to an **illustrated presentation** of this opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Church through its two thousand years. Frank Mallick will be the presenter. **Wednesday, May 10:** *The First Millenium* and **Wednesday, May 17:** *The Second Millenium* from 7-8:30 p.m. in our worship space.



CARD PARTY - LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR TICKETS! The C.W.L.'s annual dessert/card party fundraiser is for the Accessibility project.

Date: **Thursday, May 4th @ 7 p.m.** in the parish centre. Make up a foursome with your family and friends and play bridge; euchre or any other card game you wish. There will be delicious desserts and refreshments; many door prizes and a 50/50 draw. Tickets are only \$15.00. Call Helen: 905-634-7481 or email: thesheehanes@gmail.com



A SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS to all the students of St. Raphael School and the Parish Program who received First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 23rd.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED: Children in grades 3 and up are invited to sign up to become altar servers. Servers are needed especially for the 11am Mass. Anyone interested in becoming an altar server is asked to please email Gabriella at straphaelchurch3@gmail.com or leave their contact information at the church office.

2017 BIBLE CAMP: July 10 – 14, 2017, for children from J.K. to Grade 6. Registration forms are available in the parish entrance, at the schools and on our parish website: www.straphaels.ca. Students in grade 7 and up who would like to help are asked to speak with Fr. Francis.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We are looking for volunteers to help for an hour or two on **Saturday morning, May 6th** to assist in loading and filling orders for our Spring Plant Sale. If you are able to help please contact Sally at 905 639-9516.



ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER

Pope Francis writes: ... **"Underground water sources in many places are threatened by the pollution produced in certain mining, farming and industrial activities, especially in countries lacking adequate regulation or controls. It is not only a question of industrial waste. Detergents and chemical products, commonly used in many places of the world, continue to pour into our rivers, lakes and seas."**

Laudato si' # 29 Did you know that vinegar and water and lemon juice and washing soda are effective non-chemical cleaning products? With Spring upon us, many of us are cleaning in our homes and cleaning up outdoors! Perhaps a good way to be "Earth Minded" is **to consider the kinds of cleaning products that we are using.**

There are many environmentally friendly cleaning and laundry products available at local grocery stores that do not contain chemicals that are harmful to the environment. **Vinegar and water** is an effective window and glass cleaner. It also is an effective floor and surface cleaner! As well it can be used in place of fabric softener for delicate skin! **Lemon juice** is a natural bleach agent for clothing that is stained! Baking soda and vinegar used together are amazing scale removers for kettles and pots. For further ideas and suggestions, please see:

www.davidsuzuki.org/publications/downloads/2012/qog-stainremoval.pdf Are you planning for your lawns, flower and vegetable gardens? Stay tuned for steps to be "Naturally Green" in the garden and with lawn care and where and when to **purchase a rain barrel for watering your garden!!** Think Green!!

THANK YOU for your support to the 2017 SHARE LENT campaign! Development and Peace – Caritas Canada thanks everyone who donated to Share Lent. Thanks to your generosity, **\$7,270.00** has been collected in our parish. This sum will go towards meeting the needs of our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. *This parish collection is now complete.* If you would like, you can make a donation directly at www.devp.org/give. Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

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.

NEW LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA CDs: New CDs have arrived. They make great graduation gifts for young adults! Stop by the kiosk next to the Religious Articles Store. CDs are only \$5 each.

WALK FOR LIFE CONFERENCE! Support the Culture of Life in Halton on **Saturday May 20th**, by joining Halton Alive for the annual 5K walk in Burlington, BBQ lunch and inspiring speakers! Don't miss this opportunity to hear TWO excellent pro-life speakers and raise funds for a great cause. For more details and to register go to: www.haltionalive.com/W4L or call: 905 632 3232.

GARDENING SEASON has arrived with the great Spring weather. **We need volunteers** to help maintain the flower gardens which surround our buildings. Please contact Fr. Frank to offer your service for this pleasant [with some perspiration] task. Many hands will help us to take care of the beautiful plants which God's good Earth and human cooperation provide.



CHRISTIANS ON A JOURNEY: We are meeting monthly for prayer and fellowship. The 3rd Monday of every month. **Next gathering is May 15:** Holy Cross, 3455 Lakeshore Rd. Please join us. For any questions, please call Wilma or Frank 905-870-0641

6TH ANNUAL HCCEF CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC: May 31, 2017 at 12:00 am, Hidden Lake Golf & Country Club - 1137 #1 Sideroad, Burlington. Golf fees are currently \$175 per golfer, but increases to \$200 effective May 1. Dinner only: \$50.00 per person. All Registrations due by May 26. Visit www.hccef.org for info and registration.

ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD: Deacon Kevin D'Souza will be ordained to the priesthood on May 6th, 2017 at 11 a.m. by Bishop Crosby, at Christ the King Cathedral in Hamilton. He will say his First Solemn Mass on May 7th at 11 a.m. at St. Gabriel's Church, Burlington. He would like to invite you all for this special occasion.

DIACONATE INFORMATION SESSION: Men interested in learning about the Permanent Diaconate Formation program in the Diocese of Hamilton are invited to attend the information session on **Sunday May 7**, at St. Michael Church in Waterloo. The meeting will be held after 11:00 a.m. Mass. To register or for more information, please contact Deacon Peter Gittens at 905-528-7988, ext. 2258 or diaconateformation@hamiltondiocese.com

Cross of Victory Pilgrimage 2017: ALL YOU CAN EAT PASTA FUNDRAISER DINNER on **Saturday, May 13th**, after the 5pm mass at Saint John the Baptist Parish Hall, 2016 Blairholm Avenue at Brant Street, Burlington. Come to eat, support future pilgrims, enjoy the fellowship of pilgrims and learn more about this annual walking pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, Ontario. Tickets at the door - \$12 per person, \$6 per child under 10 years old. <https://sites.google.com/site/2017crossofvictorypilgrimage/>

PRIESTS IN THE PUB! Sunday, April 30th @ 6:30 pm. Coach and Lantern Pub (384 Wilson St., E. Hamilton). Adults 21+. 3 Priests. Q & A. Free munchies (Donations gratefully accepted!). Hamilton's new highly anticipated speaker series kickoff! We have a panel of 3 priests from the Diocese of Hamilton to answer all your questions (theology, spirituality, everyday life, etc.). You can submit questions by email or write them down on pieces of paper on the day. Our priest speakers are: Fr. Wayne Lobsinger, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown; Fr. Ian Duffy, St. Ann's Parish, Ancaster; Fr. Jeff Bergsma, St. Margaret Mary Parish, Hamilton. For more details check out 'Hamilton Catholic Young Adults' on Facebook or e-mail jpeter@hamiltondiocese.com.

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