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

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SPES UNICA

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
		<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.

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

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

The Diocese of Hamilton HamiltonDiocese.com Catholics Come Home www.CatholicsComeHome.org
Vocations www.HamiltonVocations.com

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 1 at 9:00am
†Dion Acampi

Tuesday, May 2 at 9:00am
Ints. Robert & Jennifer Peter

Wednesday, May 3 at 9:00am
Ints. Sam Stenekes

Thursday, May 4 at 9:00am
Ints. Tom Olds; Ints. Tim, Marie & Cole Cresswell;
†Warren Chenery; †Juana Godoy;
†Diane Medeiros; †Rose-Anne Cushings

Friday, May 5
9:00am †Nardina Inneo
6:30 p.m. †Paul Dixon

Saturday, May 6 at 5pm
Ints. Tom & Lee Olds
†Rudolph Gomes; †Marilyn Pantoni;
†Lucy Jennings; †Neil Pinto; †Frank Sicoli

Sunday May 7
9:00am For Our Parishioners
11:00am †Stella Musial

Please pray for:	Albert Rodrigues
Nella Cannito	Wendy Bonenfant
Tom Olds	Lee Olds
Ida Filice	Stephen Pustai
<i>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.</i>	

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

April 23

Envelopes (132)	\$4,709
Loose	\$485
Holy Cross Formation (10)	\$1,547
Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (20)	\$1,081

Thank you for your generous support

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 Easter we encourage you to read the Bible. We have a Bible Project Sheet available for

**2023 BIBLE
READING
PLAN**

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.

THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS VOLUME I: Please consider joining us as we continue our Pivotal Players Series on **Wednesday, May 3 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.



FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS:

The First Communion school celebrations will be on **Sunday, May 7**. For **St. Raphael School** the First Communion Mass will be at **12:30pm** and for **St. Paul School** the First Communion Mass will be at **2:30pm**. Please pray for all our students celebrating their First Holy Communion next week.



CONGRATULATIONS

to all our students who had their Confirmations at St. Raphael Parish last weekend celebrated by the Most Rev. Bishop Douglas Crosby. Please keep all of them in your prayers.

PRAYING THE ROSARY DURING MAY:

There are many opportunities for praying the Rosary at St. Raphael Church. Please join us for any of the following:

Every week day morning at **8:30am** in the church

Mondays at **9:40am** in the St. Anthony room

Assumption High School on **Tuesdays** at **10am**

St. Paul School and St. Raphael School on **Tuesdays**

Fridays at **9:40am** in the St. Anthony room

For more information on any of the above contact Sylvia Heald: sylviaheald@gmail.com or 905 632 4862

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS AND ROSARY

MAKING: On the Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima, 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.



SUMMER BIBLE CAMP: The popular Summer Bible Camp at St. Raphael Parish returns again this year. The camp will run from **Monday, July 3, to Friday, July 7, from 9:30am – 12:30pm.** Registration information will follow in the coming weeks.

**WALK FOR LIFE & FAMILY BBQ!**

Get ready to walk on **Saturday June 3** with Halton Alive at the Walk for Life. This family-friendly event brings together pro-lifers to honour the unborn, support the vital work of Halton Alive, and enjoy a delicious BBQ in community. With each step of the 5k, we honour the 100,000 the lives lost to abortion each year in Canada.

Date: Saturday, June 3

Time: 9:30am (walk, BBQ lunch and kids games included)

Location: The lawn of Burlington Christian Fellowship, 2054 Mountainside Dr. Burlington

Can't make it? Participate by walking in your own neighborhood with friends! So, what are you waiting for?

Register for free today at www.haltonalive.ca/w4l and invite your friends and family to join us for this exciting event. Together, we can make a real difference and build a brighter future for all. See you at the Walk for Life!



HALTON ALIVE IS HIRING: Are you passionate about sharing your values and building community? Are you organized and good at motivating others? Are you interested in a flexible part-time job that is meaningful? Exciting news! Halton Alive

is looking for passionate, dedicated individuals to join our team and help us continue to serve our community through education, resources, and opportunities for families to live out pro-life values. If you're interested in making a difference and being part of a dynamic, values-driven organization, contact us at execdirector@haltonalive.com

**MARCH FOR LIFE OTTAWA & TORONTO:**

Take a stand for life with hundreds and thousands of Canadians on May 11 (Ottawa) & May 12 (Toronto). Visit www.marchforlife.ca

and www.torontomarchforlife.ca for more information and details about these events. To join a group to Toronto or find out about buses going to Ottawa contact Halton Alive directly at info@haltonalive.com

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Good Shepherd Sunday, April 30, 2023, is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. *"We are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead his people through His Bishops, Priests and Deacons, and calls many to follow Him in this way. Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's people."* (from the ORDO, Liturgical Calendar 2023)

EVENINGS WITH HIS EXCELLENCY: Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for "Evenings with His Excellency". This is an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Class is the second Friday of each month, at 7pm - 8:30 p.m. at St. Ann Church, Ancaster. It is also available by livestream on St. Ann's YouTube channel. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith, all are welcome.

THE CANADIAN CATHOLIC BIOETHICS INSTITUTE NEWSLETTER

of April 14, 2023, focuses on Access to Palliative Care. *"CCBI has always advocated for good quality palliative care, seeing it as a human need and as an aid to maintaining dignity and morale at end-of-life as people move into the liminal stage before death. It is often an important aspect of our spiritual as well as physical journey, and it needs to be well done and available to all who can benefit from it. ... We do not come into this world alone and we are not meant to leave it that way either, although circumstances vary."* The entire text, which is well worth the read, is available on their [website](http://www.ccbi.ca).

SEPARATED OR DIVORCED? Looking for some learning, support and fun on a Friday evening?

Join our **RESTART: Refresh, Renew, Revive** group held the 2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month. These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Join in-person at 700 King St. W, Hamilton, or by Zoom. No registration required. For Zoom contact Sarah: familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com or at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. We look forward to seeing you!

PRAYER FOR EDUCATORS:

Catholic Education Week
Lord God, we thank you for the gift of Catholic education. Send forth your Spirit to strengthen all educators, teachers, administrators and staff in our Catholic schools.

Bestow upon them Your gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Knowledge and Perseverance. Grant them joy, peace creativity and courage in their vocation.

May all educators continue to Rebuild, Restore, and Renew Your love with gentle patience.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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