

# ST RAPHAEL PARISH COMMUNITY

## TOGETHER IN GOD'S REIGN

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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

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### SACRAMENTS BAPTISMS & BECOMING ROMAN CATHOLIC

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

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*See the Book of Tobit, especially chapter 12*

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**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD  
SERVING IN THE REIGN OF GOD**



**Monday, April 10** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Paul Alley

**Tuesday, April 11** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Irene Herman

**Wednesday, April 12** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Jack Theurer

**Thursday, April 13** at 8:00 p.m.  
*Mass of the Lord's Supper*  
*No Morning Mass*

**Friday, April 14** at 3:00 p.m.  
*Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion*

**Saturday, April 15**  
11:00 a.m. *Blessing of Easter Foods*  
8:00 p.m. *Solemn Easter Vigil*

**Sunday, April 16**  
8:30 a.m. *Easter Mass*  
10:00 a.m. *Easter Mass*  
12:00 noon *Easter Mass*



**HOLY WEEK  
FOLLOWING CHRIST TO THE CROSS  
AND RESURRECTION  
PASSION [PALM] SUNDAY**

Today we enter into the heart of the Gospel and our faith. Again, we look at the question of life and death, with a focus on Jesus' suffering and death. We are always looking forward, but there is no escaping death — and for most of us — some level of suffering in life. How do we deal with, accept and relate to this reality? Fortunately, we have a model in Jesus. He fulfills the prophetic message of Isaiah about the **Suffering Servant of God**. He is the Son of God "*who emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave*". He was the Humble Servant throughout His public ministry and "*humbled himself...even unto death on the cross*" (Letter to the Philippians.) Will the model inspire or repel us? Or, in a world of "reality" in the media, will it have any impact at all?

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** There will be a communal preparation with several priests to hear confessions on **Wednesday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m.**



**FLOWERS FOR EASTER:** The Decoration Committee invites you to bring in flowers for the Easter season. We would appreciate a variety of white and yellow flowers, and that would last well into the Easter season, which is six weeks long. If you would like to remember a loved one, feel free to include a small card with their name on it. *Please bring flowers to the back of the church starting Wednesday, April 12th to Friday, April 14th no later than 6:00 p.m. Thank you.*

**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

*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 2<sup>nd</sup> \$ 6,362.00  
*Share Lent* \$ 5,755.00

*Thank you for your continued support!*

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** A reminder that the office will be closed on **Friday, Apr. 14<sup>th</sup> and Monday, Apr. 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS FOR EASTER:** Please submit bulletin announcements by 9 a.m. on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

**2017 BIBLE CAMP:** July 10 – 14, 2017. Registration forms are available in the parish entrance, at the schools and on our parish website: [www.straphaels.ca](http://www.straphaels.ca)

**ST. RAPHAEL VISION DAY:** The Pastoral Team & Parish Pastoral Council invite you to take this opportunity to help shape the future of our St. Raphael Parish community. Join us on **Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** in the St. Raphael Parish Centre from 8:30 am – 1:30 pm. Lunch included. A \$10 donation is suggested to help cover the costs. Registration after all Masses.



**THE TRIDUUM**  
**Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper** begins the Easter Triduum with the memorial of the evening when Jesus, the **Humble Servant of God**, sacramentally anticipated the gift he would make of himself on the cross. Our Lenten theme of **Serving in God's Reign** is dramatically remembered this evening when we recall Jesus washing of the feet of His disciples. *If you wish your feet to be washed, bring a towel.* The reception in our parish of the oils used in the sacraments and blessed by the Bishop during the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral, is the first of the rites. It is a vivid reminder that the sacraments anoint us to be servants. A blessing and mandating those involved in parish ministries after the homily highlights our sacramental strengthening for serving in God's Reign. *A reminder that there is no morning Mass on this day.*

**Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord** focuses on the reading of the Passion of **Jesus, the Suffering Servant of God.**

According to ancient tradition, the cross is venerated. One cross [symbol of our unity in Christ's sacrifice] will be venerated by the parishioners approaching as for Communion, in two lines, beginning from the entrance to the church and using any prayerful gesture (genuflection, bow, touch cross with hand). There is no Mass, but Holy Communion, the sacrament of Christ's love for his church, is received. *It is a day of fasting and quiet mourning.*





**The Easter Vigil** celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus, the **Victorious Servant of God**.

The vigil opens with a service of light.

Beginning in darkness, the lighting of the fire and the Easter candle ritually symbolize that

darkness has been overcome by light. The Paschal candle, carried with loving reverence and lyrically praised in word and song, is a sign of **Christ, who is the Light of the World**. We will carry individual candles which remain lit during the singing of the Exultet. Readings from the Bible, from creation of the universe, to the Exodus of Israel from Egypt, to the event of Jesus' resurrection, highlight God's creative, redemptive and sustaining love in humanity's salvation story. **The great "Alleluia"**

**announces the joyous triumph of the Risen Lord**. The elect and the candidates prepared through the RCIA for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist then receive these Sacraments of Initiation. The blessed Easter baptismal water sprinkled over the parishioners signifies the blessing of new life. We then renew the promises of our Baptism which immersed us into the life of the Trinity. Rejoice! The Word who made all things, as a new Adam, freshly proclaims God's promise of Life, triumphing over fear and death. **All creation celebrates God's love with us and we enter fully into the Paschal Mystery of Christ in Holy Communion.**

**Good Friday Pontifical Collection:** April 14, 2017 for the benefit of the **Holy Places in the Holy Land**. Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives. Requested by Pope Francis, the Annual Good Friday Collection helps to maintain not only the Holy Places above all, but also the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church carries out to the benefit of the Christian brothers and sisters and the local population.

**OPERA AT ST. RAPHAEL:** Presented by the **Southern Ontario Lyric Opera Company**. Join us for an evening of operatic arias & sacred music on **Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** Tickets \$30, Available after all weekend masses, by calling (905) 637-2346, or [galwayrenata@gmail.com](mailto:galwayrenata@gmail.com). *All proceeds go towards the Accessibility Project.*



**SPRING PLANT SALE:** Spring has officially arrived and our thoughts turn to purchasing plants and planters to beautify our places.

Once again we are hosting the elevator

fundraiser offering high quality, organic plants and planters at the same price as last year. Order forms are available in the parish entrance and the parish office.

**Please return completed form by April 23rd.** Delivery will be on Saturday, May 6th - *rain or shine*. When ordering remember Mom on her special day - May 14th.

**Volunteers needed:** We are also looking for volunteers on May 6th to help unload and fill orders. If you are able to help please contact Sally at 905 639-9516.



**MARCH 1 - APRIL 9 (8am to 8pm)**

**April 9<sup>th</sup> at 3pm** - Final Day Group Prayer outside the Oakville Hospital.

[www.40daysforlife.com/Oakville](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Oakville)



**ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER**

Pope Francis writes: *"Political institutions and various other social groups are also entrusted with helping to raise people's awareness. So too is the Church. All Christian communities have an important role to play in ecological education. It is my hope that our seminaries and houses of formation will provide an education in responsible simplicity of life, in grateful contemplation of God's world, and in concern for the needs of the poor and the protection of the environment. Because the stakes are so high, we need institutions empowered to impose penalties for damage inflicted on the environment. But we also need the personal qualities of self-control and willingness to learn from one another."* *Laudato si' # 214*

As we prepare to celebrate the most sacred celebration of our Catholic Faith, The Easter Triduum, we are called to keep in mind the needs of the poor living in our community, by **contributing food for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry**. We can also stand in solidarity with the Earth by considering a number of ecological practices! FOR EXAMPLE Try **dyeing Easter Eggs** with onion skins or other coloured foods. Check out, <http://davidsuzuki.org/blogs/queen-of-green/2013/03/homemade-easter-egg-and-food-dyes/> Emphasize the importance of Easter as a family time to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus and the sacredness of new life in the world! Plan an **Easter Dinner** as a family and celebrate with symbols of "new life" eg. coloured eggs, Easter lily plants, your child's Baptismal Candle. **Start a new Easter Tradition! Bring a basket containing a sample of foods such as butter, eggs, or bread to be used at your Easter family dinner to Church on Saturday morning at 11 o'clock to be blessed!**



**CHRISTIANS ON A JOURNEY.** (Formerly "Churches of South Burlington" or "Churches on New Street" -changed because All are welcome) We are meeting monthly for prayer and fellowship. The 3rd Monday of every month. **Next gathering is April 17:** Christian Reform Church, 3416 New St. Please join us. For any questions, please call Wilma or Frank 905-870-0641

**CARD PARTY** - the Catholic Women's League annual fundraiser this year will be for the Accessibility project. Date: **Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.** in the parish center. Come and enjoy an evening of playing bridge or euchre. Make up a foursome with your family and friends. There will be fabulous desserts and refreshments; many door prizes and a 50/50 draw. Tickets are only \$15.00 and to order them call Helen Sheehan @ 905-634-7481 or email at [thesheehanes@gmail.com](mailto:thesheehanes@gmail.com)

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST: Sun., April 23**

Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast at the Columbus Hall, 2400 Industrial Street, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tickets will be sold in advance and at the door. \$7.50/adult and children under 10 free. For more information Gerry Kelly at (905) 637-0315 or Michael Enright at (905) 315-1784.

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