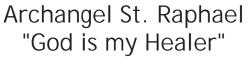
ST RAPHAEL PARISH COMMUNITY

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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



Served by the Holy Cross Fathers Fr. Francis Salasiar C.S.C. - Pastor

Fr. Roshan D'Souza C.S.C. - Associate Pastor

Anna-Marie Grimminck - Office Manager Ms. Maureen Lawlor - Office Assistant

OFFICE HOURS Mon-Fri

 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 Sunday Mon - Fri

Mon - Fri 9:00 AM

5:00 PM

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

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.

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 Cathoic 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

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



Mass Intentions

Monday, December 2 at 9:00 a.m. Ints. Darlene Zeni

Tuesday, December 3 at 9:00 a.m. + Paul M. LaFontaine

Wednesday, December 4 at 9:00 a.m. + Paul M. LaFontaine

Thursday, December 5 at 9:00 a.m. Ints. Jerry & Lillian Ponikvar; Ints. Fr. John Voytek; Ints. Barbara Bodnar; + Jeffrey Martin Kurcz; + Edanna Lawson; + Sean Farrolly; + Paul M. LaFontaine

> Friday, December 6 9:00 a.m. + Paul M. LaFontaine 7:00 p.m. + Frank Freiburger

Saturday, December 7 at 5:00 p.m. + Paul O'Sullivan; + Avaro Trigo;

+ Michael & Maria Szkitalinski; + Julian Anders

+ Anne Yurincich; + Epifanio & Nora Braganza;

Sunday, December 8 9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners 11:00 a.m. + Stella & Stanley Musial

Please pray for the following:

John Scharer Mary Berry Doug Pudsev Peggy Evans Jill Ascah Lee Olds Stephen Pustai Michael Smart Kyle Elliott Karen Beeho Pat Malcolm Elizabeth Elder Michael Colameco Joseph & Madeleine 7ucco Ron Robertson

Molly Laporte Nicola Izzi Sarah Scharer Jim Singer Elizabeth Talatala Asia Rae Landry Noah Landry Alison Zierl Sarah LaFontaine Rosario Herve Jill Olds Joanne Pringle Aileen Smith **Robert Connelly** Jones Rodney

Barbara Kennedy Maritza Garcia Gonzalez Milan Heck Helen Weppler Jane Urguhart Laith Yousif Mary Lilly Vincent Stanford Lucie Jennings Frank Clarke Marie Bond Sandra Beyer Tony Hymes Helen Sheehan

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



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

| Sunday, Nov. 24th | - Envelopes (233) | \$5251.00 |
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| Sunday, 1107. 24 | | |
| | - Loose | \$654.00 |
| | Accessibility (62) | \$1813.50 |

Thank you for your continued support!

The First Sunday of Advent begins a new liturgical year and the beginning of a season filled with the riches of our scripture readings. For the next few weeks, as we focus on Isaiah, we read of the promise of peace offered to the people of God: "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." Matthew's gospel is the story of Noah and a caution from Jesus to prepare "for an hour you do not expect." Used with permission from University's Online Ministries web site: http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html



ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER Pope Francis writes: "Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to

change. We lack an awareness of our common origin, of our mutual belonging, and of a future to be shared with everyone. This basic awareness would enable the development of new convictions, attitudes and forms of life. A great cultural, spiritual and educational challenge stands before us, and it will demand that we set out on the long path of renewal." Laudato Si #202

'We are all responsible': Bishops urges lifestyle change to protect Amazon. Solutions to environmental problems discussed at the Synod of Bishops for the Amazon must involve not just Amazonian Nations, but countries in Europe and North America. Global trade means that every consumer's decision leaves a footprint in distant countries._

"No one can say, 'I'm not responsible, it's not my fault,' " We are all responsible." Bishop Karel

Choennie of Paramaribo, Suriname.

In their four-minute presentations during the first two weeks of the synod, participants described how mines, dams and other enterprises owned, built or operated by companies in industrialized countries displace local communities, affecting the environment and disrupting people's lives. Ultimately, however, the Gospel, Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si'" and the Synod are all calling for a profound conversion, we have to take "Laudato Si" more seriously, The Synod participants said. We encourage you to read this website

https://www.ncronline.org/news/earthbeat/we-are-allresponsible-bishop-urges-lifestyle-change-protectamazon?clickSource=email

If you really want to give a great Christmas present to your beloved, purchase the Encyclical "Laudato Si" and make a change in their life.

IN OUR PARISH



CHRISTIAN MOVIE NIGHT: Every first Monday of the month at 7pm in our Parish Centre (until May). Join us on Dec. 2nd for "The Star" rated PG-thematic elements. This very kid friendly American computer-animated Christian comedy film is based on the Nativity of Jesus.



LADIES COFFEE MORINING: All Ladies are invited this Wed. Dec. 4th at 9:30 am in the St. Francis room for coffee and fellowship.

JOURNEY OF FAITH: Please join us every Wednesday from 7pm to 8pm in our Parish Centre for our Journey of Faith sessions. On Dec. 4th, come to grow in the knowledge of the Mary & The Saints. We will discuss "What a Saint is", "Why and how we pray to them", "Who is Mary" & "How is she the Perfect Disciple". We will discuss: the Immaculate Conception; the Assumption; Mary's Fiat; and some of her other titles and why. All are welcome to attend.

ADORATION, PRAISE, WORSHIP AND MASS: Please join our parishioners in a church wide adoration and praise and worship on **Friday**, **December 6th** at **7 pm**. All are welcome to spend time with the Lord.



EVENING PRAYER WITH ADVENT HYMNS: The Diocesan Choir presents Evening Prayer with Advent Hymns, together with the Saint John's Bible and a small reception at our Parish on Sunday **Dec.** 8th, at 7pm. Choral preludes begin at 7 pm with Evening Prayer at 7:15pm. There will be a Free-Will offering in support of our parish. Come celebrate the



CHRISTIANS ON A JOURNEY: Everyone is welcome to attend. For any questions, please call Wilma or Frank 905-870-0641.

*Mon. Dec. 9 – 7:30pm - Fellowship and Prayer -Appleby United (4407 Spruce Ave) *Mon. Jan. 19 starts the" World Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" times and places TBA *Sun. Jan. 26 - 12:30pm - Speaker on "From Refugee to Resettlement"- Port Nelson (3132 South Drive)

Advent Season with prayer, scripture, and song.

CHRISTMAS EVE YOUTH MASS: If you would like your child(ren) to participate in our Christmas Eve (Dec 24th) Mass at 5pm, please register with Charlie Carpenter. Children will be able to sing in a choir, preform in a re-enactment, do readings or be gift bearer. They must be able to attend rehearsals—dates are: Wed. Dec 11th from 5:30 – 7pm, Mon. Dec 16th from 6:30 – 7:30pm and dress rehearsal, Sun. Dec 22nd from **12:30 -2pm**. All participates must be at the church on the **Tues. Dec 24th at 4pm**. Please register by calling Charlie at 905-681-6221 or text 289-834-4905 or email bcarpenter2@cogeco.ca

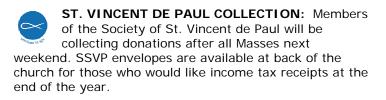


THE GOOD SHEPHERD TREE OF HOPE: Thanks to those who purchased a gift. The gifts were delivered to Hamilton on Nov. 29th. The Good Shepherd thanks you for your generosity.

2020 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Please pick up your envelopes in the parish entrance, by the elevator, sorted alphabetically by last name. Please contact the office if you currently don't' have envelopes but would be interested in obtaining a 2020 box. Forms to enroll in our Pre-Authorized Giving Plan are also available. For assistance please contact the parish office.

CHILDREN'S ADVENT PARTY: Everyone had a great time! Thank you, Santa, for taking the time to tell stories and take pictures. Thanks also to the wonderful elves that organized, set-up, ran the games and crafts and cleaned up. Of course, it would not have been possible had it not been for the support of our Priests and families who came to participate. Happy Advent!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Need assistance? Interested in becoming a member? Call the SSVP HOTLINE 905 681 6394 (also listed on cover of the Parish Bulletin). For more information, see the SSVP bulletin board in the church foyer.



PLEASE NOTE BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS DEADLINES: Fri. December. 13th at 9 am for December 22nd bulletin. Wed. December 18th at 9 am for December 29th bulletin. Fri. December 27th at 9 am for January 5th bulletin.

NEW SUNDAY MISSALS: If you would like your own copy of the 2019-2020 Sunday Missal please purchase them in the Religious Article Store after Mass for \$5.



WE NEED HELP TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY:

by bringing communion to people who are homebound or in long term care or in the hospital. What a beautiful, helpful and rewarding ministry! If you have an hour or two every 4 weeks to give to this ministry, please call for information. We will help in every way we can, questions, training, etc. Please inquire. Call Wilma 905-870-0641.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

ADVENT REFLECTON: St. John's Church Burlington, Wed. Dec. 4th from 9am - 12 noon. This day of reflection is open to all women of the community. The facilitator will be Father Bob Sims. Refreshments will be served. Registration is required by Mon. Dec. 2nd. The cost is \$10 with registration. Phone Marie Arponen 905-637-1677 please make cheque payable to St. John's CWL.

ALL YOU CAN EAT PASTA FUNDRAISER DINNER: Sat. Dec. 7th, at Saint John Parish Hall, (2016 Blairholm Ave.) after the 5pm Mass. Come support future pilgrims, and learn more about this annual walking pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, ON. Tickets will be sold at the door, \$12/person, and \$6/child under 10 years old.

WHITE MASS: St. Gabriel Church, Burlington Mon. Dec 9th at 7pm Celebrant Fr. Terrance McKenna. Refreshments and Video of Our Lady following the Mass. Please bring a free will offering to cover expenses. For more info. Call 905-335-6902

ADVENT DAY of PRAYER: St Catherine of Siena (Corpus Christi Site, Hamilton) 9am - 3pm (Mass 9am) on Fri. Dec. 13th. Tea, coffee, muffins on arrival. Bring a bag lunch & coffee mug. To Register: please call or e-mail: 905-388-3966; sssperthshire@sympatico.ca

FRIDAY NIGHT SUPPORT GROUP FOR PERSONS SEPARATED OR DIVORCED: The Hamilton Diocesan Support Group meets the 1st and 3rd Friday of each **month** and they can help! No need to register just come and join in at the Chancery Office (700 King St. W. Hamilton) from 7 – 9pm. For more information call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. There is NO COST, but great learning, caring and support!

