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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
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905.637.3810
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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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SECOND DAY OF THE LORD IN ADVENT



Monday, December 11 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Sylvia Gzik

Tuesday, December 12 at 9:00 a.m.
+ B. Allison

Wednesday, December 13 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints .Shawn Veltri

Thursday, December 14 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Alida Lacasse; + Jim Weber; + Santa Lucia
+ Sylvia Gzik; + C. Nugent

Friday, December 15 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Otto Schlumpf

Saturday, December 16 at 5:00 p.m.
+ Sheila Mary-Catherine Anderson
+ Roger Chambers; + Many Colizza; + Michael Macri
+ Marion Nelligan; + George & Ally Goettler

Sunday, December 17
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Deceased Members of Santi Family

Please pray for the following:

John Scharer	Molly Laporte	Barbara Kennedy
Mary Berry	Nicola Izzi	Maritza Garcia
Doug Pudsey	Sarah Scharer	Gonzalez
Rosy Santos Perez	Vincent Stanford	Michael Dowson
John O'Boyle	Jim Singer	Milan Heck
Frances Wentges	Elizabeth Talatala	Helen Weppler
Peggy Evans	Helen Sheehan	Jane Urquhart
Jill Ascah	Shelly Sterling	Laith Yousif
Lee Olds	Ernie Piche	Michael Colameco
Stephen Pustai		Maria Szkitalinski

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, December 3th \$5514.00

Thank you for your continued support!

In the **Second Sunday of Advent** we hear Isaiah write of a voice that cries out in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!" These lines from the prophet are repeated in the **Mark's Gospel** as we are introduced to John the Baptist who prepares the way for Jesus. John says, "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

*"Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's **Online Ministries** web site:
<http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>
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ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER

Second Sunday of Advent:

Human Rights Day

Pope Francis writes: "Human beings too

are creatures of this world, enjoying a right to life and happiness, and endowed with unique dignity. So we cannot fail to consider the effects on people's lives of environmental deterioration, current models of development and the throwaway culture." **Laudato Si #43**

Having a Green Christmas does not need to be a challenge! We can protect the biodiversity of our world, which is God's gift to us, in a number of different ways! When we use wrapping paper to wrap our Christmas gifts, we in effect promote the cutting down of trees and degradation of forests and we also create more garbage and pollution! Christmas wrapping paper cannot be recycled! Instead of using wrapping paper consider using a cloth bag, one of last year's recycled Christmas gift bags, decorated newsprint or plain brown paper. Perhaps you might even use some of the paper from Christmas flyers to wrap gifts. Make a gift to nature this Christmas by hanging a bird feeder or better still give a gift of a bird feeder to a child in your family.

Plan a Green Christmas!

-Be frugal. Use only what you need.

-Be efficient. Promote energy efficiency and use resources in your daily life efficiently.

-Be a recycler. Recycle all waste that you can and buy products from recycled materials.

ADVENT JOURNEY:

We often miss Advent's power because these December weeks are full of secular Christmas parties and preparations for Christmas. Each year, the busyness of this season serves to distract us from having an Advent season that truly prepares us for the celebration of Christmas, with all its meaning. As announced last week, I invite all of you to journey with intention, be it shopping, be it cooking, be it visiting someone, take time to think, why are you doing, what you are doing. May you have a blessed Advent Season. Fr. Francis

IN OUR PARISH

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: Who is Jesus Christ?

Please join us on **December 13th at 7 pm to 8 pm in the Parish Centre** to learn more about the Jewish roots of Jesus (human and divine). You are cordially invited to journey along with Jesus as his followers. Hope to see you all there.



CHRISTIANS ON A JOURNEY: meet every **second Monday** of the month for prayer and fellowship at **7:30 PM**. Please join us on **December 11th at St. Raphael Parish**. Please call Wilma or Frank 905-870-0641 for more information.



CWL: Fa la la... Fa la la la... A CWL Christmas Social will be held on Tuesday, **December 12th** at **6:30 pm** in the Parish Centre. We invite all members to join us and bring a friend for an evening of tasty food; caroling and Christmas games. We will be providing appetizers and beverages. If you wish to bring an appetizer that would be great. Please email thesheehanes@gmail.com or call Helen Sheehan at 905-634-7481 to let us know that you will be attending.

LADIES FUNERAL LUNCHEON: Christmas at the Mandarin. On Monday December 4th the ladies held their annual Christmas luncheon at the Mandarin. As usual the food and company were wonderful. Thank you to all the ladies for their generous gift. - Marlene

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS: photo directory. In preparation and to celebrate the 60th anniversary of our parish in 2018 we are planning to have a parish pictorial directory published to help us all get to know one another by name and strengthen our faith community. We invite everyone to participate to make this photo directory as complete as possible! IPC Canada offers this service free to our parish by making the portraits available to all the participants. Everyone will receive a free copy of the parish photo directory and one free 8x10 for participating! So, please sign up after weekend masses to take your family photos starting in January.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: Please note the following submission deadlines for bulletin announcements: Wed. December 13th at 9 am for the Christmas bulletin Monday December 18th at 9 am for the Dec. 31st bulletin.

LETTER OF THANKS FROM GOOD SHEPHERD:

DEAR REV. SALASIAR,
Thank you for your Gift-In-Kind donation (a truck full of Clothing and Toys) in support of Good Shepherd. You are a partner in alleviating and preventing poverty and homelessness in our community – and we are so grateful. Your gift allows us to provide solutions to vulnerable members of the community that promote health, dignity and independence. Thank you for you generosity and your confidence in our work.
God Bless,
Cathy Wellwood
Chief Development Officer



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: The decoration group invites parishioners to bring in **red and white** poinsettias and or flowers for Christmas in remembrance of a loved one, feel free to include a small card with their name on it.

The colour theme for this year will be "Red and White". Please bring plants/flowers to the back of the church, starting **Wed. Dec. 20th**, to **Friday Dec. 22nd** (no later than 6 pm). Thank-you for your generosity.

2018 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Please pick up your 2018 envelopes in the parish entrance, by the elevator. Forms to enroll in our Pre-Authorized Giving Plan are also available in the parish entrance or the parish office. Please contact the office if you require any assistance.

ADVENT PENANCE CELEBRATION

Tuesday, December 19th at 7 pm

MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

Saturday, December 23rd

5:00 pm

Sunday, December 24th

Only 1 morning mass at 10:00 am

Christmas Eve:

5:00 pm (Family Mass with dramatization),

8:00 pm, 10:00 pm

Christmas Day: Monday, December 25th

8:30 am, 10 am, 12 noon

Saturday, December 30th

Feast of the Holy Family

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, December 31st

9:00 am, 11:00 am

New Year Eve: December 31st

Feast of Mary mother of God

5:00 pm

New Year's Day: Monday January 1st

10:00 am

(along with Sundays Christmas and the Feast of Mary mother of God (New Year's Mass) are Holy Days of obligation in Canada)

IN OUR COMMUNITY

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Catholic Young Adults groups across the Diocese of Hamilton are coming together for ONE, BIG, THRILLING CHRISTMAS PARTY on **Sat. Dec. 16th** at **St. Thomas the Apostle Church** (715 Centre Rd., Waterdown). If you are Catholic, between the ages of 19-39, you are invited to come to meet other Young Adult Catholics at this awesome pre-Christmas social, dinner and dance with live entertainment, door prizes, photo booth, cash bar, and a DJ. Consider yourself INVITED! **5 pm Mass followed by 6 pm Cocktail Social.** Catered **Dinner** with wine will be served at **6:45 pm**. Cost is a **\$20** donation at the door. **Please RSVP before Dec. 14th** (numbers for the food). Contact: Justin Peter 905-689-4857 ext. 8 or at jpeter@hamiltondiocese.com. Please search "The Biggest Catholic Young Adults Christmas Party Ever 2!" on Facebook.

CHRISTMAS SING ALONG: With Anthony Cheam. Join in on Sunday, **Dec. 17th** at **2 pm** at **St. Paul Apostle Church** for a Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long. On the third Sunday of Advent there is a tradition of blessing of the "Bambini" (the Infant Jesus figurines) from our Nativity sets. So please bring the baby Jesus from your Nativity set for that special blessing as part of our celebration. A free-will offering will be taken up for Shifra Homes.

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