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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

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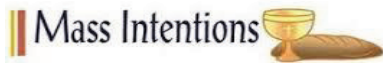
Archangel St. Raphael "God is my Healer"

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 SUNDAY OF ADVENT



(† = Deceased Intention; Int = Intentions of...;
Thx = Thanksgiving)

Monday, Dec. 11	Int. Boden McDowell
Tuesday, Dec. 12	† Martin Perusini
Wednesday, Dec. 13	† Nardina Inneo
Thursday, Dec. 14	Int. Maria Bassi
Int. Sylvie Denis	Int. Laver Family
† Joe Fauteux	† Ida Fioravanti
† Walfrido Landicho	† Dec'd Members Laver Family
Friday, Dec. 15, 9am	† Paul M. LaFontaine
Saturday, Dec. 16	Int. Réjeanne Lafleur
Int. Hall Family	† Martin Perusini
† Ludwig Majta	† Bulai Family
† Gzik Family	† Monique Cogan
† Melania Lim	† Carr & Panetta Family
† Maria, Mario & Diane Medeiros	
Sunday, Dec 17, 11am	Int. Thereseema, Anthonypillai, Elisama Selathuriai, & Mary Theresa Xavier

Please pray for:
Vincent Stanford

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Dec 3, 2023

Envelopes (141) \$4,706
Loose \$1,144

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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A ROMAN CATHOLIC OR LEARNING MORE ABOUT YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH?



Then maybe the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the place for you. The RCIA journey introduces the beliefs and practices of the Roman Catholic Church through a series of prayerful reflections, video presentations, faith sharing and small group discussions designed to help participants to become full members of the Catholic Church. Classes (usually 75 minutes long) continue on **Wednesday, December 13 at 7:00pm** with the topic **“The Last Things: What Happens After We Die?”** All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact the parish office.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE (DEC 24TH) 5 PM PAGEANT Rehearsals:

All children signed up to participate in this year's Christmas Eve Pageant are asked to attend both rehearsals. They will be at 12:15 pm on **Sunday Dec 10th and 17th** (for approximately one hour). For more information, contact Charlie at 905-681-6221 or bcarpenter2@cogeco.ca

CHILDREN'S ADVENT PARTY:



Heartfelt thanks, to all the amazing volunteers, who gave generously of their time and talents to put on a great Advent Party, for our youngest parishioners. Also, thanks to Father Wilson, Father Emmanuel, Orlando and the Catholic Women's League for their support. Of course, this would not have been possible were it not for the wonderful families who came out and participated. Thank you!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Just to let you know; there will NOT be a children's Liturgy on Dec. 24th at the 11 am mass, in preparation for the Children's Christmas Pageant taking place at 5 pm on the same day Dec. 24th. As well, to allow our volunteers to spend time with their family and friends, the Children's liturgy will take a break and resume on Sunday Jan. 8th at the 11 am mass. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Children's Liturgy!



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THANK YOU:



Special thanks to Rennie Milne and the Knights of Columbus for organizing the drive by food drive for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. It was so successful.



TREE OF HOPE FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD:

God's Blessing to all who took the time to buy and bring a gift for the less fortunate. You have put a smile on hundreds of faces. So many will be happy to get that wished for toy or a new pair of pajamas or a knitted blanket for their wheel-chair. Thank you St. Raphael's for your generosity!!

65TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER THANK YOU:

Many thanks to everyone for their hard work putting together our wonderful Celebration for our 65th Anniversary. Our parish would also like to thank **Dodsworth & Brown** for their generous donations of beautiful prayer cards for the event.

SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Advent Novena Masses

Dec 16 at 5pm, Dec 17-22 at 7pm, Dec 23-24 at 5pm

Advent Penance Celebration

Wed, Dec 20 2023 – 6:00 PM

Advent Reconciliation Day

Thursday, Dec 21 – 10AM – 6PM

Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass

Sat, Dec 23 2023 – 5:00 PM

Sun, Dec 24 – 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Christmas Eve Children's Mass with Pageant

Sun, 24 Dec 2023 - 5:00 PM

Christmas Eve Mass

Sun, 24 Dec 2023 - 8:00 PM & 10:00 PM

Midnight Mass

Mon, 25 Dec 2023 - 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Mass

Mon, 25 Dec 2023 - 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon

Feast of the Holy Family Mass

Sat, Dec 30 2023 – 5:00 PM

Sun, Dec 31 2023 – 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Feast of Mary the Mother of God Mass

Sun, Dec 31, 2023 – 5:00 PM

Mon, Jan 1, 2024 – 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM



SIMBANG GOBI (ADVENT NOVENA MASS):

As we prepare for Christmas you are all invited to attend the: *Simbang Gabi* (Advent Novena Mass) daily at 7:00pm starting December 16 - 23, 2023, at St.

Raphael's Parish Church. Made possible through the dedication of: Fr. Wilson Andrade, our pastor, and CFC - Handmaids of The Lord, - Hamilton-St. Catharines.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE:

Hello St. Raphael Parish Members! The "Stand for the Land" Campaign is drawing to a close and signatures will soon be sent to the Montreal Office of Development and Peace! To date, we have collected 160 signatures, not counting the signatures submitted on line. In our previous campaign we collected 200+ signatures! If you haven't taken the opportunity to sign the Stand for the Land Petition, please see the petition sheets in the foyer of the our Church and pledge your support for Land Defenders in Honduras who are trying to defend their ancestral lands! Come on St Raphael Parish, let's support our sisters and brothers in the Global South!! Thank you to all who have signed to date!

*Cecilia Racine and Lorene Dicorpo
Development and Peace Volunteers*

STAMP PROJECT:

In the past, St. Raphael Parish has supported the Development and Peace Stamp Project. to raise funds to support their ongoing Social Justice work. The Social Justice Committee is asking parishioners to save their cancelled stamps from Christmas Cards and any other mail. Please collect your stamps at home. We will notify you soon as to how we will collect the stamps from you!

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and support of Development and Peace and their work in the world!

Cecilia Racine and Lorene Dicorpo

2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

Please pick up your envelopes in the parish entrance, by the elevator. Please note some envelope numbers have changed for the New Year to reduce waste. For assistance, please contact the office.

ITEM LEFT BEHIND:

A red electric teakettle was left behind in the parish kitchen. If this is yours please come and claim it within the next week. After this time the kettle will be given away. Thank you

PLEASE NOTE BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINES:

Monday Dec 11th at 9am for December 17th bulletin.

Wed. December 13th at 9am for December 24th bulletin.

Mon. December 18th at 9am for December 31st bulletin.

Thu. December 28th at 9am for January 7th bulletin.

VOCATIONS MASS AND YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT –

JANUARY 5TH – HAMILTON:

The Serra Club of Hamilton invites all parishioners to attend a Mass for vocations at 6:00pm. Following the Mass, Fr. Mark Morley invites young adults to attend a night of Adoration, fellowship and praise music in celebration of the Christmas Season. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:30pm), praise night and vocations talk (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Friday, January 5th at Annunciation of Our Lord (280 Limeridge Rd W, Hamilton, ON L9C 2V2). Co-sponsored by the Serra Club of Hamilton and the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

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