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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
		<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

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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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Monday, December 12 at 9:00 a.m.
† John Charles Morrison

Tuesday, December 13 at 9:00 a.m.
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Wednesday, December 14 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Derek Green

Thursday, December 15 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Sylie Denis; Ints. Cecilia Racine
Ints. Helen Chong Ping; Ints. Merci Tiamson
Ints. Vincent Stanford; † Barbara Bodnar

Friday, December 16 at 9:00 a.m.
† Michael Macri

Saturday, December 17 at 5:00 p.m.
† Panetta & Carr Family; † Viorica Bulai
† Chester & Sylvia Gzik; † Zeno Karcz; † Frank Sicoli
† Bernard Dolan; † Ludwik & Stefania Majta

Sunday, December 18
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners
11:00 a.m. † Betty Nedelko

Please pray for:

Jeannine Bannan	Christopher Ryan
Lee Olds	Tom Olds
Rolando Mabalay	Vincent Stanford
Jean Damiani	Archie Damiani

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.

The **Third Sunday of Advent** repeats an Isaiah reading from earlier in the week, filled with promise, healing and a hope for our longing: "Then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing.... They will meet with joy and gladness; sorrow and mourning will flee." In Matthew's Gospel, John the Baptist hears of Jesus' work and sends a message to his cousin: "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus replies that his work speaks for itself. "The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them."

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ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER: *Pope Francis writes: "The earth's resources are also being plundered because of short-sighted approaches to the economy, commerce and production. The loss of forests and woodlands entails the loss of species which may constitute extremely important resources in the future, not only for food but also for curing disease and other uses. Different species contain genes which could be key resources in years ahead for meeting human needs and regulating environmental problems." Laudato si #32*

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. Trees are homes to many of our bird friends, insects and animals.

*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.

*Engage in a Christmas Bird Count! Choose a day close to Christmas and count the varieties of birds you see in your yard or on a walk. Encourage family and friends to do the same and compare your sightings.

*Hang a string of popcorn strung by children of the family outdoors as a treat for the birds and small creatures in your area.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

December 4

Sunday Envelopes (133)	\$6,147
Loose	\$397

Thank you for your generous support

CHRISTMAS EVE YOUTH PAGEANT: Please note that any children who have signed up to participate in this year's Christmas Eve Youth Mass (at 5 pm on Dec 24th) must attend the rehearsals this **Sunday, Dec 11 and next week on Sunday, December 18** after the 11am masses. For more information, please contact Charlie @905-681-6221 or bcarpenter2@cogeco.ca

2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Please pick up your 2023 envelopes in the parish lobby, by the elevator. If you are unable to find your 2023 donation box, please phone the parish office and we will arrange a 2023 envelope box for you.

ADVENT PENANCE CELEBRATIONWednesday, December 21st at 7 pm**MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS****Christmas Eve: Saturday, December 24th**5pm (Family Mass with dramatization),
8pm, 10pm**Midnight Mass, Sunday, December 25th**

12am

Christmas Day: Sunday, December 25th

8:30am, 10am, 12 noon

Feast of Mary Mother of God**New Year Eve: Saturday, December 31st**

5pm

New Year's Day: Sunday, January 1st

9am, 11am



FROM THE GOOD SHEPHERD: Thank you and God's blessings to all the awesome parishioners who donated to the Good Shepherd Tree of Hope. The donations were plentiful as was the need. There will be many families who will be able to partake of your generosity. You have made God Smile!!

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH - Christmas is an

exciting and busy time of year, a time when it is vital for parents to counter the secular side of the holiday, so heavily promoted, by helping their children understand the real 'reason for the season'. Ensuring you have a nativity set and Advent wreath in your home are important reminders that it is Christ we celebrate. Attending Mass, placing Jesus in the manger before opening presents on Christmas morning, giving to charity and reminding your children Baptism calls all of you to do so, are ways to give a place of importance to the birth of Jesus. If Christmas becomes only about Santa, it is a real loss for your children and their faith. From: Family Ministry Office.

COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS: We know that at Christmas our hearts will be full – we want our pews to be full also! Throughout Advent, Parishes across the Diocese are encouraged to invite all the faithful to Come Home for Christmas. We all know people who have fallen away from regular Mass attendance, and Christmas provides a privileged occasion to welcome them home. All parishioners are encouraged to join in this effort to extend a warm invitation to return - for more information, visit <http://hamiltondiocese.com>

THE REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL is back for another year! A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustice. Join us on December 15, at 7:00 PM for the holiday classic, *It's a Wonderful Life*, connecting to themes of community, dignity of the person, economic and housing insecurity. The screening will be hosted online. Grab your pajamas and some hot chocolate for this Christmas screening! R.S.V.P. and view our full schedule of events at:

www.reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: The decoration group invites parishioners to bring in fresh flowers for Christmas to decorate our church. If you would like to remember a loved one, feel free to include a small card with their name on it. Please bring plants/flowers to the back of the church no later than **Friday, Dec. 23rd, before 12 noon** for the decoration group to place around the church for Christmas. Thank-you for your generosity.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: The Social Justice Committee wishes to thank all parishioners who signed the Development and Peace Petition calling on the Federal Government to adopt human rights and environmental due diligence legislation requiring Canadian Companies to prevent adverse human rights impacts and environmental damage throughout their global operations and supply chains! An amazing 128 people signed the petition that will be delivered to the House of Commons.

Along with the 246 signatures that were collected in support of the Amazon Rainforest Indigenous land defenders in 2020, an incredible 374 parishioners signed these two petitions that are on their way to the House of Commons! Thank you so much!

Also, just a reminder to parishioners to save **cancelled stamps** that will be sent to Development and Peace as a fund raiser! Cancelled stamps can be placed in the envelope located on the Social Justice Bulletin Board in the back of the Church! Merry Christmas!

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT'S MEETING: Parents who have registered their children for First Communion in 2023 at St. Raphael parish are reminded to attend one of our First Communion information evenings either on **December 12 OR December 13, at 7pm** in the church.

**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:**

Dec. 24 th until Dec. 28 th	CLOSED
Thursday, Dec. 29 th	9 am – 4 pm
Friday, Dec. 30 th	9 am – 4 pm
Dec. 31 st to Jan. 2 nd	CLOSED
Tuesday, Jan. 3 rd	9 am – 4 pm
normal hours resume	

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