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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

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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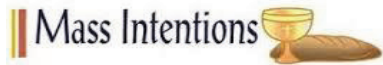
Archangel St. Raphael "God is my Healer"

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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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Monday, December 13 at 9:00am
Thanksgiving for Bui & Nguyen families

Tuesday, December 14 at 9:00am
+ Luisa Candelaria

Wednesday, December 15 at 9:00 am
+ Peter Tran Van Ban

Thursday, December 16 at 9:00am
Ints. Cecilia Racine; + Fred Reaume
+ Jacke White; +Joseph Carubba
+ Gloria Mogridge; + Gerald Paul Bergie

Friday, December 17 at 9:00am
+ Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, December 18 at 5:00pm
+ Roy McKinley; + Fred Reaume; + Bulai Viorica
+ Sylvia & Chester Gzik; + Emil Komac
+ Betty Nedelko; + Rodney McCarthy

Sunday, December 19
9:00am + Ronald & Freda Hayward
11:00am For Our Parishioners

Please pray for:

Jasmine Leigh	Joseph & Madeleine	James Cook
Emma Goodale	Zucco	Maritza Garcia
Vanessa Rodrigues	Sarah Scharer	Gonzalez
Albert Rodrigues	Elizabeth Talatala	Milan Heck
John Scharer	Asia Rae Landry	Helen Weppler
Doug Pudsey	Noah Landry	Jane Urquhart
Peggy Evans	Alison Zierl	Laith Yousif
Lee Olds	Rosario Herve	Mary Lilly
Stephen Pustai	Jill Olds	Vincent Stanford
Michael Smart	Joanne Pringle	Frank Clarke
Kyle Elliott	Robert Connelly	Marie Bond
Elizabeth Elder	Jones Rodney	Ron Robertson
Heather Allen	Barbara Fisher	Gary Olds
Frank Sicoli	Laurie Suddaby	Helen Sheehan
Nicola Izzi	Rev. Fred Olds	Lorraine Evans

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 morning.

Sunday of the Third Week of Advent begins with the Prophet Zephaniah's announcement of liberation and God's presence among the people after decades of their own infidelity. In Luke's Gospel John the Baptist is the focus of the expectation in the people who come to him asking what to do. He exhorts them to integrity and charity and announces the one who is to come: "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's Online Ministries web site: <http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html> Used with permission.



ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER:
Pope Francis writes: "Humanity is called to recognize the need for changes of lifestyle, production and consumption, in order to combat this warming or at least the human causes which produce or aggravate it." Laudato Si #23

Did you know? The festive season has a huge environmental impact in terms of water use, greenhouse gas emissions and land disturbance caused by the production of some of our favourite holiday treats and staples. If we could all try to reduce our own eco-footprint just a little, it would go a long way to protecting our environment.

If every family reused just two feet of holiday ribbon, the 28,000 miles of ribbon saved could tie a bow around planet Earth. In the US, 2.65 billion Christmas cards are sold each year – that's enough to fill a football field ten stories high. But if we each sent just one less card, we'd save 50,000 cubic yards of paper. What about sending E-Cards or email Messages?

Here are 10 Green Gifts and Ecofriendly Ideas for Christmas:

- *Give an unforgettable and green experience; plan an outing together such as skating and hot chocolate. Go to a movie. Better still have a movie night at home with family or friends!
- *Buy a tree and support an important cause. Real trees can be recycled back to the Earth!
- *If you are looking for something festive to wear look for natural materials.
- *Look for natural cosmetic products especially those that have not been tested on animals!
- * Make and give Christmas cookies, cakes, or pies! People who work appreciate homemade goodies!
- * Solar power gifts: everyone has a smartphone, but not everyone has a solar power battery charger.
- *Reusable water bottles.
- * For those who love to read, share with them all your **Free E-book Sites.**
- *Regift a book that you have read or a gift that you have received

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IN OUR PARISH

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December 5, 2021



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2022 ENVELOPES & CALENDARS: Please pick up your 2022 donation envelopes and a St. Raphael Parish Calendar in the parish entrance, by the elevator.

PLEASE NOTE BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS DEADLINES:

Tues. December 14th at 9am for December 26th bulletin.
Mon. December 17th at 9am for December 30th bulletin.
Mon. December 20th at 9am for January 2nd bulletin.

FIRST COMMUNION MEETING: There will be a parent's information session for the **grade 2 parents** on **Dec. 13th** at **7pm** in the **church**. Please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate.



JOURNEY OF FAITH: Please join us **every Wednesday** for our Journey of Faith sessions. Come out to explore Catholic Doctrines relating to matters of Human Dignity and Common Good in Society. Following the fundamentals of **Catholic Social Teaching** is essential for experiencing a life of holiness. Our next session is on **December 15th from 7 - 8pm** in our **Parish Centre**. For more information, please contact the parish office at 905-637-2346.



"THIRD SATURDAYS" BIBLE STUDY: Women of all ages join us via Webinar **Dec. 18th**, at **9:30am**. A monthly one-hour webinar igniting passion for reading the Bible and applying the Word to our lives.

Refresh, restore and renew our faith. No bible experience required. Pray and share together with other women. To sign up please RSVP to michele@forgionegroup.com or leonyhettinger@bell.net See you soon.

NEW SUNDAY MISSALS: If you would like your own copy of the 2021-2022 Sunday Missal for \$5 please purchase them in the parish office during the week or in the Welcome Area of the church after weekend masses

MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve: Friday, December 24th

4:00pm (tickets required), 6:00pm (tickets required),
8:00pm, 10:00pm

Christmas Day: Saturday, December 25th

8:30am, 10:00am, 12 noon

Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday, December 26th

9:00am, 11:00am

Feast of Mary Mother of God

New Year's Eve: Friday, December 31st

5:00pm

New Year's Day: Saturday, January 1st

9:00am, 11:00am

Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 2nd

9:00am, 11:00am

Advanced registration through our website, www.straphaels.ca is only required for the 4:00pm and 6:00pm Christmas Eve masses. All other masses will be on a first come, first served basis.



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 **Thursday Dec. 23rd, before 12 noon** for the decoration group to place around the church for Christmas. Thank-you for your generosity.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE STAMP PROJECT: In the past St. Raphael Parish has supported the Development and Peace Stamp Project. The Stamp Project is a way that Development and Peace can raise funds to support their ongoing Social Justice work. A shipment of stamps collected before the Development and Peace Office was closed due to the pandemic, was recently sent from our parish. We will begin again supporting the Stamp Project, and the Social Justice Committee is asking parishioners to save their cancelled stamps from Christmas Cards and any other mail. We will notify you at the end of January 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

IN OUR COMMUNITY

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH: The excitement of Christmas begins to build even before Halloween. Children are targeted with ads and commercials to ask Santa for the latest toys, electronic device or game. As parents we love to see the anticipation, but our task is a greater one – it is to keep the reason for Christmas at the forefront of our children's minds and understanding. Are they as excited about the coming of Christ and it's meaning for all people? Do they have a sense that long after every gift they desire from Santa is gone, the truths, love, care, compassion, guidance and stability from God will live on to help each of us to live and, ultimately, receive the gift of eternity? The true gift of Christmas should never be the last one we think of, or get excited about, since it is indeed the most valuable. Advent is the perfect time to daily bring all of this to light!

YOUTH MINISTRY CERTIFICATION AND ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES: The Diocese of Hamilton is pleased to have The University of Dayton: Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) as a partner in adult faith formation. The VLCFF is a living adult faith community offering online learning opportunities to address the learning needs of adults in our Diocese. Whether taking courses for professional development in ministry or for personal nourishment, the VLCFF provides a breadth of opportunity for learning including full certificate programs, five-week online courses and three-week intensive online seminars. The Youth Ministry office is now accepting applications for Youth Ministry Certification with courses beginning in January. For more information visit the Hamilton Diocese learns web page:

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