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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.

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.

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

The Diocese of Hamilton HamiltonDiocese.com Holy Cross Vocations www.holycrossvocationscanada.com
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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Monday, December 17 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Fr. Ranjan D'Sa

Tuesday, December 18 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Santa Lucia

Wednesday, December 19 at 9:00 a.m.
+ John & Pat Taylor

Thursday, December 20 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. LaFontaine Family; + Gioranni Bosco;
+ Chester & Sylvia Gzik; + Tony Ogborn;
+ Jason LaFontaine; + Norma Clarke

Friday, December 21 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. David & Charlie Kelner

Saturday, December 22 at 5:00 p.m.
Ints. Weber Family; + Jason LaFontaine;
+ Joe & Betty Nedelko; + Manuel Coimbra;
+ Cremilde Coimbra; + Adelia Coimbra

Sunday, December 23
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners
11:00 a.m. + Stella & Stanley Musial

Please pray for the following:

John Scharer	Molly Laporte	Barbara Kennedy
Mary Berry	Nicola Izzi	Maritza Garcia
Doug Pudsey	Sarah Scharer	Gonzalez
Frances Wentges	Jim Singer	Milan Heck
Peggy Evans	Elizabeth Talatala	Helen Weppler
Jill Ascah	Asia Rae Landry	Jane Urquhart
Lee Olds	Noah Landry	Laith Yousif
Stephen Pustai	Sr. Rosalie Siegler	Mary Lilly
Michael Smart	Alison Zierl	Vincent Stanford
Kyle Elliott	Sarah LaFontaine	Bill & Lucie
Karen Beeho	Rosario Herve	Jennings
Marilyn Bittner	Jill Olds	Paul La Fontaine
Harvey & Pat	Joanne Pringle	Frank Clarke
Malcolm	Cathy Moore	Coral King
Elizabeth Elder		

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, Dec 9th - envelope (254) \$5603.00
- loose \$744.00

Thank you for your continued support!

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."

University's **Online Ministries** web site:
<http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>
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ST RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER

Pope Francis writes: "Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with

Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age (Matthew 25:35-43)".

Message of his holiness Pope Francis, World Day of Migrants and Refugees (January 14, 2018.)

*On December 18th, we will celebrate International Migrants Day; **Did you know?** According to the Global*

Commission 2005 International Migration Report, the number of international migrants increased from 75 million to 200 million in the past 30 years. The report also found that migration could accelerate due to the growing developmental, demographic and democratic disparities that exist between different world regions.

*Many migrants are forced to leave their homes due to the environmental changes occurring as a result of Climate Change. What can we do this Christmas to be mindful of the Planet? **Why not adopt a Zero-Waste Life Style?***

Zero-waste lifestyle is not all about recycling or composting, though that's important. It's actually about preventing waste from coming into our home in the first place. The first thing you can do to adopt a zero-waste lifestyle is to simply say no. Today, in this consumerist society, we are the targets of many things. Every time we accept them, we are creating a demand to create more.

By refusing these things, not only do we stop the demand for more to be created, but also, we stop them from coming into your home and creating a trash problem. Be a wise thoughtful consumer this Christmas!

Ask yourself: "Do I need it or Do I want it?" Be particularly discerning when you are tempted to fall for buying the latest electronic device on the market. Know the true cost of your electronics!

ARE YOU READY FOR CHRIST(MAS)!

Week 1: In God's story, we can all find our way! Be Yourself!

Week 2: In God's story, everyone is special! Be brave!

Week 3: In God's story, there is always enough! Be welcoming!

Once we have learned to be ourselves, and overcome our fear and became brave, it calls us to act on being brave. Being brave can be witnessed only through action. So, for the third week of Advent, the liturgy invites us to be welcoming. Let us welcome back our family members who have strayed, let us welcome back into our lives with whom we have strained relationship, let us welcome even strangers into our lives. In God's story, there is always enough! Be welcoming!

IN OUR PARISH

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: Join us **Dec. 19th at 7 pm** in our **Parish Center** to explore the topic of **"The God-Man and His Mother"** and enjoying a pot luck Christmas gathering for the RCIA program. Please join us.

PLEASE NOTE BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS DEADLINES:

Mon. December 17th at 9 am for December 30th bulletin.
 Fri. December 28th at 9 am for January 6th bulletin.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: The decoration group invites parishioners to bring in **RED AND WHITE** poinsettias or flowers for Christmas in remembrance of 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 **Thurs. Dec. 20th** before 6 pm. Thank-you for your generosity.

2019 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. For assistance please contact the office.



ATTENTION CWL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: The fee for 2019 is \$30.00. Due to a printing error, the offertory envelopes show the previous fee. All women registering before Feb.28 will be eligible to win a \$30.00 restaurant gift card. For more info call Charlie at 905-681-6221.

CHILDREN'S ADVENT PARTY: Oh what fun!! Thank you to Santa and all his helpers for making the day special for the children. This kick-start to Advent was made possible because of the support of our parish families who came to participate. Happy Advent!



WOMEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION: FEBRUARY 2, 2019 at St. Raphael's Parish. The theme is "Journey to Holiness".

ADVENT PENANCE CELEBRATION

Monday, December 17th at 7 pm

MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve: Monday, December 24th

5:00 pm (Family Mass with dramatization),
 8:00 pm, 10:00 pm

Christmas Day: Tuesday, December 25th

8:30 am, 10 am, 12 noon

Feast of the Holy Family:

Saturday, December 29th

5:00 pm

Sunday, December 30th

9:00 am, 11:00 am

Feast of Mary Mother of God:

New Year Eve: Monday December 31st

5:00 pm

New Year's Day: Tuesday January 1st

10:00 am

(Sundays, Christmas, & the Feast of Mary Mother of God (New Year's Mass) are Holy Days of obligation in Canada)

IN OUR COMMUNITY

A CHRISTMAS MOVIE WITH A MESSAGE:

Development & Peace-Caritas Canada invites you to a documentary OPEN BETHLEHEM, Wed. Dec. 19th at The Cotton Factory (270 Sherman Ave.N, Hamilton). For details see the flyer on the Social Justice bulletin board in the foyer.



THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON: One Heart, One Soul Campaign. A compilation of all published questions are available at oneheartonesoul.ca.

What is the state of diocesan finances? Is this a desperate situation that requires a campaign? The diocesan financial picture is strong – the amount of assets has grown in recent years and investments are doing well. Meanwhile, the Diocese is generous with grants and loans to parishes and Catholic organizations within the Diocese. Parish assessments have been stable in recent years but have not kept up with increases in diocesan operating costs. Property sales have been used more frequently to keep the Diocese's operating budget balanced and strong, and many assets (such as the Care and Maintenance Fund for Cemeteries) are restricted and not at the Diocese's disposal. This is not an emergency situation. The Diocese is looking ahead and acting before any kind of emergency could develop. Overall, the campaign is a way to ensure that more parishes will be able to be self-sufficient over the long term, building up themselves and the Diocese at the same time.

I've heard the Diocese has a lot of assets. Can't those be used? At the end of 2017, the Diocese reported assets of \$322 million. However, the majority of the assets are restricted assets, such as the Care and Maintenance Fund for Cemeteries, money legally reserved for the maintenance of cemetery operations and funds held for pre-arranged funeral services and burials. Unrestricted assets are less than a third of the total capital. Of these unrestricted assets, more than 90 percent is used to generate investment income that – when combined with parish assessments – pays for annual diocesan operations (68 percent) and make funds available for grants and loans to help parishes and organizations within and outside the Diocese (32 percent).

Is there any chance that funds would be used to settle potential claims of abuse of children by clergy? The tragic stories recently in the news, thankfully, do not reflect the circumstances and history of our diocese. However, it should still be noted that funds raised during the campaign will be held in a segregated account, in trust for the parishes and ministries for which they were raised. Both civil and canon law require the diocese to use the gifts we receive for the stated purposes for which they were given – an obligation to which we are fully committed. Regarding how the Diocese handles abuse allegations, Bishop Crosby said in an August 2018 letter to all in the Diocese: "All allegations of sexual misconduct have been and will continue to be taken seriously and addressed immediately in accordance with our diocesan policy." For a link to the full letter, see our diocesan website, hamiltondiocese.com.

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