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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
905.634.1835
- St. Raphael's Elementary
905.637.3810
- St. Paul's Elementary
905.632.1424

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HOTLINE
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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THIRD DAY OF THE LORD IN ADVENT



Monday, December 18 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Betty Nedelko

Tuesday, December 19 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Ricardo Kovacs

Wednesday, December 20 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Chester & Sylvia Gzik

Thursday, December 21 at 9:00 a.m.
Mass of Thanksgiving; Ints. Charlie & David Kelner;
+ Amparo Gutierrez Pareja; + Andy Brogan;
+ Paddy Flood

Friday, December 22 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Virginia Descargo

Saturday, December 23 at 5:00 p.m.
Ints. Keith Fudge; Ints. O'Boyle Family; + Rose Coillbra
+ John Yurincich; + Tim & Maureen Horan
+ Clinton Cox; + Anne Rushloff

Sunday, December 24
10:00a.m. For Our Parishioners
5:00 p.m. + Tom Goodale
8:00 p.m. + Rogelio Magsino
10:00 p.m. Intentions of Celebrant

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	Asia Rae Landry	Maria Szkitalinski
Michael Smart	Noah Landry	

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 10th \$6648.00
Thank you for your continued support!

The **Third Sunday of Advent** offers us more of the promise. The words used by the **prophet Isaiah** to describe God's vindication are the ones Jesus points to as describing his own mission: "The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God."

*"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

Pope Francis writes: "Christian spirituality proposes an alternative understanding of the quality of life, and

encourages a prophetic and contemplative lifestyle, one capable of deep enjoyment free of the obsession with consumption. We need to take up an ancient lesson, found in different religious traditions and also in the Bible. It is the conviction that "less is more". A constant flood of new consumer goods can baffle the heart and prevent us from cherishing each thing and each moment." **Laudato si #222**

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 learn to 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.

Start to incorporate in your daily life the Five Rs — Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rot — rather than relegate those items to the trash.

For more ideas visit the website

<https://www.thestar.com/life/homes/2017/10/23/zero-waste-lifestyle-is-healthier-easier-cheaper-than-you-might-think.html>

A Challenge or An Invitation:

In the gospel of Luke (5:17-26) we read about the paralyzed man being brought by his friends, through the open roof and lowered in front of Jesus. Jesus heals the paralyzed man. Many of our family members, friends and coworkers are paralyzed, unable to move, frozen in regard to Christ and the Church. It may be because of a priest or some parishioners, what they said or did, they might have been misinformed or many other reasons. Your job as a friend and a believer is to bring them back to receive healing. The healing might be a word of encouragement, a letter, a phone call, a text or an email away. So I invite you or challenge you, to invite one such person to join us for Christmas Mass as we celebrate the birth of Christ. *Fr. Francis*

IN OUR PARISH

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: next session is **January 10th, 2018**. Please join us in the New Year to learn more about Sacraments.

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.

ALTAR SERVERS: The Altar Server Ministry is in need of new servers for the upcoming 2017-18 year. Registration forms are now available online or at the parish office. Servers choose their preferred mass time and are asked to assist at special celebrations and masses throughout the year. Students entering Grade 4 and up are welcome to register to volunteer with this ministry. New servers will have an opportunity to be trained and shadow serve before officially starting. Please consider assisting at the Table of the Lord as this is an important and rewarding ministry. For further info. contact Mrs. Gabriela at gabriella.starcevic@gmail.com or visit the parish website.



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.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Children are welcome to participate in a special choir for Christmas Eve family mass at 5 pm. **Rehearsal** will be on **December 22nd** at **5:30 pm** in the Parish.

FAMILY SKATING PARTY: Mark your calendars St. Raphael Parish is hosting a family free skate at the pond on **Saturday December 30th, 10 am to 12 pm**. Father



Francis and Father Roshan invite you, your family and your friends bring your own skates and enjoy a morning skate. The address is the Burlington Pond, 845 Harrington Court, Unit #8 Burlington Ontario L7N 3P3.

YEAR-END DONATIONS: Parishioners and visitors who wish to make a year-end donation to St. Raphael Parish for 2017 should do so **on or before Sunday 31st, 2017 by 11 am** donations received by this date will be receipted for 2017. Donations received after Dec 31st, 11 am will be receipted for 2018. As a registered charitable organization, the parish must comply with these CRA guidelines. Your understanding and your timely support is appreciated.

GIFTS OF SECURITIES: Donating stocks or mutual fund shares is one of the smartest ways to support the Church while realizing significant tax savings. When you give a gift of shares to a registered charity, there are no capital gains taxes applied to the fully realized amount of the gift. In this way, the Church receives the full value of the securities, you receive a tax receipt for the full value of the gift, and you pay no capital gains tax on any increase in the price of those donated securities. For more information about making a gift of securities or to download a Share Transfer Form, visit www.hamiltondiocese.com/stewardship-and-development/securities or contact Francis Doyle by email at fdoyle@hamiltondiocese.com or by phone 905-528-7988 ext. 2235. All calls are confidential.

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.

ST. RAPHAEL'S 2ND ANNUAL CHILLI CHALLENGE: on **January 20th 2018**, who will have the best chilli this year? Enter your chilli to win. There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize to win. If you do not want to enter a chilli come out and be a judge and taste them all. Buns butter and salad will be served with your chilli dinner. Tickets for **adults are \$10** and for **families the ticket is \$25**. It is also a bring your own beer, wine, pop event. Please sign up to enter your chilli at the table where the tickets are being sold. Everything will be explained there. For further questions please call Renata at 905-637-2457 or e-mail galwayrenata@gmail.com. Make it a family night and come out for some great laughs and fun. There will be tables of eight so please ask family friends.

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)

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