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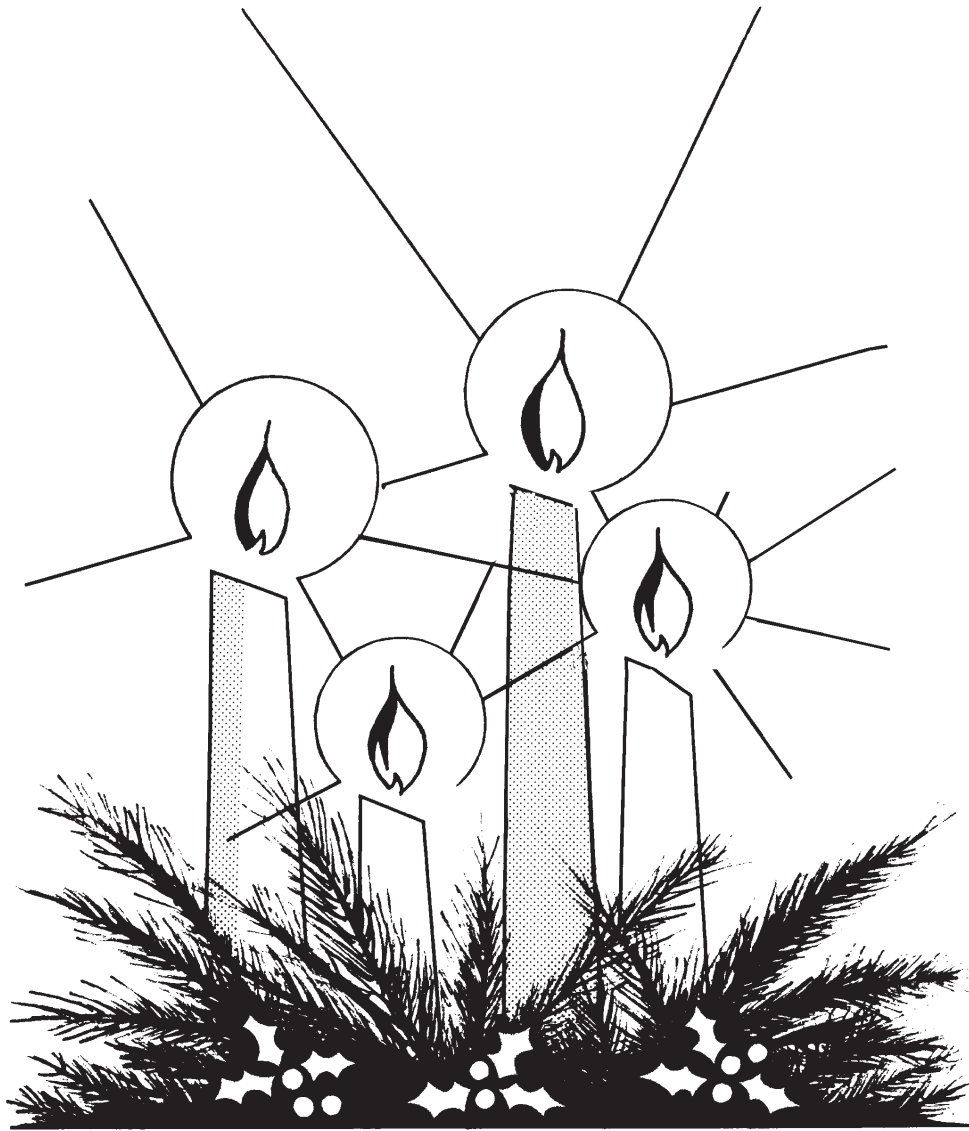
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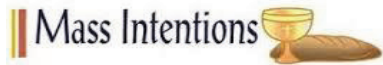
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Advent

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Monday, December 20 at 9:00 am
† Ronaldo Santos

Tuesday, December 21 at 9:00 am
Ints. Charlie & David Kelner

Wednesday, December 22 at 9:00 am
† Rebecca Reynoso Del Carmin

Thursday, December 23 at 9:00 am
Ints. Fr. Maurice Richard; † Fred Reaume; † John Carubba
† Claire Fedeyko; † Norah Masterson; † Luisa Candelaria

Christmas Eve - Friday, December 24
4:00 pm † John Yurincich
6:00 pm † Joseph, Mona & Angela Mattiacci
8:00 pm Ints. Joan Pfister
10:00 pm † Tony Ogborn

Christmas Day - Saturday, December 25
8:30 am Ints. The Fowler Family
10:00 am † Joe & Betty Nedelko
12 noon † Norah Masterson

Sunday, December 26 – Feast of the Holy Family
9:00 am For Our Parishioners
11:00 am Mass of Thanksgiving for
Victoria & Warren Chenery & Family

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 prayers for a loved one or to have them included in the Prayers of the Faithful, call the Parish Office by Tuesday morning.

On the **Fourth Sunday of Advent** the reading from Micah reminds us that of the seemingly unimportant town of Bethlehem, "from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel." Luke's gospel offers again the story of Mary visiting her cousin. Elizabeth understands Mary's situation and praises God saying, "How does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy."

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 continues to write: "...to be serenely present to each reality, however small it may be, opens us to much greater horizons of understanding and personal fulfillment. Christian spirituality proposes a growth marked by moderation and the capacity to be happy with little. It is a return to that simplicity which allows us to stop and appreciate the small things, to be grateful for the opportunities which life affords us, to be spiritually detached from what we possess, and not to succumb to sadness for what we lack. This implies avoiding the dynamic of dominion and the mere accumulation of pleasures."
Laudato Si #222

The Perfect Christmas Gift: just a dream or an actual reality? It is not always easy to make or purchase the perfect gift; indeed, gifts are often left in the dustbin or not used at all, causing a waste of money and resources and more unwanted Stuff!!!

Remembering that **the greatest gift of Christmas is Jesus himself**, will help us to appreciate the love of our families and friends. Spending time with our families and friends this Christmas in simple meal celebrations, and activities can be enjoyable, life affirming and fun.

Whatever you do this Christmas, keep it simple and remember the many gifts that God has blessed us with in our lives! Peace and Joy to you and your family!

<https://newdream.org/resources/tips-15-tips-for-commercial-free-fun-filled-family-holidays>

Merry Christmas! Wishing you and your family true Christmas Joy and Peace!

A Christmas Meal Prayer, written by Cecilia Racine

Creator of the Stars of night, we rejoice in your heavenly light! In the peace of this season our spirits are filled with joy, with the angels and the shepherds and the stars.

Thank you for Christmas Day and the Gift of your Son Jesus who came to dwell among us!

With Mary and Joseph, we sing our praises,

As all of time stands still, and like children we dream of a time when there will be peace!

A time when the lion will lay down with the lamb, a time when all people will share equally in the gifts of creation!

By your coming to dwell among us, may the hungry be filled, may love, respect and acceptance for all people abound! May our table and home be blessed!

Thank you for your many gifts and especially the gift of each other, bless what we are about to share through your bounty. And help us to treasure the memory of our gathering this day in our hearts.

Amen.



IN OUR PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

December 12, 2021

Envelopes (116)	\$3,703
Loose	\$40

Thank you for your continued support!

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

MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve: Friday, December 24th

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

Christmas Day: Saturday, December 25th

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

Feast of the Holy Family
Sunday, December 26th

9:00 am, 11:00 am

Feast of Mary Mother of God

New Year's Eve: Friday, December 31st

5:00 pm

New Year's Day: Saturday, January 1st

9:00 am, 11:00 am

Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday, January 2nd

9:00 am, 11:00 am

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

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE STAMP PROJECT: Please continue to save your cancelled stamps from Christmas Cards and any other mail. The Stamp Project raises funds for Development and Peace to support their ongoing Social Justice work. 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!



"THIRD SATURDAYS" BIBLE STUDY:

Women of all ages join us via Webinar **January 15th**, at **9:30 am**. 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.

SUNDAY FUNNY:



Q: Why do reindeer have fur coats?

A: Because they look silly in snow suits.



TREE OF HOPE FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD:

Thank you for your great contributions to our Tree of Hope for the Good Shepherd. You provided more than one hundred pairs of PJs, 5 large boxes of toys, two bags of cosmetics for youths and \$1000.00 dollars in gift cards, plus two bags of knitted or crocheted goods. Thank you for spreading your blessings to those in need.



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.



HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:

Thursday, Dec. 23 rd	9 am – 4 pm
Dec. 24 th to Dec. 28 th	CLOSED
Wednesday, Dec. 29 th	9 am – 4 pm
Thursday, Dec. 30 th	9 am – 4 pm
Dec. 31 st to Jan. 3 rd	CLOSED
Tuesday, Jan. 4 th onwards	9 am – 4 pm

PLEASE NOTE BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

Mon. December 20th at 9 am for January 2nd bulletin.

2021 YEAR-END DONATIONS: Parishioners and visitors who wish to make a year-end donation to St. Raphael parish for 2021 are encouraged to do so **by the end of 11 am Mass on Sunday December 26th**. Donations received after December 30th at 3 pm will be receipted for 2022. Your understanding and timely support is appreciated.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS – CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF CHRIST THE KING, HAMILTON

His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, will celebrate Midnight Mass on Dec. 25th. The Mass will be preceded by Carols at 11:30 pm on December 24. Watch live on Salt+Light Television or CHCH-TV. A limited number of tickets are still available: call (905) 522-5744 to reserve.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOST BIG BAND MUSIC:



After a long wait, the Knights of Columbus of Burlington are hosting an afternoon of "Big Band Music" at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre featuring the Toronto All-Star Big Band on

Sunday, Jan. 30 at 2 pm. The price per ticket is \$48.00. Call the box office at 905-681-6000 or visit:

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