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Served by the Holy Cross Fathers

Fr. Francis Salasiar C.S.C. - Pastor

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Monday, December 24

5:00 pm + John Yurincich
 8:00 p.m. + Tony Ogborn
 10:00 p.m. + Tony Ogborn

Tuesday, December 25

8:30 a.m. + Tony Ogborn
 10:00 a.m. + Ron Chapman
 12:00 p.m Ints. Mass of Thanksgiving

Wednesday, December 26 at 9:00 a.m.
 + Emil Komac

Thursday, December 27 at 9:00 a.m.

Ints. Pat Ogborn; + Shirley Godin;
 + Jerry Gomez; + Jason LaFontaine;
 + Jack Griffin; + Lorna Melder

Friday, December 28 at 9:00 a.m.

+ Waltrande Desmarteau

Saturday, December 29 at 5:00 p.m.

Ints. Rita Donnelly; + Kevin Zelowsky;
 + Jason LaFontaine; + Norma Clarke;
 + Waltrande Desmarteau; + Robert Laug

Sunday, December 30

9:00 a.m. + Paul Alley
 11:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners



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!

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

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!*

Week 4: *In God's story, you are just right! Be hopeful!*

After having prepared to be ourselves, to be in touch with our core. We have allowed ourselves to be vulnerable and have learned to overcome our fear and learned to be brave. And by becoming brave we have shown in our action of welcoming and including everyone. And now it is time to acknowledge that in God's story, you are just right! Be hopeful! Hopeful that God would find us being ready and being prepared when he comes.

Merry Christmas

On behalf of Fr. Roshan and myself I want to wish you and your family and friends a joyful and Merry Christmas. As you enjoy the beauty of this season and celebrate the gift of our Savior may He fill you with Joy and surround you with Love. Our Prayerful wishes to you all. We are so glad that you are able to join us to celebrate the birth of Christ. *Fr. Francis*

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.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent begins a brief, two-day final week of Advent. The reading from Micah reminds us that from 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's going to visit her cousin. Elizabeth understands immediately 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."

IN OUR PARISH



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, Dec 16th *please see next bulletin*
Thank you for your continued support!

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.



BOOMERANG CARDS: There will be no cards on **Mon. Dec 24th** or **Mon. Dec 31st**. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Cards will resume on Mon. Jan 7th, 2019.



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.



WOMEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION: FEBRUARY 2nd Mark your calendars ladies for our annual Women's Day at St. Raphael's Parish. Treat yourself to a beautiful day in sharing of our faith, and connecting with other women. Our theme is Journey to Holiness. Tickets will be on sale starting the weekend of January 12/13th. Any questions please call Leony Hettinger (289-795-1559) More information to follow. Save the date, you won't want to miss it!

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)



2019 WORLD WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: South Burlington

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church & Address</u>
Sun. Jan. 13	7 PM	Port Nelson United 3132 South Drive
Mon. Jan. 14	7 PM	St. Raphael Catholic 4072 New Street
Tues. Jan. 15	11 AM	Appleby United 4407 Spruce Avenue
Wed. Jan 16	7 PM	New Street CRC 3416 New Street
Thurs. Jan. 17	7 PM	Holy Cross Lutheran 3455 Lakeshore Rd
Fri. Jan 18	7 PM	Knox Presbyterian 261 Elizabeth Street

Regular Monthly prayer time – Every Second Monday of the Month.

Mon. Feb 11 7:30pm New Street CRC
3416 New Street

Hope to see you there. For questions, please call Frank and Wilma 905-870-0641

FUNERAL LUNCHEON CHRISTMAS GATHERING: ladies from this ministry met for lunch at the Mandarin. A good time was had by all. Thank you to the ladies for their generous gift. It was most appreciated. Marlene



HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, December 24: 9AM - NOON
Tuesday, December 25: Closed
Wednesday, December 26 - Closed
December 27th – 28th: 9AM – 4PM
Monday, December 31: 9AM - NOON
Tuesday January 1: Closed
Wednesday January 2: Closed
January 3 – 4: 9AM – 4 PM

IN OUR COMMUNITY

THIS CHRISTMAS GIVE THE GIFT OF MUSIC: KoC presents **"The Best of Broadway"** on **Sun. January 20th, from 2 pm - 4:30 pm** at **The Burlington Performing Arts Centre**. \$45 per ticket. Reserve your seat on line at www.burlingtonpac.ca or by calling the box office at 905-681-6000.

THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON: One Heart, One Soul Campaign to raise money for every parish in the Diocese. Answers to Frequently Asked Questions appear in parish bulletins and are available at oneheartonesoul.ca. **What kind of financial transparency can we expect during the campaign and beyond?** Transparency is a top priority for the Diocese. Summaries of diocesan financial reports from 2012 through 2017 are on the diocesan website, and copies of the full reports are available from the Diocese's financial office. Regular updates of campaign goals, projects and fundraising will be communicated during the campaign through a number of avenues – the website, emails, social media, to name a few.

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