

# ST RAPHAEL PARISH COMMUNITY

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*Served by the Holy Cross Fathers*

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Mass Intentions** 

(† = Deceased Intention; Int = Intentions of...;  
Thx = Thanksgiving)

Mon. Dec. 25, 8:30am	Int. Maria Corazon Legaspi
Mon. Dec. 25, 10am	† Joe & Betty Nedelko
Mon. Dec. 25, 12 noon	† Concetta & Antonio Zumpano
Tue. Dec. 26, 9am	Int. Zosita Manigque
Wed. Dec. 27, 9am	† Nestorio Aguila Jr.
Thu. Dec. 28, 9am	Int. Paula Ospina
Thx. Jonathan Fowler	Int. Jonathan Fowler
Int. Nicolle Blanco	† Walfrido Landicho
† Jim Cox	† Peter Lavryssen
Friday, Dec. 29, 9am	† Martin Perusini
Saturday, Dec. 30, 5pm	Int. Alex Tardicilla
Int. Robert Tardicilla	† John Yurincich
† Tony D'Olimpio	† Lucina Supleo
† Martin Perusini	† Souls in Purgatory

<b>Please pray for:</b>	Lori Stokes
Vincent Stanford	Janet Stokes

*Names on this list will remain for a period of four weeks to allow space for other names. Please phone the parish office before Tuesday morning to have a name added.*

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A ROMAN CATHOLIC OR LEARNING MORE ABOUT YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH?**



Then maybe the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the place for you. The RCIA journey introduces the beliefs and practices of the Roman Catholic Church

through a series of prayerful reflections, video presentations, faith sharing and small group discussions designed to help participants to become full members of the Catholic Church. Classes (usually 75 minutes long) are paused for the Christmas break but will continue on **Wednesday, January 10 at 7:00pm** with the topic **“The Sacraments: Baptism & Confirmation”** All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact the parish office.

**2024 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 to reduce waste. For assistance, please contact the office.

**SIMBANG GOBI (ADVENT NOVENA MASS):**



CFC - Handmaids of The Lord, - Hamilton - St. Catharines, As we complete our 9 days of Novena Prayer and Holy Mass, called Simbang Gobi (daily Advent Novena Mass) we would like to thank everyone who attended. During these Masses we have prayed for the intentions of our parish families.

**FESTIVAL OF FAMILIES DINNER & DANCE:** On December 30, on the feast of Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we invite you for a Potluck Dinner to celebrate our faith in our Chirstian Family.  
6:00pm - Recitation of Holy Rosary  
6:30pm - Festival of Families – Potluck Dinner and Dance in the Parish Centre.  
Please sign up at the back of the church. All are welcome.

**SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass**  
Sat, Dec 23 – 5:00 PM  
Sun, Dec 24 – 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

**Christmas Eve Children's Mass with Pageant**  
Sun, 24 Dec - 5:00 PM

**Christmas Eve Mass**  
Sun, 24 Dec - 8:00 PM & 10:00 PM

**Midnight Mass**  
Mon, 25 Dec - 12:00 Midnight

**Christmas Mass**  
Mon, 25 Dec - 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon

**Feast of the Holy Family**  
Sat, Dec 30 2023 – 5:00pm Mass  
Sat, Dec 30 2023 – 6:00pm Rosary  
Sat, Dec 30 2023 - Potluck dinner & dance  
Sun, Dec 31 2023 – 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

**Feast of Mary the Mother of God**  
Sun, Dec 31, 2023 – 5:00 PM  
Mon, Jan 1, 2024 – 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM



**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:**  
Saturday, Dec. 23: 3:30PM – 6:30 PM  
Dec. 24 - 27: CLOSED  
Thursday, Dec. 28: 9AM – 4PM  
Friday Dec. 29: 9AM – 4PM  
Saturday, Dec. 30: 3:30 PM – 6:30 PM  
December 31 - Jan 2: CLOSED  
Wednesday, Jan 3: 9AM – 4 PM  
Thursday, Jan 4: CLOSED  
Friday, Jan 5: normal office hours resume

**MERRY CHRISTMAS! WISHING YOU ALL A GRACE FILLED NEW YEAR:** On the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we light the last Candle in the Advent Wreath, as we complete the circle of preparation for the birth of our Saviour. We now focus on the Centre of the Circle where a *white candle* is ready to be lit on Christmas day – *a symbol of Christ* – The True Light of the world. So let the Light of Christ flow into us and let's put God at the center of our lives.

On behalf of the Parish Community of St. Raphael, we would like to wish all of you a Blessed and grace-filled Christmas Celebration. May the birth of Christ help us to deepen our love, strengthen our faith and reassure our hope in God, bringing peace and joy to the world.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to make our Advent Season and Christmas Season more meaningful and celebratory. The simple beauty of our liturgical environment and community prayer is the result of the rich personal gifts and talents of many in our Parish. We continue to serve with our 40 different ministries and thank you for sharing with everyone your time, talent and treasure.

During this Year of Ministry, we invite you to join in one of these ministries.

*Fr. Wilson*

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT:** From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God's plan for her life and she said "Yes!"...and so the Saviour came into the world. Pray to know God's Will for your life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world. If you think God is calling you to do this as a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)  
[hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)

**NATIVITY OF THE LORD:** We celebrate the birth of our Lord into our world; however, many have not received the birth of our Lord into their hearts. If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon. If God is calling you, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)  
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**2023 YEAR-END DONATIONS:** Parishioners and visitors who wish to make a year-end donation to St. Raphael parish for 2023 are encouraged to do so **by Saturday, December, 30.** Donations received after Dec. 31 will be receipted for 2023. Your understanding and timely support is appreciated

**BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS DEADLINES:** Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at 9am for Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> bulletin.

**MINISTRIES AT ST. RAPHAEL PARISH:** There are so many ministries here at St. Raphael Parish. If you'd like to be more involved in the life of the parish by joining one or more, please contact the parish office, 905-637-2346, [staphaelburlington@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:staphaelburlington@hamiltondiocese.com) and we will connect you with the ministry coordinator.

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8. Volunteers Screening Program
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10. Hall

#### **Liturgical Life**

1. Liturgy Committee
2. Prayer Groups
3. Lectors
4. Eucharistic Ministers
5. Choir
6. Ministry to the sick/Homebound
7. Funeral Liturgy
8. Altar Servers
9. Ushers
10. St. Bro. Andre Healing Ministry

#### **Sacramental Formation**

1. Children's liturgy
2. Youth Group (12 to 19)
3. Young Adults (20 – 40)
4. Couples' Ministry
5. Baptism
6. RCIA – Faith Formation
7. 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation/ Holy Communion
8. Confirmation
9. Vocation Promotion/Discernment
10. Grief: Funeral Luncheon

#### **Community Service**

1. St Raphael's School community
2. St. Paul School Community
3. Assumption School
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