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Feast of the Holy Family

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



Monday, December 30 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Fr. Ranjan D'Sa

Tuesday, December 31
9:00 a.m. + Duncan McNeil
5:00 p.m. + Franco Biello

Wednesday, January 1 at 10:00 a.m.
+ Richard Vieira

Thursday, January 2 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Edward Castellano;
+ Viorica Bulai; + John McCarthy

Friday, January 3
9:00 a.m. + Steve Dougherty
7:00 p.m. + Mariannina Perrazzini

Saturday, January 4 at 5:00 p.m.
Ints. Pat Grant;
+ Bill Jennings; + Eva Murray

Sunday, January 5
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners
11:00 a.m. + Hank Forani



ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER
Pope Francis writes: "Care for nature is part of a lifestyle which includes the capacity for living together and communion. Jesus reminded us that we have God as our common Father and that this makes us brothers and sisters. Fraternal love can only be gratuitous; it can never be a means of repaying others for what they have done or will do for us. That is why it is possible to love our enemies. This same gratuitousness inspires us to love and accept the wind, the sun and the clouds, even though we cannot control them. In this sense, we can speak of a "universal fraternity". Laudato Si #228

At the beginning of the New Year, our hearts and minds turn to New Year's Resolutions! Perhaps our resolutions for this year could include a way that we might develop ecological attitudes and environmentally friendly habits that would support our efforts towards peace and justice in our world and a deeper appreciation of God's gift of our beautiful planet.

"Green" New Year's Resolutions: Sustainability Starts at Home. Consider working towards **Zero waste in your Home: Follow the 5 R's; Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rot! Buy Less and Use less of Everything! Think, "Do I need it or Do I want it"?**
Involve your whole family in Energy Conservation: "Last out, Lights out! "And talk to your kids why this is important! Commit to moving toward eliminating **"Single use Plastics"**: straws, bags, containers.
<https://harmony1.com/green-new-years-resolutions/>
This New Year make a commitment with yourself to be become more familiar with Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter Laudato Si, On care of our Common Home!****

Please pray for the following:

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| John Scharer | Nicola Izzi | Barbara Kennedy |
| Mary Berry | Sarah Scharer | Maritza Garcia |
| Doug Pudsey | Jim Singer | Gonzalez |
| Peggy Evans | Elizabeth Talatala | Milan Heck |
| Jill Ascah | Asia Rae Landry | Helen Weppler |
| Lee Olds | Noah Landry | Jane Urquhart |
| Stephen Pustai | Alison Zierl | Laith Yousif |
| Michael Smart | Rosario Herve | Mary Lilly |
| Kyle Elliott | Jill Olds | Vincent Stanford |
| Karen Beeho | Joanne Pringle | Lucie Jennings |
| Pat Malcolm | Aileen Smith | Frank Clarke |
| Elizabeth Elder | Robert Connelly | Marie Bond |
| Michael Colameco | Jones Rodney | Tony Hymes |
| Joseph & Madeleine | Barbara Fisher | Ron Robertson |
| Zucco | Laurie Suddaby | Gary Olds |

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.



A SPECIAL WELCOME to all new members and visitors of St. Raphael Parish. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Francis and Fr. Roshan.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Dec. 22nd and Dec. 25th please see next bulletin.
Thank you for your continued support!

The **Sunday that follows Christmas** is the celebration of **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**. The gospel from **Matthew** is the story of the angel appearing to Joseph in a dream, telling him to flee with Mary and their newborn son, Jesus, to Egypt so Herod could not find them. After a time, they returned and lived in Nazareth, "so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, he shall be called a Nazorean."

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Happy New Year!

The New Year can often bring a mixed bag of emotions and memories for many of us. Some may have just experienced the best year ever and look forward to an even greater one looming ahead. Others may have just slogged through one deep struggle after another. The fresh calendar year brings desperate hope for things to be better, with an ache for the still-fresh wounds to slowly begin their process of healing. Let us not forget that Our God is "with us" – Emmanuel. So, we pray,

Dear God,

Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day.

May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time. We ask this through your son Jesus who is born for us. Amen.

On behalf of the Parish Staff, we wish you all, a Happy and a Prosperous New Year.

IN OUR PARISH

ADORATION, PRAISE, WORSHIP AND MASS: Please join our parishioners in a church wide adoration and praise and worship on **Friday, January 3rd at 7pm.** All are welcome to spend time with the Lord.



CHRISTIAN MOVIE NIGHT: Every first Monday of the month at 7pm in our Parish Centre (until May). This month join us on **Jan. 6th** for **"The**

Rock and the Rabbi" on Jan. 6th. It is rated G. This is an audio musical play about the friendship between Peter (the Rock) and Jesus (the Rabbi). Peter narrates his thoughts, feelings, misgivings, sorrows and joys.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: Please place cancelled stamps from Christmas cards/letters in the large envelope on the Social Justice Board in the Parish Foyer for a D&P fundraiser. Thank you and Happy New Year!



CHRISTIANS ON A JOURNEY: Everyone is welcome to attend. For any questions, please call Wilma or Frank 905-870-0641.

***Mon. Jan. 19** starts the "World Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" times and places TBA

***Sun. Jan. 26 - 12:30pm** - Speaker on "From Refugee to Resettlement"- **Port Nelson** (3132 South Drive)

2020 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Please pick up your envelopes in the parish entrance, by the elevator, sorted alphabetically by last name. Please contact the office if you currently don't have envelopes but would like a box. Forms to enroll in our Pre-Authorized Giving Plan are also available. For assistance please contact the parish office.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: interested in becoming a member? Call the SSVP Hotline 905-681-6394 (also listed on the cover of the Parish Bulletin). For more information, see our bulletin board in the church foyer.



WE NEED HELP TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY: by bringing communion to people who are homebound or in long

term care or in the hospital. What a beautiful, helpful and rewarding ministry! If you have about an hour or two every 4 weeks to give to this ministry, please call for information. We will help in every way we can, questions, training, etc. Please inquire, call Wilma 905-870-0641.

2019 YEAR-END DONATIONS: Parishioners and visitors who wish to make a year-end donation to St. Raphael parish for 2019 are encouraged to do so **by the end of 11am Mass on Sunday December 29th.** Donations received after Dec 31st at 10am will be receipted for 2020. As a registered charitable organization, the parish must comply with these CRA Guidelines. Your understanding and timely support is appreciated.



BOOMERANG CARDS: There will be **no cards** on **Mon. Dec 30th.** Cards will resume Mon. Jan 7th.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR NEW YEARS
Feast of Mary Mother of God

New Year Eve: Tuesday, December 31st
5:00 pm

New Year's Day: Wednesday, 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)



THANK YOU TO OUR MINISTRIES: On behalf of the pastoral team, we would like to thank **all the volunteers** who spent a lot of time in making this season of Christmas, a joyful celebration. Thanks to all the *Readers, Altar servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, all the Choirs, Decorating Committee, Ushers, and Offertory Counters.* A special thanks to *all the participants, their families and the co-ordinators* who took part in the Christmas Story play and the dramatization of the gospel for the 5 pm Christmas Eve Eucharistic celebration. Each of your contributions has helped all of us to experience the joy of Christ's birth and made it a meaningful celebration for our community. We are indeed a vibrant and joyful community. Let us continue to share this joy with one another.

THANK YOU: We would like to thank all parishioners who brought in flowers to our Parish for Christmas. The plants looked lovely and the church was radiant with the flowers arranged by the Decorating Committee. Thank-you to everyone involved!



HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, December 30: 9AM – 4PM
Tuesday, December 31: 9AM - NOON
Wednesday, January 1: Closed
Thursday, January 2: Closed
Friday, January 3: 9AM – 4 PM
Saturday January 4: 3:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Sunday January 5: 9 AM – 1 PM

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Healthy Relationships Share Common Skills – Come and Learn More! "Keys to Loving Relationships" is a ten week video-based program married, dating, or single people can use to develop the skills needed to have a truly meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better "me" in all your relationships! The program is offered in both Kitchener and Hamilton for **\$45.** **St. Mark's Parish, 55 Driftwood Drive, Kitchener** **Tuesday evenings January 28th - March 24th from 7pm to 9pm.** **Chancery Office, 700 King ST. W., Hamilton** **Thursday evenings March 26th – June 4th from 7pm to 9pm.** For more info. or to register, call the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249 or register at: www.hamiltondiocese.com.

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