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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

The Diocese of Hamilton HamiltonDiocese.com Holy Cross Vocations www.holycrossvocationscanada.com
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FIRST DAY OF THE LORD IN ADVENT



Monday, December 4 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Pauline Morand

Tuesday, December 5 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Ronald Gili Ross

Wednesday, December 6 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Adam Byczek

Thursday, December 7 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Family & Friends of Elizabeth Scarff
Ints. Jim Cohen; + Michael Canty; + Dennis Fisher;
+ Diane Hodge; + Michael Hennesy

Friday, December 8 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Mildred Kennedy

Saturday, December 9 at 5:00 p.m.
+ Julian Anders; + Michael Szkitalinski;
+ Rina Saturnino; + Joe Dunne;
+ Epifanio & Nora Braganza;
+ Anne Somerville; + Joan Marie Neill

Sunday, December 10
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners
11:00 a.m. +Dennis Fisher

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	Estelle Jantz	Jane Urquhart
Jill Ascah	Helen Sheehan	Laith Yousif
Lee Olds	Shelly Sterling	Michael Colameco
Stephen Pustai	Ernie Piche	Maria Szkitalinski

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, November 26th \$5264.00

Thank you for your continued support!

Sunday is the beginning of a new liturgical year with the **First Sunday of Advent**. The first reading from the **Prophet Isaiah** as the people repent before God: "Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways!" **Mark's gospel** offers the image of the master who leaves his servants in charge while he is away. Be watchful! Be alert!

*"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

"The season of Advent is a reminder to us to open our horizons and have concern for more than just material things." Pope Francis 11/27/2016

What's the Eco-Footprint of Christmas?

With approximately \$75 billion spent on Christmas gifts, 1.9 billion cards sent, and 20.8 million Christmas trees cut in the U.S. alone, the impact of this one holiday is immense. While worldwide information is hard to come by, the Australian Conservation Foundation reports a minimum of 2,285,000 tonnes of greenhouse pollution contributed to Christmas in Australia alone! Reduce your Eco Footprint this Christmas!
<https://theconversation.com/five-ways-to-reduce-your-eco-footprint-this-christmas-51735>

Buy a green plant for a loved one. Plants, seasonal bulbs, herbs and trees provide enjoyment and hope that last long past Christmas. Purchase a fabric bag as a gift that can be folded and easily carried for shopping. Purchase a refillable water bottle as a gift for family members and friends, and buy one for yourself while you are at it! Send e-cards and Christmas greetings rather than buying and sending cards in the mail. If you are thinking of purchasing a Christmas tree, buy a live tree that can be composted after Christmas or consider a live tree in a pot that can be planted in the spring! Think Green this Christmas!

Make a charitable donation to an organization or family in need in lieu of gifts for family members! St. Raphael St. Vincent de Paul supports approximately 80 families in our community! For Green Christmas ideas visit:

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

ADVENT JOURNEY:

We often miss Advent's power because these December weeks are full of secular Christmas parties and preparations for Christmas. Each year, the busyness of this season serves to distract us from having an Advent season that truly prepares us for the celebration of Christmas, with all its meaning. As announced last week, I invite all of you to journey with intention, be it shopping, be it cooking, be it visiting someone, take time to think, why are you doing, what you are doing. May you have a blessed Advent Season. Fr. Francis

IN OUR PARISH

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT: Just a reminder that the **SIGN UP** for those children wishing to participate in this year's Christmas Eve Youth Mass (at 5 pm Dec 24th) is this **Sunday, Dec. 3rd at 1 pm in the St. Francis Room** (downstairs near the parish centre). Children of all ages, wishing to be characters, readers or in the choir, are welcome. No experience necessary, BUT participation in two rehearsals is mandatory. Contact Charlie @905-681-6221 or bcarpenter2@cogeco.ca.



LADIES COFFEE MORNING: All Ladies are invited this **Wednesday, December 6th** at **9:30 am** in the St. Francis Room.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: Please join us on **December 6th at 7 pm to 8 pm in the Parish Centre** for an **"Introduction to the New Testament"** which focuses on "special introduction" that is historical questions dealing with authorship, date, sources, purpose, destination, and so forth. During the session we will be exploring several major subject areas, such as the history of the period in which the NT was written; and the social and cultural milieu in which early Christians lived. You're cordially invited to journey along with Jesus as his followers. Hope to see you all



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: members will be collecting after all Masses **next weekend**. Envelopes are available at the back of the church for those requiring receipts at the end of the year for tax purposes.



CHRISTIANS ON A JOURNEY: meet every **second Monday** of the month for prayer and fellowship at **7:30 PM**. Please join us on **December 11th at St. Raphael Parish**. Please call Wilma or Frank 905-870-0641 for more information.



CWL: Fa la la... Fa la la la... A CWL Christmas Social will be held on Tuesday, **December 12th at 6:30 pm** in the Parish Centre. We invite all members to join us and bring a friend for an evening of tasty food; caroling and Christmas games. We will be providing appetizers and beverages. If you wish to bring an appetizer that would be great. Please email thesheehanes@gmail.com or call Helen Sheehan at 905-634-7481 to let us know that you will be attending.

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.

CHILDREN'S ADVENT PARTY: A big THANK YOU to all the merry elves that helped with organizing, setting up, running the tables and cleaning up after this event. Our sincere thanks to Santa, who took the time to come for a visit. Of course, it would not have been a party had it not been for all the wonderful families who came to participate. Happy Advent!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: who can spare 2-3 hours of their time in a month to take the Eucharist to the homebound or hospitalized. If you are interested please contact the office. Proper training will be provided.

NEW SUNDAY MISSALS: If you would like your own copy of the 2017 - 2018 Sunday Missals please purchase them in the Religious Article Store for \$5 after mass.

YOUTH CHOIR: Any youth who would like to sing at the 7 pm Adorations Mass (every first Friday of the month) and/or at the 5 pm Family Christmas Mass please call the office (905-637-2346) or email: office@straphaels.ca



ATTENTION CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE SNOWBIRDS: please renew your membership before you fly south. Kindly insert \$25.00 in the C.W.L. blue envelope found in the 2018 offertory envelope (available December 3rd) with your name; full address; telephone number and email. You can drop it off at the parish office or simply include it in the offertory basket at Mass. If you need more information, please contact Helen @ 905-634-7481.

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS: Next year we will be celebrating the 60 years anniversary of our Parish. In preparation and to celebrate that occasion we will have the pictorial directory of the parish. So, please sign up to take your family photos next year, after the weekend masses. More details to come.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: Please note the following submission deadlines for bulletin announcements: Friday, December 8th at 9 am for December 17th bulletin Wed. December 13th at 9 am for the Christmas bulletin Monday, December 18th at 9 am for the Dec. 31st bulletin.

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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