

# ST RAPHAEL PARISH COMMUNITY

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*Served by the Holy Cross Fathers*



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<b>OFFICE HOURS</b>	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
		<i>closed on Statutory Holidays</i>

## 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
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## 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.

## SACRAMENTS BAPTISMS & BECOMING ROMAN CATHOLIC

- For newborns, any weekend Mass.
- For school aged children, after being catechized.
- For adults interested in becoming Roman Catholic call the office for more information.

## 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](http://www.TheCatholicCemeteries.ca)

## PARISH SCHOOLS

- Assumption High School  
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**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HOTLINE**  
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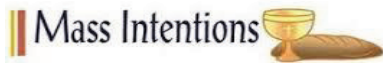
## Archangel St. Raphael "God is my Healer"

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*

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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

Monday, Dec. 4	Int. Donald Gravelle
Tuesday, Dec. 5	Int. Gilda Jones
Wednesday, Dec. 6	† Mary Germann
Thursday, Dec. 7	† Gloria Mogridge
† Norman Mitson	† Martin Perusini
† Joseph Fauteux	† Nancy Stocken
† Salvatore Bondi	† Souls in Purgatory
Friday, Dec. 8, 9am	Int. Isaac Mercurio
Saturday, Dec. 9	† Tara Lynn Giuliani
† Melania Lim	† Frank Fioravanti
† Julian Anders	† Chomyshin-Boulais Family
† Victoriano Canillas	† Epifanio & Nora Braganza
† Celedonio Tito	† Maria & Michael Szkitalinski
Sunday, Dec 10, 9am	† Francis Onuska

**NEW SUNDAY MISSALS:** If you would like your own copy of the 2023-2024 Sunday Missal, please pick one up in the church lobby after Mass (suggested donation \$5).

**Please pray for:**  
Peter Lavryssen                      Vincent Stanford

*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.*

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Nov 26, 2023

Envelopes (133)	\$2,791
Loose	\$728
November Building Collection (40)	\$826

*Thank you for your generous support*

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CHRISTMAS GATHERING:**



Just a reminder: The Catholic Women's League Christmas gathering will be on Sunday Dec.10<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm til 7 pm in the church hall for Bingo and Pot Luck.

Please contact Charlie with what you are bringing (bought or made) and if you need a ride. 905-681-6221 or [bcarpenter2@cogeco.ca](mailto:bcarpenter2@cogeco.ca) ---ALL ALL LADIES WELCOME

**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) continue on **Wednesday, December 6 at 7:00pm** with the topic **"Mary & the Saints: Our Mother & the Communion of Saints"** All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact the parish office.



**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE (DEC 24<sup>TH</sup>) 5 PM PAGEANT:**

All children wishing to participate in this year's Christmas Eve Pageant must register and be able to attend both rehearsals. Rehearsals will be at 12:15 pm on Sunday Dec 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> (for approximately one hour).

I will be available Sunday Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> after the 5pm and Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> after the 11 am mass for questions. For those **NOT** already registered, please contact Charlie at 905-681-6221 or [bcarpenter2@cogeco.ca](mailto:bcarpenter2@cogeco.ca) No Experience necessary



**BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD ADVENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN:**

Women are invited to join our prayerful Advent Retreat for Women on **Saturday, December 9, from 9am to noon.** The program for the morning consists of a Eucharistic Liturgy, *Praying in Colour*, Lectio Divina, and a shared lunch. Suggested donation is \$10 at the door. Please register in advance online at: [tinyurl.com/ya4mbnxc](https://tinyurl.com/ya4mbnxc) or by phoning the parish office.



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION:**

Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting donations after all Masses next weekend. SSVP envelopes are available at back of the church for those who would like income tax receipts at the end of the year.

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** If you haven't yet done so, please take the time to complete the Parish Registration Form. We are using these forms to keep our parishioner database up-to-date. We thank all our many parishioners who have already submitted the registration form.

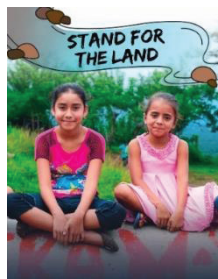
**65<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DINNER THANK YOU:** Many thanks to everyone for their hard work putting together our wonderful Celebration for our 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Thank you to all the people who planned and organized the event, to the parishioners who organized the food and the table settings, to the parishioners who prepared the slideshow, to the past parishioners and priests who shared their fond memories with us. Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate this special anniversary with us. Our parish would also like to thank **Tim Horton's, Fortino's, City Pizza and Marilu's Market** for their generous donations of door prizes for the event. Once again THANK YOU for your participation and help to make this event successful.



**CHRISTMAS MERCHANDISE AT THE RELIGIOUS ARTICLES STORE:** Visit our Religious Articles Store to see the wonderful selection of Christmas items; there is more to come. Pick up a gift for a loved one.

**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.

**DEVELOPMENT & PEACE:** *Thank you for standing for the land*



Thousands of Canadians [signed the letter](#) in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in Honduras who are protecting their water and fighting for their rights.

The *Create Hope – Stand for the Land* campaign aims to collect **32,000 signatures by February 25, 2024**.

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for your continued commitment and mobilization. Together, we are building a world of justice.

- ✓ To **sign our petition** and to continue supporting our campaign, visit [devp.org/act](http://devp.org/act).

To **become a member** and support our mission, visit [devp.org/joinus](http://devp.org/joinus).

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master's return so that we live each day according to the teachings of Christ. Could God's "particular task" for you be a call to a Church vocation? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) web address: [hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)

## The Year of Ministry

*"Many Ministries for one mission of Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 12)*

We, the community of St. Raphael Parish will celebrate the liturgical year of 2023 -2024 as the **YEAR OF MINISTRY**. This Annual theme follows **the year of prayer: Let prayer leads us to practice of our faith, love, and hope in Jesus Christ**. It was a meaningful way to celebrate the Mercy of God in our families, communities, and society recognising various events in our family life.

During the **Year of Ministry** we will focus on the various ministries we are entrusted in our church community. We will celebrate each ministry, encouraging everyone to actively participate in ministries of the Church and to reflect on their gifts. With 40 different ministries in our parish community, we will focus on the Three Cardinal Virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity that are at the heart of our ministries. Let's encourage one another in serving God and the people of God, bearing witness to God's love by establishing the community of LOVE, proclaiming, and celebrating our FAITH and Communicating HOPE to all the creation.

### The Community of LOVE

**"God is love."** Charity is love in action. Let love be focus our ministry and foundation of every task we do. During this year we build the community of love through our prayers and liturgies, conversations and discussions and in every action we do. Let our personal life, family life, social life, Church life be a places of doing acts of Charity. Taking the example from Jesus, let's be messengers and witnesses of God's love.

### The Celebration of FAITH

We can do acts of Charity with the deep Faith we have in God's love. Let our service be **rooted in faith**. We believe God has called to be ministers to celebrate God's love with one another. Faith fills us with the grace to move forward when we are tired, discouraged, and burn-out. With the Celebration of our faith with prayers and encouragement, we become active servants of God and community.

### The Communication of HOPE

**Hope motivates us** in our ministries. We are called to minister and bring hope to those who need it the most. With our service let's communicate Hope to the world. Every ministry is a moment of sharing of God's hope for everyone. We welcome everyone to be part of community where we proclaim Jesus Christ: the Hope, the Resurrection and the Life. We celebrate our Year of Ministry receiving the grace, motivation and inspiration from God who is love. Let's celebrate our many ministries and our Christian Faith in Jesus Christ, Our Lord. May God bless every ministry we do in our Community of LOVE – celebrating our FAITH and communicating HOPE to everyone. Amen.



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