

# ST RAPHAEL PARISH COMMUNITY

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*Served by the Holy Cross Fathers*

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*Feast of the Holy Family*

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



**Monday, December 31**

9:00 a.m. + Tony Ogborn  
5:00 p.m. Ints. Polivka Family

**Tuesday, January 1 at 10:00 a.m.**

+ Shirley Godin

**Wednesday, January 2 at 9:00 a.m.**

Ints. Karl & Nicky Plach

**Thursday, January 3 at 9:00 a.m.**

Ints. Pat Keenan; + Mr. David Woodward;  
+ Jason LaFontaine; + Maureen Childerhose;  
+ Marie Nguyen & Laurent Pham; + Mr. Peter Ertl

**Friday, January 4**

9:00 am + Gloria Tolton  
7:00 p.m. + Barry McKeon

**Saturday, January 5 at 5:00 p.m.**

+ Maureen Childerhose; + Jason LaFontaine;  
+ Bill Cox; + Marlen Hosey;  
+ Ben MacDougall; + Emil Komac

**Sunday, January 6**

9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners  
11:00 a.m. + Stanley Musial



**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 using fewer **"Single use Plastics"**: straws, bags, containers.

<https://harmony1.com/green-new-years-resolutions/>

**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.***

**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
Harvey & Pat	Jill Olds	Paul La Fontaine
Malcolm	Joanne Pringle	Frank Clarke
Elizabeth Elder	Cathy Moore	Coral King
Michael Calameco		

*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.*



**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Sunday, Dec 16<sup>th</sup> - envelope (244) \$5797.00  
- loose \$382.00

*Thank you for your continued support!*

The Sunday that follows Christmas is always the celebration of the **Holy Family**. There are wonderful readings from the Book of Sirach, the First Book of Samuel, and Paul's letter to the Colossians or the First Letter of John. The gospel is the story of the teen aged Jesus teaching in the temple while his parents could not find him. Jesus goes back home with his family. "He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man."

**IN OUR PARISH**



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



**LADIES COFFEE MORNING:** All Ladies are invited this **Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 am** in the St. Francis room.

**ADORATION, PRAISE, WORSHIP AND MASS:** Please join our parishioners in a church wide adoration and praise and worship on **Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**. All are welcome to spend time with the Lord.

**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. Please put your name; address; telephone number and email on the envelope. All women registering before February 28 will be entered in a draw to win a \$30.00 restaurant gift card. For more info call Charlie at 905-681-6221.



**CHRISTIAN MOVIE NIGHT:** Every **first Monday of the month**. Join us on **January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** in the **Parish Centre** to view **"God's Not Dead"** on

**Jan 7, 2019**. Rated PG. Based on a true story, College philosophy professor Mr. Radisson's curriculum is challenged by his new student, Josh, who believes God exists.



**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday, December 31: 9AM - NOON  
 Tuesday January 1: Closed  
 Wednesday January 2: Closed  
 January 3 – 4: 9AM – 4 PM

**TRIP TO INDIA!!!** We are in the stage of planning a trip to India. If you would like to make this once in a lifetime trip, that you always wanted, please talk to Fr. Francis. The trip has very limited seats.

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR NEW YEARS**

**Feast of Mary Mother of God:**  
**New Year Eve: Monday December 31<sup>st</sup>**  
 5:00 pm  
**New Year's Day: Tuesday January 1<sup>st</sup>**  
 10:00 am

(Sundays, Christmas, & the Feast of Mary Mother of God (New Year's Mass) are Holy Days of obligation in Canada)

**YEAR END DONATIONS:** parishioners and visitors who wish to make a year-end donation to St. Raphael Parish for 2018 should do so **on or before Monday Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> at 10 am**; **donations received by this date will be accepted for 2018. Donations received after Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> at 10 am will be accepted for 2019.** As a registered charitable organization, the parish must comply with these CRA guidelines. Your understanding and your timely support is appreciated.

**AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE SOCIAL JUSTICE AND CARE OF CREATION COMMITTEE:** At the recent Parish Ministry Day, a number of parishioners expressed an interest in learning about/joining the Social Justice and Care of Creation Committee! There will be a committee meeting in Mid-January, so we invite you to watch this bulletin and the bulletin board in the Parish foyer for further information about the meeting date! Thank you for your interest! Contact: [cecilia\\_racine@hotmail.com](mailto:cecilia_racine@hotmail.com) for further information.



**WOMEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION: FEBRUARY**

**2<sup>nd</sup>** 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 12/13<sup>th</sup>. Any questions please call Leony Hettinger (289-795-1559) More information to follow. Save the date, you won't want to miss it!



**2019 WORLD WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: South Burlington**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church &amp; 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

**IN OUR COMMUNITY**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** presents **"The Best of Broadway"** on **Sun. January. 20<sup>th</sup>, from 2 pm - 4:30 pm** at **The Burlington Performing Arts Centre. \$45** per ticket. Reserve your seat by calling the box office at 905-681-6000 or on line at [www.burlingtonpac.ca](http://www.burlingtonpac.ca)

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