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Feast of the Holy Family

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Mass Intentions 

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

Sun. Dec. 31, 9am	† Judy Harkins
Sun. Dec. 31, 11am	For Our Parishioners
Sun. Dec. 31, 5am	† Florita Jayma & Melania Lim
Mon. Jan 1, 9am	† Judith Vienna Reyes
Mon. Jan 1, 11am	† Mary Kay Butler
Mon. Jan. 1, 12 noon	† Concetta & Antonio Zumpano
Tue. Jan. 2, 9am	Thx Cindy & Mario Hettiarachchi
Wed. Jan. 3, 9am	† Mary O’Grady
Thu. Jan 4, 9am	Int Janet & Lori Stokes
Thx. Huguette Galante	Int Keith & Marleen Jackson
Int Irene Gaspar	† Margaret Harris
† Molly Glenny	† Tony Florio
Friday, Jan. 5, 9am	Int Nadia Plach
Fri. Jan. 5, 6:30pm	† Zeljko Repecki
Saturday, Jan 6, 5pm	† Melania Lim
† Ernesto Guillen	† Glen Akeson
† Emilia Hojka	† Peter Lavryssen
† George Mahler	
Sunday, Jan 7, 9am	For Our Parishioners
Sunday, Jan 7, 11am	† Bill & Lucie Jennings

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Dec 17, 2023

Envelopes (151)	\$6900
Loose	\$365
Building Fund – December (39)	\$602

Thank you for your generous support

Please pray for: 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.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:

December 31 - Jan 2: CLOSED
Wednesday, Jan 3: 9AM – 4 PM
Thursday, Jan 4: CLOSED
Friday, Jan 5: normal office hours resume



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 Eucharist: Source & Summit of Christian Life”** 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.



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 *Lectors, Altar servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, all the Choir Members, Choir Directors, Musicians, Decorating Committee, Ushers, and Offertory Counters*. 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 as we begin this New Year. May the choicest blessings come to all of you and to your families.

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!



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 Sunday, December, 31**. Donations received after Dec. 31 will be receipted for 2024. Your understanding and timely support is appreciated

The Staff of St. Raphael Parish wish you and your families many blessings in the New Year!

PRAYERS FOR THE NEW YEAR:

*Remember us, O God; from age to age be our comforter.
You have given us the wonder of time,
blessings in days and nights, seasons and years.
Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the
months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the
coming of Christ.
You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever.
Amen.*

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.*

—Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

YOUNG ADULTS' NIGHT: Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night and vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Friday, February 3rd** at St. Michael Catholic Church (80 University Avenue West, Waterloo, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD: The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (January 21, 2024) marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton. At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose one Sunday a year to renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and widely diffused. Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how #TheBibleSpeaks in our hearts and within our communities of faith. The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton have prepared a wide variety of resources for youth and adults in celebration of Bible Sunday 2024. Visit our website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks/>.

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL kicks off the 2024 season on **January 25, 2024 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**, with the film *Gather*, an intimate portrait of the movement among Indigenous communities to reclaim their spiritual, political, and cultural identities through food sovereignty. **The dynamic duo of Kitty R Lynn Lickers and Dr. Adrienne Xavier from McMaster University's Indigenous Studies Department will be guest speakers for the evening.** Educators in Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Indigenous Food Sovereignty, they also managed the *Our Sustenance* program, a sustainability and food sovereignty program in their community of Six Nations. **The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule of events at: <https://reeljustice.hamiltondiocese.com/>** A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION THROUGH VLCFF: The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University's Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCFF) to offer certificate programs for ministry and enrichment for adult faith formation. Three- and five-week e-seminars are available at a discounted rate for all adults in the Diocese looking to further their learning. For more information about our programs, and how to register, visit us at www.hamiltondioceselearns.com

SMART STEPS: Are you a parent or stepparent adjusting to blended family life? This program is designed to offer practical insights and suggestions on how to make the relationships work well for all. Sessions are held at Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, 28 Norfolk Street. TIME: 9:15AM - 3:30PM. PRICE: \$50 per person (includes lunch). DATE: Saturday, March 9, 2024. Register on line at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/> and look under Upcoming Events. For more information, contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

THE PASTORAL PARISH IN THE MODERN WORLD: The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis is happy to offer a three-workshop series entitled, *The Pastoral Parish in the Modern World*. This new handbook created by David Wells and Bill Huebsch provides a comprehensive outline of the new vocabulary of pastoral ministry, and how to enact it in your local setting. This workshop series is designed for anyone who is working or volunteering in parish life including pastoral teams, parish councils, and youth ministry leaders. Registration for this workshop series is now OPEN. You can register here: <https://bit.ly/pastoralparish>

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