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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.

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.

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

PARISH SCHOOLS

- Assumption High School
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- St. Raphael's Elementary
905.637.3810
- St. Paul's Elementary
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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

The Diocese of Hamilton HamiltonDiocese.com Holy Cross Vocations www.holycrossvocationscanada.com
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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Monday, December 10 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Fr. John Voytek

Tuesday, December 11 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Briton Aiken

Wednesday, December 12 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Phil & Patti Di Franceso

Thursday, December 13 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Monsignor Ray Modeski; Ints. Tania Bracho;
+ Roy & Tom Turgeon; + Tony Ogborn;
+ Tom Keating; + Jason LaFontaine

Friday, December 14 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Tony Barone

Saturday, December 15 at 5:00 p.m.
+ Tony Sluga; + Vera Sluga;
+ Tony Ogborn; + Shirley Godin;
+ Alvaro Trigo; + RosaMaria Trigo

Sunday, December 16
9:00 a.m. + Michael Dowson
11:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners

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
Marilyn Bittner	Jill Olds	Paul La Fontaine
Harvey & Pat	Joanne Pringle	Frank Clarke
Malcolm	Cathy Moore	Coral King

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 2nd - envelope (246) \$5245.00
- loose \$774.00

Thank you for your continued support!

"Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever." Those words from **Baruch** are in the first reading for the **Second Sunday of Advent**. **Luke's Gospel** offers us a first look at the promise of John the Baptist as he cries out, "Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

University's **Online Ministries** web site:
<http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>
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ST RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER

Pope Francis writes: *"Humanity is called to recognize the need for changes of lifestyle, production and*

consumption, in order to combat this warming or at least the human causes which produce or aggravate it." **Laudato Si' #23**

Did you know?: The festive season has a huge environmental impact in terms of water use, greenhouse gas emissions and land disturbance caused by the production of some of our favourite holiday treats and staples. If we could all try to reduce our own eco-footprint just a little, it would go a long way to protecting our environment.

Here are 10 Green Gifts and Ecofriendly Ideas for Christmas:

- *Give an unforgettable and green experience; plan an outing together such as skating and hot chocolate. Go to a movie. Better still have a movie night at home with family or friends!
- *Buy a tree and support an important cause. Real trees can be recycled back to the Earth!
- *If you are looking for something festive to wear look for natural materials.
- *Look for natural cosmetic products especially those that have not been tested on animals!
- *Make and give Christmas cookies, cakes, or pies! People who work appreciate homemade goodies!
- *Solar power gifts: everyone has a smartphone, but not everyone has a solar power battery charger.
- *Reusable water bottles
- *For those who love to read, share with them all your Free E-book Sites.

ARE YOU READY FOR CHRIST(MAS)!

Week 1: In God's story, we can all find our way! Be Yourself!

Week 2: In God's story, everyone is special! Be brave!

When you are being yourself, invariably you meet with the hostile situation. When you are being yourself, we cannot deny the presence of the fear of the unknown. The gospel for this week states, "prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight". When we truly follow this call, there will be an element of fear. This call is not to frighten us, but to invite us to be brave, for in God's story every one of us is special.

IN OUR PARISH

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS: Children, 12 and under, are invited to **participate in our Children's Christmas Mass (5 pm on Dec. 24th)**, by singing in the choir or the responsorial psalm, reading, performing in a short pageant, or bringing up the gifts. Rehearsals are **Tues. Dec. 11th at 5:30 - 7 pm** and **Dec. 18th at 5:30 - 7 pm** and dress rehearsal **Sun. Dec 23rd from 1 - 2 pm**. Please contact Charlotte, bcarpenter2@cogeco.ca or 905-681-6221 if your child/ren would like to participate.



CHRISTIANS ON A JOURNEY: All are welcome. For any questions, please call Wilma or Frank 905-870-0641

Monday, **December 10** - Fellowship and Prayer – **St. Raphael Church – 7:30pm**

World Week of Prayer for Christians Unity – January 13th – 21st (details to be announced).

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: Join us **Dec. 12th at 7 pm** in our **Parish Center** to explore the question **Who is Jesus?** We will discuss the historical figure of Jesus and see how everything He said and did identify Him as God the Son, the second person of the Holy Trinity. Please join us and bring a friend.

PLEASE NOTE BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS DEADLINES:

Fri. December. 7th at 9 am for December 16th bulletin.
Wed. December 12th at 9 am for December 23rd bulletin.
Mon. December 17th at 9 am for December 30th bulletin.
Fri. December 28th at 9 am for January 6th bulletin.

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. Forms to enroll in our Pre-Authorized Giving Plan are also available. 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.

ADVENT PENANCE CELEBRATION

Monday, December 17th at 7 pm

MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve: Monday, December 24th

5:00 pm (Family Mass with dramatization),
8:00 pm, 10:00 pm

Christmas Day: Tuesday, December 25th

8:30 am, 10 am, 12 noon

Feast of the Holy Family:

Saturday, December 29th

5:00 pm

Sunday, December 30th

9:00 am, 11:00 am

Feast of Mary Mother of God:

New Year Eve: Monday December 31st

5:00 pm

New Year's Day: Tuesday January 1st

10:00 am

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

IN OUR COMMUNITY



THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON: is conducting the ***One Heart, One Soul Campaign*** to raise money for every Parish in the Diocese

and for shared ministries. Answers to a set of Frequently Asked Questions appear in Parish bulletins regularly. A compilation of all questions that have been published are available throughout the campaign at oneheartonesoul.ca. ***What kinds of things does the Diocese do for Parishes and others already?*** The good work of the Diocese of Hamilton is widespread. Here are a few examples of the ways diocesan offices enhance the life of our Parishes and people:

- Advocating for the dignity of all life and supporting and promoting marriage and family life.
- Encouraging vocational discernment to priesthood and religious life.
- Programming and support for youth and young adult ministry.
- Adult faith formation, catechesis, religious education and sacramental preparation.
- Assistance in the relocation and resettlement of refugees.
- Advocacy on behalf of the poor and marginalized.
- Assistance for Parishes in all aspects of sacred worship, including formation for liturgical ministers.
- Support for Parishes in the areas of human resources, building maintenance, financial reporting, stewardship, charitable giving and Parish development.

Does the Diocese help organizations outside of it?

Yes, the Diocese is generous to many in need. For example, the Diocese has an ongoing financial commitment to help the Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, which is still suffering from the effects of the devastating earthquake there in 2010, and the Diocese of Churchill-Hudson Bay, which includes northern Manitoba and the territory of Nunavut. The Diocese also supports many worthy causes within and outside of the Diocese, such as: organizations who support the poor and marginalized, like St. Vincent de Paul, the Good Shepherd and several others; health care initiatives, including hospice care and conscience protection for those in the medical field; community organizations such as the Catholic Youth Organization, Catholic Family Services and Catholic Children's Aid; and several other organizations and causes in need who do the work of the gospel. Additionally, the Diocese is proud to have made a significant gift to St. Peter's Seminary in London, helping to ensure the seminary can continue its mission to form priests for our Diocese and the Church in Canada.

Why a significant gift to a seminary in another Diocese?

There is a longstanding and fruitful connection between St. Peter's Seminary in London and the Diocese of Hamilton. For more than a hundred years, St. Peter's has trained a majority of our diocesan Priests – and those of so many Canadian dioceses. Of the current Hamilton seminarians, the majority are at St. Peter's, which is one of only three English-speaking seminaries in Canada. Hamilton Priests have also served on the seminary's staff. The seminary is in need – these funds were required for St. Peter's to continue its mission of forming Priests, deacons and lay ministers – and its vitality is important to the long-term outlook for vocations in Hamilton.

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