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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
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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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Monday, February 12 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Felcia Aranha

Tuesday, February 13 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Sean Browne

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday

9:00 a.m. + Sean Browne

12:00 p.m. + Lornaine Matthew

7:00 p.m. + Sylvia & Chester Gzik

Thursday, February 15 at 9:00 a.m.

Ints. Donald Gravelle; Ints. Claire Starr;

+ Paul Dixon; + Helmut Hofgartner;

+ Flo MacDougall

Friday, February 16 at 9:00 a.m.

Ints. Zoe Peters

Saturday, February 17 at 5:00 p.m.

Ints. Denise & Jerry Ford; Ints. Ross & Mary Emerson;

+ Manuel & Mariado Espirito Santo; + Anne Yurincich;

+ Helmut Hofgartner; + Helena Palynchuk

Sunday, February 18

9:00 a.m. + Francis Onuska

11:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners



ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER

In His address for The 25th World Day of the Sick, Pope Francis writes: *"On this World Day of the Sick, may we find new incentive to work for the growth of a culture of respect for life, health and the environment. May this Day also inspire renewed efforts to defend the integrity and dignity of persons, not least through a correct approach to bioethical issues, the protection of the vulnerable and the protection of the environment."*

We have now reached the halfway point of winter and so our hearts look toward to the coming of spring and planting our gardens! Did you know that it is possible to begin sowing plants for your garden in the winter? **Winter sowing** is a fun and easy way to start seeds outside during the winter. Seeds are sown in miniature greenhouses made from recycled plastic containers, and then put outside in the snow and freezing cold. The rest of the work is left to Mother Nature.

<https://getbusygardening.com/winter-sowing-seeds/>

Did you know that Burlington Public Library has a seed library and it is possible to borrow seeds to grow in your garden? Borrow seeds to grow your own healthy food and contribute to a sustainable community – it's 1-2-3 easy with your Burlington Public Library card.

<https://www.bpl.on.ca/resources/seed-library/#seed>

LENT REFLECTION

Lent comes every year. It's supposed to be a time of grace in which, through our fasting, almsgiving and prayer we allow God to work in us. It is a period of time to journey within to a deeper level. When we are not serious about it then it becomes a lesser transformative experience. It becomes just a time when we give up chocolate or something else we enjoy, then go back to it at Easter. This Lent, let us do something different. I invite you to reflect even before we start the season of Lent, to reflect as we did for Advent.

1. What does Lent means for me?
2. What does it mean to me to _____ (whatever is your answer to the first question, for instance, to grow in my relationship with God)
3. What can I do, or will do to achieve my desire?
4. Are there any concrete things that I am able to do, in answering my first question, or which are the ways do I fulfill whatever is my Lent?

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	Shelly Sterling	Jane Urquhart
Jill Ascah	Asia Rae Landry	Laith Yousif
Lee Olds	Noah Landry	Michael Colameco
Stephen Pustai	Rozalia Bereznav	Maria Szkitalinski
Michael Smart	Sr. Rosalie Siegler	Mary Lilly
Denise Brooks		

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, February 4th \$6,031.00

Thank you for your continued support!

The **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time** offers a dramatic look at leprosy. The first reading from **Leviticus** has clear instructions: A leper has to live away from the community, cover his head and call out, "Unclean, unclean!" as people go near him. It emphasizes even more what it means that Jesus speaks with and touches someone who was such a pariah as he heals the leper in **Mark's Gospel**.

*"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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IN OUR PARISH

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK: February 10th is a world day of prayer for the sick. We will pray in a special way for all those who are sick and we will have the **Anointing of the Sick after all the weekend masses on Feb 10th/11th**.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a pancake breakfast at our parish on this **Sunday, February 11th following the 9 am and 11 am masses.** All are welcome to attend!



CHRISTIANS ON A JOURNEY: Please join us for the following events: **Monday, February 12, 7:30PM** – Monthly Prayer Meeting, New St. Christian Reformed Church (3422 New St); **Wednesday, February 14, 7PM** – Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service, Holy Cross Lutheran (3455 Lakeshore); **Sunday, February 25, 7:30PM** – Taizé Prayer Service, Port Nelson United Church (3132 South Drive); **Monday, March 12, 7:30PM** - Monthly Prayer Meeting, St. Raphael Catholic Church (4072 New St.); **Sunday, April 29, 7:30 PM** – Taizé Prayer Service, Port Nelson United Church (3132 South Drive); Please call Wilma or Frank Malick for info 905-870-0641.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS MEETING: Tuesday, **February 13th at 7 pm.** The meeting will take place in the church.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: There will be **no meeting this week** due to Ash Wednesday Service.



ASH WEDNESDAY: On **February 14th**, Ash Wednesday, we will have Mass and Distribution of Ashes at **9 am, 12 noon and 7 pm.** We will also have a prayer service at 10:45 am at St. Paul School and 1:15 pm in the church with St. Raphael School which will include the marking of ashes. All are welcome. *Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat.*



LENTEN MISSION: We will have a visiting priest doing a Lenten mission in our parish on **March 13th.** The evening will start at **6:30 pm** with reciting of the rosary and we will have praise and worship, healing service and Preaching by Fr. Vettiyankal. Please mark your calendars and be available to experience the healing of God through this day. Fr. Vettiyangal is a priest from India and comes with 25 years of preaching retreats to various communities in different countries. I am hoping to have a full church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: every **Friday** evening at **7 pm** we will have the stations conducted by different ministries of our parish.

February 16th - St. Vincent de Paul society

February 23rd - The Lectors

March 2nd - Extra Ordinary Ministers of Eucharist

March 9th - CWL

March 16th - Prayer Groups

March 23rd -Justice and Peace Committee

On **Good Friday** we will have the dramatization of the stations at **8 pm.**

38TH IGNATIAN MEN'S RETREAT: The annual St. Raphael Ignatian retreat for men will be held at **Manresa, Pickering**, from the **evening of Friday February 16th until lunchtime on Sunday February 19th.** The Spiritual Director will be Fr. Gilles Mongeau S.J., and the topic is "**Ignatian Basics Boot Camp.**" For more details, please contact Steven Pustai at 905-639-6428, Jonathan Fowler at 905-634-0248, or Manresa at 905-839-2864 (office hours) or pickmanresa@rogers.com.

2017 TAX RECEIPTS: are available for pick-up in the parish entrance by the elevator.

PHOTO DIRECTORY: Please contact **Liz Leonard at 905-634-3836** if you wish to **change your appointment or book a sitting.** Everyone who participates will receive a free copy of the parish photo directory and one free 8x10! It won't be complete without YOU in it.



IN OUR COMMUNITY

JOIN THE "CALL FOR CONSCIENCE" in the Hamilton Diocese. The Government of Canada passed legislation in June 2016, legalizing euthanasia/assisted suicide. The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing health care workers to participate in ending the lives of their patients. The Diocese of Hamilton wants to protect the rights of all healthcare workers. Visit the website www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more, write a letter (samples available on the bulletin board at the back of the Church and on their website) to your Provincial Member of Parliament and add your e-mail address to the Conscience Coalitions network to receive future info. We all need to join the "Call for Conscience" taking place between **Feb. 6th and March 31st.**

SERRA CLUB OF HALTON: is a Catholic lay organization which prays for, supports and fosters Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. We **meet every third Thursday at 5:30 PM** to pray the Rosary, attend Mass, share supper and listen to guest speakers. To learn more please join us for an information breakfast meeting on **Saturday February 17th after 9 am Mass at St Paul the Apostle Parish (Headon Rd., Burlington).** This event is free but please contact Sidonia Polivka at 905-637-3061 or by email at sidoniap12@gmail.com to ensure we know how many will be attending.

THE DIOCESES' OFFICE OF VOCATION'S: the new issue of the Reflection series is out! This issue features a message from the dioceses' Vocation Director, Father Michael King, and a message from 24 of our 25 seminarians. Please visit the Vocation Website, www.HamiltonVocations.com, to view it. Thank you for your support for vocations!

JOB OPPORTUNITIES: with The Halton Catholic District School Board. The HCDSB is recruiting for the following casual/supply: Occasional Teachers; Supply Educational Assistants; Supply Designated Early Childhood Educators; and Casual Clerical Staff. Those interested in any of these positions, please visit www.hcdsb.org under Careers.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: The Youth Ministry Team at Mary Mother of God parish in Oakville is looking for a Youth Minister to join the pastoral team. If you are interested please view the job posting on there website under the Youth Ministry Tab at www.mmogp.ca/category/youth-ministry or enquire by sending an email to youthatmmog@gmail.com

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