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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
	<i>closed on Statutory Holidays</i>	

MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00 PM
 Sunday 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
 Mon - Fri 9:00 AM

WEDDINGS

Please contact us at least one year in advance.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM
or by appointment

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.

PRAYER BEFORE WEEKDAY MASS

8:00 AM in the Adoration Chapel
8:30 AM Rosary in the church

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

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.

PARISH SCHOOLS

- Assumption High School 905.634.1835
- St. Raphael's Elementary 905.637.3810
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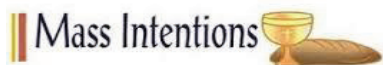
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Archangel St. Raphael "God is my Healer"

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

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Monday, February 14 - 9:00 am
† Roberto Moniz

Tuesday, February 15 - 9:00 am
† Joseph Nguyen Quoc Hung

Wednesday, February 16 - 9:00 am
Ints. Michel Denis

Thursday, February 17 - 9:00 am
Ints. Mercy Thompson; Ints. Christine Frew
Thanksgiving for Stephen Pustai
† Peter Delorme; † Cenka Kosir
† Charles & Angela Teilinger

Friday, February 18 - 9:00 am
Ints. John Alexander

Saturday, February 19 - 5:00 pm
Ints. Rolando Mabalay; Ints. Bill Gittins
† John McDonough; † Charles & Angela Teilinger
† Jim Cox; † Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, February 20
9:00 am † Maria do Rosario & Franicsco Medeiros
11:00 am - For Our Parishioners

Please pray for:

Jasmine Leigh	Joseph & Madeleine	James Cook
Emma Goodale	Zucco	Milan Heck
Vanessa Rodrigues	Sarah Scharer	Frank Sicoli
Albert Rodrigues	Elizabeth Talatala	Rolando Mabalay
John Scharer	Asia Rae Landry	Helen Weppler
Doug Pudsey	Noah Landry	Jane Urquhart
Peggy Evans	Alison Zierl	Laith Yousif
Lee Olds	Rosario Herve	Mary Lilly
Stephen Pustai	Jill Olds	Vincent Stanford
Michael Smart	Joanne Pringle	Marie Bond
Kyle Elliott	Robert Connelly	Ron Robertson
Heather Allen	Jones Rodney	Gary Olds
Maritza Garcia	Barbara Fisher	Helen Sheehan
Gonzalez	Laurie Suddaby	Lorraine Evans
Tom Olds	Nicola Izzi	

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 morning.



ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER:
Pope Francis writes: "When we speak of the "environment", what we really mean is a relationship existing between nature and the society which lives in it."
LS# 139.

Did you know? The global chocolate consumption is 7.2 million metric tons, and Americans consume 58 million pounds of chocolate each year over the week of Valentine's Day. That is almost 36 million heart shaped boxes; most of it wrapped in single-use plastic and packaging that's unable to be recycled. The chocolate milk industry produces the equivalent of more than 2 tons of carbon dioxide annually.

While cocoa does in fact grow on trees, the demand for this sweet treat is quickly outpacing the supply, it can take up to a year for one tree to produce enough to make just half pound of chocolate. The production itself uses over 4,500 liters of water to make a single pound of chocolate or 1,000 liters of water to produce a single chocolate bar or 10,000 liters of water to produce a kilogram of chocolate. Chocolate's raw materials, including milk powder, cocoa derivatives, sugar, and palm oil are causing an increase in deforestation, and chocolate's packaging is a major environmental villain. For this reason, milk chocolate is more environmentally harmful than dark chocolate.

We can help reduce chocolate's environmental impact in a few ways:

- *Skip the fancy heart-shaped box and elaborate packaging
 - *Go with dark chocolate instead (it contains less sugar and has a smaller carbon footprint than milk chocolate)
 - *Purchase chocolate that's certified as "fair trade" to help promote more sustainable cocoa growing and processing practices
 - *Support smaller, "bean-to-bar" chocolate brands in your area that focus on quality and transparency in their production process
 - *Each of us can make a small change to save our common home that is a gift from God.
- <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/chocolate-sustainability-cost/>

IN OUR PARISH

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



February 6, 2022

Envelopes (94)	\$4,182
Loose	\$413
Seminary Collection (47)	\$1,051

Thank you for your continued support!

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING: Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in April 2022 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's Online Ministries web site: onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Prayer/ Used with permission.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK – ANNUAL UPDATE:

Dear Parishioners,
On behalf of the finance council, I want to sincerely thank you all for your ongoing financial support to the parish and for your participation in the liturgies. As we continue to sail through the pandemic, I want give you a brief overview of the financial and spiritual report.

Even though we continue to be in a state of mess, we are doing okay financially. Our Sunday offering has decreased over the past two years significantly as many people are not coming to church. At the same time, I want to thank the generosity of some individuals, foundations, charities and the diocese of Hamilton for their ongoing support to the parish. Details of the parish finances were given last week during the mass. If anyone would like a copy of the report, please email the parish.

Through this pandemic, we were able to continue with daily mass, weekend masses as well as administering the sacraments. Some major highlights from 2021:

Average attendance at Sunday Eucharist	310
Total number of Baptisms (Children 48, RCIA 5)	53
Total number of First Holy Communions	66
Total number of Confirmations	61
Total number of Marriages	7
Total number of Funerals	29
(in Parish 20, and Funeral Home 9)	

Going forward...

I hope, wish and pray that you all stay healthy and well. I am confident that the difficulty that we are facing is a momentary one. And in the words of St. Paul, 'if God is for us who can be against us.' (Romans 8.31.) Let us believe and trust in the protection of the Lord.

Fr. Francis Salasias CSC.



JOURNEY OF FAITH: Please join us **every Wednesday** for our Journey of Faith sessions. This week's topic will be *The Sacrament of The Eucharist, Part III*. The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life." Enhance your knowledge about this holy and precious sacrament by joining our next session on **February 16, from 7 – 8pm** in the parish centre.



"THIRD SATURDAYS" BIBLE STUDY: Women of all ages join us via Webinar **February 19, at 9:30am**, for our monthly one-hour webinar igniting passion for reading the Bible and applying the Word to our lives. Refresh, restore and renew our

faith. No bible experience required. Pray and share together with other women. To sign up please RSVP to michele@forgionegroup.com or leonyhettinger@bell.net See you soon.

2021 TAX RECEIPTS: This weekend is your last opportunity to pick up your 2021 tax receipt at the church. They are located in the parish welcoming area by the elevator. We will send the remaining tax receipts by post.



ASH WEDNESDAY: On **March 2**, Ash Wednesday, we will have Mass and Distribution of Ashes at **9am, 12 noon and 7pm**. All are welcome. *Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat.*



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: every Friday evening during lent at **6:30pm** we will have a mass followed by the Stations of the Cross.

March 4
March 11
March 18

March 25
April 1
April 8

2022 ENVELOPES & CALENDARS: Please pick up your 2022 donation envelopes and a St. Raphael Parish Calendar in the parish entrance, by the elevator.

IN OUR COMMUNITY



REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR KINDERGARTEN AT HCDSB!

Kindergarten registration at the Halton Catholic District School

Board (HCDSB) for the 2022-2023 school year is now open! Parents and guardians who are interested in registering their child for kindergarten are invited to visit the HCDSB website for more information: <https://hcdsb.info/Kindergarten>

MARRIAGE SUPPORT: Is your marriage causing more trouble than joy, feeling stagnant or disconnected and/or causing you worries? The solution is **Retrouvaille** - a program for married couples facing challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille helps couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. It is a practical program, where sharing is only between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. The next Retrouvaille weekend begins **March 13**. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.



MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH: In his Apostolic Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis writes: "After the love that unites us to God, conjugal love is the "greatest form of friendship". It is a union possessing all the traits of a good friendship: concern for the good of the other, reciprocity, intimacy, warmth, stability and the resemblance born of a shared life." (AL #123) February is a great month to spend some time with this beautiful quote and ask yourself if your love truly reflects a great friendship, or if it is time to restore these traits to your marriage.



SUNDAY FUNNY:

Q: What's the best part about school during the winter?

A: Snow and tell.

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