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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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905.637.3810
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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

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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



Monday, February 19 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Peter Delorme

Tuesday, February 20 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Sean Browne

Wednesday, February 21 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Sean Browne

Thursday, February 22 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Tania Bracho; Ints. Brian & Mary Hutchinson;
+ Denise Casey; + Paul Dixon;
+ Mauro Beatriz; + Alfeza Santos

Friday, February 23 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Sean Browne

Saturday, February 24 at 5:00 p.m.
+ John & Enes Goncalves; + Pauline Gareau
+ Helmut Hofgartner; +Janina Rowney;
+ Anne Yurincich; + Jane Jones

Sunday, February 25

9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners

11:00 a.m. +Walter Selihar

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 Bereznyay	Maria Szkitalinski
Michael Smart	Sr. Rosalie Siegler	Mary Lilly
Denise Brooks	Clive Ottaway	Bill & Lucie
		Jennings

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 \$4,759.00

Thank you for your continued support!

On the **First Sunday of Lent**, as we begin our Lenten journey, remembering how God re-established the covenant after the flood, and we reflect on how Jesus began his public ministry with a retreat of forty days - driven to the desert by the Spirit.

*"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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ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER

Pope Francis writes: "...no one can cultivate a sober and satisfying life without being at peace with him or

herself. An adequate understanding of spirituality consists in filling out what we mean by peace, which is much more than the absence of war. Inner peace is closely related to care for ecology and for the common good because, lived out authentically, it is reflected in a balanced lifestyle together with a capacity for wonder which takes us to a deeper understanding of life." Laudato Si #225

We can Create a Climate of Change and Peace in our lives to point to greater care for our Common Home. Think about food waste, pollution, excessive garbage and waste, and how harming the environment contributes to CLIMATE CHANGE. Right now, our sisters and brothers in different places in the world are experiencing droughts, terrible storms, fires, hurricanes, earthquakes and extreme weather, as a result of climate change. Each of us can make a change in how we live; we can reduce our harmful impact on the environment. Pope Francis makes a strong appeal for us, think about an ecological conversion. Please look at the following website which details how the planet has changed in the last 3 years as result of Climate Change. Think about how you can create A CLIMATE OF CHANGE

<https://climate.nasa.gov/images-of-change>

Copies of Laudato Si, Pope Francis' encyclical on the Environment are available for \$10 each in the Religious Article Store at the back of the church

IN OUR PARISH



FAMILY DAY OFFICE HOURS: The parish office will be closed on **Monday February 19th**. Have a wonderful time with your family!

BOOMERANG CARDS: Card games are cancelled for this **Monday, February 19th** due to the Family Day Holiday.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: Lent: What is Lent? Why do we have it? What can it mean to me? **Say Yes to Jesus:** What does it mean to say "Yes" to Jesus? We will explore what it has meant to people through the ages, and what it means for us today. Join us on **Wed. Feb. 21st** from **7-8 pm** in the **Parish Centre** to further explore these topics together.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: every Friday

evening at **7 pm** we will have the stations conducted by different ministries of our parish.

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**.



CHRISTIANS ON A JOURNEY: Please join us for the following events: **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.

WELCOME TO ALL LADIES OF ST. RAPHAEL: to a complimentary luncheon on Sunday, February 25th. at noon (after the 11 a.m. Mass) in the **Parish Centre**. Join us for a friendly gathering over lunch and sharing of ideas. Find out how the Catholic Women's League is making a difference. There will be prizes and information. Please R.S.V.P. by February 18th. to Helen @ 905-634-7481 or email: thesheehanes@gmail.com or Leony at leonyhettinger@bell.net.

ATTENTION LADIES: please join us for a "Fun with Food" presentation. On Monday, **February 26th** at **7:15 pm** in the **Parish Centre**, the Catholic Women's League is pleased to welcome Paulette Melanson, dietitian, who will lead us through an interactive game to learn about food and making healthy choices. This meeting is open to all women of the parish. Please tell your friends and neighbours. For more information, please contact Leony at leonyhettinger@bell.net or Helen at thesheehanes@gmail.com or phone 905-634-7481.



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.

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



PHOTO DIRECTORY: We still have a number of February photo sessions available for you and your family. Sessions will also be available in April for Ministry Group Photos and any families who were unable to participate earlier. **Please schedule your sitting by contacting Liz Leonard at 905-634-3836.** 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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE: Did you know? Thanks to annual donations by Catholics during Share Lent, Development and Peace can support 170 partners and 202 projects in 36 countries around the world!

IN OUR COMMUNITY

CHURCH VOCATION: Lent: the springtime of the soul...is a time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. God into your own desert and discover what God is asking of you. If you think God could be calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 x2246 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com or visit www.HamiltonVocations.com

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH: Parents often ask their children what they would like to be when they grow up, but the better question to reflect on is 'who' you want to be when you grow up. Lessons learned in childhood, along with the modelling from significant adults in their lives set a foundation for the adults our children become. Do you expect respect, the use of manners, that your children treat others with caring and compassion? Are you modelling the traits of a good parent and spouse? Do you help them to see how God can and does support them as they grow to develop the gifts they have been given to use in our world? Good people are happier and healthier people, so help your child develop the 'who' part of themselves and what they will be will take care of itself!



DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

MASS: Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at **1:30 pm on Sunday, June 10th, 2018** at **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King**. The Mass is for couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th year (or more) of marriage **in the year 2018**. To register please take a registration sheet from the poster on the bulletin board in the main foyer of our church or register on-line at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH: In February we celebrate love on Valentine's Day, but love is an action word, needed every day of every month. This year try something different for Valentine's Day – make a commitment to tell each other on the 14th of every month what it is you love about each other. An attitude of gratitude, recognizing the good in the other and making a point of telling each other why you are in love is a great way to put love into action and it helps you to never take your love for granted.



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