

# ST RAPHAEL PARISH COMMUNITY

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SPES UNICA

<b>OFFICE HOURS</b>	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

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday	4:00 PM - 4:30 PM or by appointment
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## 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, any weekend Mass.
- 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.

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*See the Book of Tobit, especially chapter 12*

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**Monday, February 20** at 9:00am  
†Mary Germann

**Tuesday, February 21** at 9:00am  
†Forgotten Souls

**Wednesday, February 22**  
**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
9:00am †Francisco Agatona Manilla  
10:00am *St. Raphael School Mass*  
Noon †Mauro, Beatriz & Adelfo Santos  
7:00pm Ints. Priscilla Mariani

**Thursday, February 23** at 9:00am  
Ints. Denise Ford; Ints. Lee Olds; Ints. Sam Stenekes  
Ints. Karen D'Souza; Ints. Vanessa Wood;  
†Adorable Josen; †Peter Delorme

**Friday, February 24**  
9:00am †Angelito Necia  
6:30pm Ints. Priscilla Mariani

**Saturday, February 25** at 5:00pm  
Ints. Dave Pinheiro;  
†Leonida & Paquito Zambrona; †Bus Brown;  
†Frank Sicoli; †Jim Regan; †Maureen Hurley

**Sunday, February 26**  
9:00am For Our Parishioners  
11:00am †Wenceslao Santos

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

*February 12*

Envelopes (152)	\$4575
Loose	\$480
Pre-Authorized Giving February (71)	\$7,414

*Thank you for your generous support*

**2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** Please pick up your envelopes in the parish entrance, by the elevator. If you cannot locate your donation envelope box, or would like to start using donation envelopes, please contact the parish office at 905-637-2346. ***Please do not use envelopes from previous years, some envelope box numbers have changed for 2023.***

**ST. RAPHAEL'S RESPECT LIFE YOUTH GROUP:** Welcome to all youth ages 14 - 20! Come and participate in the Into Life series created by the Sisters for Life. Our next meeting will be on **Sunday, February 26**, after the 11am mass. Lunch provided. Watch a video, share in a discussion. Find out how Love Changes Everything and Every Life is a Gift. Contact [leonyhettinger@bell.net](mailto:leonyhettinger@bell.net) for more information.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – MARCH 4:** Please join us to share in this worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year (origin dates back to the 19<sup>th</sup> century). This prayer service was written by the women of Taiwan with the theme “I Have Heard About Your Faith.” **The service will be held on Friday, March 4th at East Plains United Church at 374 Plains Road East (north side of Plains) for 1:30 p.m.** Both men and women are welcome! Please contact Helen Sheehan @ 905-634-7481 of more information.

### Spiritual Spa for Families

**We welcome you to join in a spiritual spa night** for an all-night prayer Vigil will be held in St. Raphael church on **Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**, starting at **6pm** and ending Friday morning at **6am**. We begin with Reflections on the Prayer “Our Father” – Theme: “Thy will be done.” The intention will be for Families. Please join us for an hour or more any time throughout the night. There will be a sign-up sheet available. For more information, please contact: Sylvia Heald 905-632-4862.

**PILGRIMAGE TOUR TO PERU: MAY 16- 26, 2023**  
Under the spiritual guidance of Fr Wilson Andrade CSC, Pastor of St. Raphael's Parish and National Director, Holy Cross Family Ministries of Canada. We will visit Lima, Sacred Valley Machu Picchu, Cusco, Puno, Lake Titicaca, and Paracas. Tour Co-Ordinator: Ms Marietta Bier 416-297-0694 Email: [mariettabier181@gmail.com](mailto:mariettabier181@gmail.com)  
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<b><i>Please pray for:</i></b>	Paul Wayland
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Lee Olds	Tom Olds
Rita Waters	Gary Bannan
Jeannine Bannan	Andrea Emilia Bernabey
Marwan & Yasmeen Alhasan	
<i>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.</i>	

**CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING:** Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in April 2023 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.



**OFFICE CLOSED:** Please note the parish office will be closed on Family Day, Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Happy Family Day!

**Lent Schedule: Ash Wednesday**

9:00 am	Mass in the Parish
10:00 am	St Raphael's School Mass
10:00 am	Liturgy of the word at St. Paul School
11:15 am	Billings Court Seniors' Home Mass
12 noon	Mass in the Parish
7:00 pm	Mass in the Parish

Every Friday evening during lent, we have stations of the Cross at 6 30pm, followed by Mass.

**43RD ANNUAL ST RAPHAEL'S MEN'S RETREAT, 17-19<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023:** will be held at Manresa, 2325 Liverpool Road, Pickering. Topic will be "**From the Ashes ... Doing less to experience MORE this Lent**" by Fr. Kevin Kelly S.J. For details, please call Jonathan Fowler 905-634-0248, or Fiona (at Manresa), 905-839-2864.

**AID FOR SYRIA AND TURKEY:** On February 6<sup>th</sup>, parts of Turkey and Syria experienced a devastating earthquake. It is estimated that over 11,200 people have lost their lives and 40,900 are reported injured. The earthquake has left both countries in a state of crisis that is made worse by exposure to aftershocks and winter storms.

Those wishing to support the relief effort are encouraged to contribute to one of the following Catholic entities currently mounting humanitarian responses on the ground. No special collection will be taken up in the Diocese at this time. And let us continue to pray for the suffering communities in Turkey and Syria and to commend the dead to God's mercy.

**Catholic Near East Welfare Association:**

<https://cnewa.org/ca/work/emergency-syria/>

**Caritas International:**

<https://www.caritas.org/> .

**Catholic Relief Services: CRS**

<https://support.crs.org/donate/earthquakes>

**ACN Aid to the Church in Need:**

<https://acn-canada.square.site/>

**Development and Peace:**

[Give now | Development and Peace \(devp.org\)](https://www.devp.org/)

**Year of Prayer: February, 2023****Dedication for the Married Couples**

During this year of Prayer in the month of February, we would like to highlight the importance of the sacrament of marriage and pray for those preparing for marriage, married couples, couples experiencing difficulties, widowed, divorced and separated during our Liturgies.

**Feb 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>:** A special blessing will be given to all married couples and celebrating gift of married life in our parish community.

*"Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate" (Mark 10:9)*

**Beginning New Patterns of Prayer during Lent**

Something all of us can do is commit ourselves to being more reflective during Lent. It just means that I'm going to make a point of being more observant, more aware of what I'm experiencing - paying more attention to what is "automatic" behavior. And, I then start paying attention to my desires. We have all kinds of desires. During

Lent, I can reflect upon the desires I currently have and which of them need to be purified, which may need to be abandoned, and which are wonderful desires that are there, but I haven't acted upon them. Naming our deepest desires will guide the choices we make to establish new patterns for Lent.

**Praying:** Lent is the time to start new patterns of prayer. Perhaps I haven't been praying at all. This is a great time to choose to begin. It is important to begin realistically. I can start by simply pausing when I get up and taking a slow, deep breath, and recalling what I want to do this day, that I am a child of God. I may choose to go to Mass each day during Lent. I may choose to get to church on Sunday, just 15 minutes earlier, so I can spend a few moments in prayer.

**Fasting:** The powerful advantage of fasting is that it can be a very simple gesture that places me in greater solidarity with the poor of the earth, who often have very little more than a little rice and beans each day. Powerful things happen in me, when I think about those people in the world who have so much less than I do. And, it's a great cure for self-centredness.

**Practicing Generosity:** Almsgiving has always been an important part of Lent. Generosity is not simply giving my excess clothes to a place where poor people might purchase them. It's not even writing a "generous" cheque at the time a collection is taken up for a cause that benefits the poor. These are wonderful practices. Generosity is an attitude. It is a sense that no matter how much I have, all that I have is gift, and given to me to be shared. It means that sharing with others in need is one of my personal priorities. That is quite different from assessing all of my needs first, and then giving away what is left over. A spirit of selfless giving means that one of my needs is to share what I have with others. Lent is a wonderful time to practice selfless giving, because it takes practice. It places us in solidarity with the poor who share with each other, without having any excess. It also joins us with Jesus, who gave himself completely, for us. Establishing new patterns of giving will give real life and joy to Lent.

During this season of grace and joy let us pray for each other, especially those who need and desire a change of heart on this pilgrimage to Easter joy.

*(Taken from the "Praying Lent" website of the Online Ministries at Creighton University)*

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