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<b>OFFICE HOURS</b>	Mon-Fri	9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
	Tues & Thurs	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
	Saturday	9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
	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

### 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.

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**SECOND DAY OF THE LORD IN LENT**  
*We turn our hearts to Jesus who revealed His glory to His people*



**Monday, February 22** at 9:00 a.m.  
 + Jim Keefe

**Tuesday, February 23** at 9:00 a.m.  
 + Anita Bannon

**Wednesday, February 24** at 9:00 a.m.  
 Ints. Mary & Pat Kavanaugh

**Thursday, February 25** at 9:00 a.m.  
 + Friar Cecil Harcar; + Franz Ziegerhofer Sr.;  
 + Marion van de Vrande;  
 Ints. Lorraine Evans; Ints. Lynne Kavanaugh

**Friday, February 26** at 9:00 a.m.  
 + Nelson Abdilla

**Saturday, February 27** at 5:00 p.m.  
 + Norma Ellis; + Joseph & Irma Tassy;  
 + Stella Maria Dufty; + Franz Ziegerhofer Sr.

**Sunday, February 28**  
 9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners  
 11:00 a.m. + David Drennan



**SECOND DAY OF THE LORD IN LENT**  
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The Scripture readings today speak to us about eye-opening experiences ... radical insights about who we are and who Jesus is. Others throughout history have had similar experiences. **God's**

**mercy endures forever.** Abraham encountered God in a way that made it very clear to him that the **merciful Covenant relationship** would shape the future of the People of God. That event in the history of salvation shows the way in which **God's mercy has been enduring since ancient times.** Peter, James and John encountered Jesus in the Transfiguration which shaped their lives and ministry in a profound way. Often in unexplainable moments we discover for ourselves who Jesus really is. We experience ourselves being shaped by that knowledge. **It reveals to us how God's mercy endures even now in this present moment.** How wonderful it is when our faith is strengthened! How wonderful it is that our eyes are opened to new possibilities! How wonderful it is that we turn our hearts to Jesus who reveals His glory to His People... to us!  
**Fr. Frank**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Each Friday during Lent we will have the Stations of the Cross in the Church **following the 9:00 a.m. Mass and at 7:00 p.m.**



**THE HOUR OF JESUS:  
 THE GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN**  
 SCRIPTURE STUDY WITH  
 FR. FRANK WAGNER CSC  
 Mondays from 7:00- 8:30 P.M.  
 (Feb. 15 - March 14)  
 Tuesdays from 1:30-3:00 P.M.  
 (Feb. 16 - March 15)  
 St. Raphael Parish Centre

**SHARE LENT PILGRIMAGE – WEEK 2:** *Working to end inequality in Paraguay.* This week our pilgrimage travels to Paraguay where we meet Liz Benitez. Her country is one where 1% of the landowners hold 77% of arable land. Liz's family is part of a peasant movement supported by Development and Peace who work to gain access to land for the poorest farmers in the country, the campesinos. They have been threatened by the state and police because of their work. *"I just want to live peacefully with my family,"* she says. This year consider stretching your Share Lent donation across the whole year with our Share Year-Round monthly giving program. Brochures are available at the back of the church.

**WE NEED HELP TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY by bringing communion.** What a beautiful, helpful and rewarding ministry! We need help in bringing communion to people who are homebound or in long term care or in the hospital. If you have about an hour every 4 weeks to give to this, please call for information. We will help in every way we can... questions, training, etc. Please inquire. Call Wilma 905 870 0641

**Please pray for the following:**

Maureen Fisher	Molly Laporte	Barbara Kennedy
Isabelle Wild	Nicola Izzi	Maritza Garcia
Martin Dawson	Sarah Scharer	Gonzalez
John Scharer	Vincent Stanford	Michael Dowson
Darryll Malley	Jim Singer	Milan Heck
Mary Berry	Catherine Gee	Doug Pudsey



*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 afternoon.*



**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> \$ 4,489.00  
 Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (Feb 15) \$ 4,610.00

*Thank you for your continued support of our parish.*



**THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:**

Thank you for your generous support. The month of February collection raised \$1,180.00 for the needy in our community

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE SOCIAL JUSTICE LENTEN PROJECT** - we are asking parishioners to donate school supplies to the Canadian Food For Children from **Saturday, February 20 to Sunday, March 13.** Please fill back packs; cloth or vinyl bags (good sturdy reusable bags) with three-holed lined paper, pencils, erasers, markers, rulers, etc. These supplies will allow children from third world countries to go to school and get an education which, as we know, is best tool for a better future. Kindly put your donations in the designated box in the Welcoming Area opposite to the St. Anthony Room.

**CULTIVATING AND CARING FOR CREATION:  
PAPAL TEACHING**

**"LAUDATO SI', mi' Signore"- "Praise be to you, my Lord"**. The following statements are from a [greenspiritv.com](http://greenspiritv.com) short video clip which you can find on youtube, **Program Eight: Solidarity** *The economic and social cost of using shared environmental resources must be recognised with transparency and borne by those who incur them and not by other peoples of future generations. The protection of the environment, and the safeguarding of resources and of the climate, oblige all international leaders to act jointly respecting the law and promoting solidarity with the weakest regions of the world. Pope Benedict XVI, 2009. So I would like us all to make a serious commitment to respect and protect creation to be attentive to every person, to counter the culture of waste and disposal to promote a culture of solidarity and of encounter. Pope Francis, 2013 I encourage public authorities and all men and women of good faith to question themselves about their daily attitudes and decisions which should not be dictated by an unlimited and unrestrained quest for material goods without regards for the surroundings in which we live. Saint John Paul II, 1998*

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE:** The Spring Prayer Vigil across from the new hospital in Oakville (3rd line at Dundas, NE corner) continues throughout Lent. There is a one hour group prayer vigil on Saturdays at 10 AM and Sundays at 3 PM during Lent. For details contact Steve Germann. 905 333 6472 or [smrg@cogeco.ca](mailto:smrg@cogeco.ca)

**UPCOMING FUNDRAISER EVENTS**

Thank you to all for many great fundraising suggestions. We have listed below some of them with dates and contacts. ALL of these events will need **volunteers**. If you can spare an hour or two please contact the person noted beside the event. We still have several events under consideration and more info will be available at a later date. Thank you for your continued support toward our **Accessibility Project**.

**APRIL 3:** Pizza & Ice cream Party  
(Marlene 905-634-0733)

**MAY 7:** English Tea Party  
(Charlie 905-681-6221)

**MAY 28:** Plant Sale  
(Sally 905-639-9516)

**JUNE 18:** Parking Lot Sale with BBQ & tea room  
(Marlene 905-634-0733)

**NOVEMBER 5:** Gala / Silent Auction Night  
(Marlene 905-634-0733)

Please remember to support our ongoing bottle drive by placing your clean, empty liquor and beer bottles in the designated bins. (Lesley 905-637-0373) Thanks!

**A JUBILEE OF MERCY EVENING:** Everyone is invited to attend a free evening on **Thursday, Feb. 25** at 7 p.m. in the parish hall of St. John the Baptist, Burlington. Learn more about the YEAR OF MERCY declared by Pope Francis. Father Bill Trusz one of 800 missionaries chosen by the Pope will explore the many ways we can integrate this virtue into our personal lives.

**REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP UPDATE:** The Refugee Committee is currently in the Application Stage. Thank you for your generous donations of funds and items! To date we have collected **\$29,940.00**. We have also received many furniture and household items to provide the family when they arrive. Please stay tuned for regular updates!

**YOUNG ADULTS SOCIAL:** The young adult group of St. Raphael would like to invite other young adults age 20-39 for a fun social evening at "The Slye Fox" Pub, 4057 New St. on **Friday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>**. We will meet at the Church at 7 p.m. and walk there. This is a casual evening - just a group of friends getting together. Come and meet other Young Adults just like you! For more information please contact Cristian at 905-637-2346 or [cala1271@gmail.com](mailto:cala1271@gmail.com)

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** Ladies...please share in this worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year. The theme is: *Receive Children. Receive Me*. Services will be held on **Friday, March 4, 2016 at Wellington Square United Church**, 2121 Caroline Street @ 1:30 p.m. and for the evening service at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 3455 Lakeshore Road @ 7:00 p.m. For more information, call Helen @ 905-634-7481.

**LENTEN MISSION 2016 at St. Gabriel Church:  
February 13, 20, 27 and March 5, 12, 19**

Agenda: 9:00 - Mass, 9:30 - Welcome and Refreshments, 10:00 - Speaker on a topic of Mercy, 11:00 - Spiritual Exercise, Discussion, Questions, Confessions. Speakers: Fr. Lucasz Kopaniak (Feb. 20 - Community Charity Works), Fr. Wojciech Kuzma (Feb 27 - Intimacy with God, Christine Ronzio, Director of Liturgy (March 5), Fr. Ian Duffy (March 12) Miriam Wright, Unbound Ministry (March 19).

**160<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE OF**

**HAMILTON:** His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for the 160th Anniversary of the Diocese of Hamilton on **Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00am in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. The Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Luigi Bonazzi, will preach the homily for the Anniversary Mass. All are welcome.

**PUPIL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW:** The Halton Catholic District School Board is asking members of the community who are planning to attend the **Community Consultation Meetings** for each community under review in March 2016 to register online prior to the event: <https://survey.hcdsb.org/2016MPAR.aspx>

The information that you provide in this registration form will give organizers a sense of who will be in attendance at the Community Consultation Meeting as well as the number of attendees to expect. The meeting dates are: **Burlington Southeast QEW** (Ascension, St. Patrick and St. Raphael): **Wed., March 2** at Assumption S.S. at 7PM, **Burlington Southwest QEW** (St. John and St. Paul): **Tuesday, March 8** at Assumption S.S. at 7PM. *Please see the insert in today's bulletin for further info.*

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