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 OFFICE HOURS
 Mon-Fri
 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
 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 year in advance.

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 Cathoic 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.

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

PARISH SCHOOLS

- Assumption High School 905.634.1835
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Archangel St. Raphael "God is my Healer"

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See the Book of Tobit, especially chapter 12

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Monday, February 26 at 9:00 a.m. + Michelle Edmonds

Tuesday, February 27 at 9:00 a.m. Ints. Paul Coles

Wednesday, February 28 at 9:00 a.m. + William Regan

Thursday, March 1 at 9:00 a.m. Ints. Charles & Angela Teilinger; Ints. Lee Olds; + Edward Krukowski; + Shirley Bannan + Bernard LeGree

Friday, March 2

9:00 a.m. + Lina Vacca 7:00 p.m. Ints. Violet Muscat

Saturday, March 3 at 5:00 p.m. Ints. Lily Kelner; + Brenda Undseth; + Helena Palynchuk; + Douglas Cox; + Neville Stuttard

Sunday, March 4

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 Michael Colameco Noah Landry Stephen Pustai Maria Szkitalinski Rozalia Bereznay 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

\$4930.00

Thank you for your continued support!

For the **Second Sunday of Lent** we read of how God tested Abraham's faith. In the gospel we witness how Jesus showed his disciples his glory, to prepare them for what is to come. A voice from a cloud said, "This is my Son, my beloved. Listen to him." All we need to do for the journey ahead is to listen to him.

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



ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER

Pope Francis writes: "... An integral ecology includes taking time to recover a serene harmony with creation, reflecting

on our lifestyle and our ideals, and contemplating the Creator who lives among us and surrounds us, whose presence "must not be contrived but found, uncovered." Laudato Si # 225

Our Planet Earth is a great gift that God has entrusted to us and each of us has a responsibility to care for this great gift and ensure that we pass on to future generations of children all over the world, a Home that they can live upon and enjoy! As Pope Francis says "the deterioration of the environment and of society affects the most vulnerable people on the planet" .(LS #48) For Pope Francis and all of us, it is crucial that all humanity hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dGt4-KyFwe4 https://gratefulness.org/resource/pale-blue-dot-carlsagan/

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

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: The Sacraments Matrimony and Holy Orders. In the life of Christ, we see and hear about love being poured out for the other. It is in giving that we receive and become our best selves. So, at the heart of the Church's life are these two sacraments that celebrate the priority of love given in service of others. Join us on Wed. Feb. 28th from 7-8 pm in the Parish Centre to further explore these two sacraments of service.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: every Friday

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

March 2nd - Extra Ordinary Ministers of Eucharist - Mass after Stations of the Cross

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.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: We are looking for someone who could volunteer in the Gift Store before and after the 11:00 mass on Sundays. If you are interested please call Angie Lappin at 905-333-5718.

FIRST RECONCILITION: We will have First Reconciliation in our church on Sunday, March 4th at 2 pm for all grade 2 students who will celebrate their First Communion this year at our parish.

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. The St. Vincent de Paul Tax receipts are also on this same table by the elevator in a separate box clearly marked SSVP.

2018 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Please pick up your 2018 envelopes in the parish entrance, by the gift shop. Forms to enroll in our Pre-Authorized Giving Plan are also available in the parish entrance or the parish office. Please contact the office if you require any assistance. We currently have 47 families enrolled in our preauthorized giving plan. The monthly collection is \$5,113.00.



PHOTO DIRECTORY: Session are 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: There are many ways, big and small, to be part of Share Lent. Check out the Solidarity Calendar inserted in last week's parish bulletin. Get the whole family involved. Create your own resolution or challenge!

SUNDAY FUNNY:

Doctor: I regret to tell you that you have a brain tumor.

Mr. Bean: Yesss!!! (jumps in joy)

Doctor: Did you understand what I just told you? Mr. Bean: Yes of course, do you think I'm dumb?

Doctor: Then why are you so happy?

Mr. Bean: Because that proves that I have a brain!

IN OUR COMMUNITY



THE 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN:

ACDAYS FOR LIFE of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil, and community outreach, is scheduled

from February 14th to March 25th. They pray at Proudfoot Trail and Dundas in Oakville, and offer help and healing to those affected by abortion. Please attend one of the group's vigils on Saturday mornings at 10 am - 11 am. For more information, go to 40daysforlife.com/oakville or call Steve Germann at 905 333 6472.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 5073: invite you to \$5 Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, March 4th at the Columbus Hall (2400 Industrial Street, Burlington). The Knights are pleased to support 10 year old Ayden Soares quest to raise funds for Childhood Arthritis. Dinner seatings are at 4 pm and 6 pm. Tickets available at the door. For further information visit: www.teamayden.com.

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE'S MINISTRY TO THE NEEDY: will be having a fundraiser dinner on Saturday, March 17th following the 5pm Mass. (St. Paul the Apostle Parish, 2265 Headon Road). Please attend this family style dinner. There will be music by Paul O'Connor and a guest speaker, Sal Badali, from Dr. Simone's Canadian Food for Children. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$7 for kids under 12 and \$40 for a family of 4 (2 adults & 2 children). For more info. call Trudy at 905-336-5343.

THE SERRA CLUB OF HAMILTON: invites you to join in honouring and celebrating milestone years of service of our Priests and Consecrated Brothers and Sisters. The event takes place on May 2nd, 2018 at Liuna Station, Hamilton beginning with cocktails at 6:30. Tickets are \$65. Contact Margaret at 905-628-5682 or celebrationprl@gmail.com. Or visit their website at www.celebrationprl.wixsite.com/dinner.



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.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Camp Marydale is looking for enthusiastic, high energy students to serve as group counsellors, lifeguards and one-to-one counsellors at its summer day camp. To be eligible, you must currently be in grade 10, or older. If interested, please visit their website www.cyo.onca/campmarydale and complete the application under the employment section. For more information or further assistance, feel free to contact Karen at (905) 528-0011 ext. 3602.

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