

# ST RAPHAEL PARISH COMMUNITY

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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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<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
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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.

### 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](http://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

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905.637.3810
- St. Paul's Elementary  
905.632.1424

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**SECOND DAY OF THE LORD IN ORDINARY TIME**



**Monday, January 18** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Ronald LaFontaine

**Tuesday, January 19** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Bev Butler

**Wednesday, January 20** at 9:00 a.m.  
Ints. Mary Joyce Hayward

**Thursday, January 21** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ John Hayhurst; + Fred Hession;  
+ Edward Curran; + Maisie Hegarty;  
Ints. Liz McCrae

**Friday, January 22** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Ronald LaFontaine

**Saturday, January 23** at 5:00 p.m.  
+ Byron Chambers; + Ann Cupido;  
+ Jim Keefe; + Isabel Fougere;  
Ints. The Van de Vrande Family

**Sunday, January 24**  
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners  
11:00 a.m. + Duncan Spence

**WOMEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION**



Our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Day of Reflection 'Nurturing the Nurturer' will be on **Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>** from 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., St. Raphael's Parish Centre. Our theme this year is "The Fire in my Soul". Our keynote speaker is *Dr. Josie Lombardi*, a wife, mother, teacher, theologian, author and a professor at St. Augustine's Seminary. Tickets are \$30 and will go on sale Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>. (\$20 for CWL members of St. Raphael)



**THANK YOU:** The Decoration Committee would like to thank all our parishioners who brought in poinsettias for Christmas. All the plants, wreaths and garland looked lovely placed in various locations in the church. Thanks to the members of the Committee who worked diligently to have all decorations up by December 23<sup>rd</sup>. A special thank you to Fr. Frank and Fr. Francis who directed us as well as joined us in preparation for Christmas. We also thank the students of St. Raphael School for their assistance. A job very well done and appreciated by everyone!

**Members of the Decoration Committee:** Please note that the next meeting will take place on **Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**. Topic: plans for Lent and Holy Week.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS:** Thanks to all who helped to put away the Christmas season decorations. You may notice that we have left up the wreathes behind the altar and the evergreen decoration over the statue of Mary. We will light them up on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2. That day's liturgy recalls that the prophet Simeon upon seeing the child Jesus in the temple proclaims: "my eyes have seen your salvation, a **light for revelation to the Gentiles**". Our liturgy will begin with a blessing and procession with candles on this lovely feast day of Jesus and His Mother Mary.

**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, January 10<sup>th</sup> \$ 5,194.00

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

**ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT UPDATE:** Our collection as of January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 is **\$43,176.00** towards our goal of \$425,000. Thank you for your donations!

**SAVE YOUR TREASURES: Spring cleaning???** Save all your treasures for our **FIRST PARKING LOT SALE** in May. Tables will be available for rent and there will be a BBQ as well. Do not throw out anything. You can turn your junk into someone else's treasure. More details to come.

**ACCESSIBILITY FUNDRAISER SUGGESTIONS**

We welcome your ideas as to how we could meet our goal. Please call or email the fundraising committee at 905-634-0733, Marlene Cox or [mjc1@sympatico.ca](mailto:mjc1@sympatico.ca)

**REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP COLLECTION UPDATE:** To date we have collected **\$22,835.00**. Thank you for your very generous donations. Please see the bulletin insert for information from the Refugee Sponsorship Committee.



**CWL NEWS** - next general meeting will be held on **Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 p.m.** in the Parish Centre. The Catholic Women's League theme chosen for the jubilee year of

MERCY is: One Heart, One Voice, One-Mission: Palliative and Hospice Care, which focuses on outward expressions of mercy towards our brothers and sisters as they reach the end of their lives. We will explore ways in which our council at St. Raphael and how our individual members can support this initiative. Pope Francis calls us to be the visible face of Christ in the world. *Reminder* - renew your membership for 2016 before the end of February and get your name into a draw for a \$30.00 restaurant gift card. Please contact Helen @ 905-634-7481 for more info.



**YEAR OF MERCY:** A reminder that there are Divine Mercy Devotions every Friday from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel. Please consider joining us during this Year of Mercy. Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 p.m. For more information call Sylvia at 905-632-4862

**BOOMERANG CARDS:** Bridge and euchre sessions are held in the Parish Centre on **Monday afternoons** at 1:00 p.m. Join us for an afternoon of fun for only a toonie.

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

**"LAUDATO SI', mi' Signore"- "Praise be to you, my Lord".** The following statements are from a greenspirittv.com short video clip which you can find on youtube, session four: **Creation Has Intrinsic Order.** "I encourage public authorities and all men and women of good faith to question themselves about their daily life and attitudes and decisions which should be not dictated by an unlimited and unrestrained quest for material goods without regards for the surroundings in which we live". **Saint John Paul II, 1990** "The law written by God in nature and capable of being ready by reason leads to respect for the Creator's plan, a plan which is meant for the benefit of mankind. This law establishes a certain inner order which man discovers and which he must preserve. Any activity in conflict with this order inevitably does damage to man himself". **Saint John Paul II, 1999** "When nature, including the human being, is viewed as the result of mere chance or evolutionary determinism, our sense of responsibility wanes. In nature the believer recognizes the wonderful result of God's creative activity which we may use responsibly to satisfy our legitimate needs, material or otherwise, while respecting the intrinsic balance of creation" **Pope Benedict XVI, 2009.**



**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN  
UNITY: JANUARY 18-25**

The 2016 theme is **Called to Proclaim the Mighty Acts of the Lord** (cf. 1 Peter 2:9) The relationship between baptism and proclamation, and **the calling shared by all the baptized** to proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord was inspired by two verses from the First Letter of St Peter. St Peter tells the early Church that in their search for meaning prior to encountering the Gospel they were not a people. But through hearing the call to be God's chosen race and receiving the power of God's salvation in Jesus Christ, they have become God's people. Baptism opens up an exciting new journey of faith, uniting each new Christian with God's people throughout the ages. In **the shared sacred texts of the Bible**, we hear of God's saving acts in salvation history: leading his people out of slavery in Egypt, and the great mighty act of God: the raising of Jesus from the dead, which opened new life to all of us. **As Christians seeking the unity of the Body of Christ we are all called to recognize the mighty acts of God in our own lives and the life of the Church.** The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is January 18-25 to cover the original days of the feasts of the Chair of St. Peter (January 18) and the Conversion of St. Paul (January 25), and therefore have a symbolic significance.

**Celebration of Priesthood and Consecrated Life**

**Dinner 2016:** Join the Serra Club of Hamilton in Celebrating 50 years of Service by *Fr. Ciavarro, Fr. Curtin, Fr. Isabelle, Fr. Strohmeyer, Fr. Clarke SJ, Fr. Kelly CCSp, Fr. Wagner CSC, Fr. Wahl CR and Sr. Kerrigan CSJ* on **Tuesday April 26, 2016** at Liuna Station. Check <http://celebrationprl.wix.com/dinner> for details or contact Margaret Carreiro at 905-628-5682.



**ALL MEN ARE INVITED:  
CATHOLIC MEN FRATERNAL NIGHT  
Monday, January 25, 2016 in the parish  
centre.** Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm. St Raphael's

Men's Group and The Knights of Columbus #5073 have teamed up to invite all men to a Social Night. This is a great opportunity to meet and welcome the new priests from the Congregation of the Holy Cross. The Order is known for St. Brother Andre, Fr. Peyton and Notre Dame University. Topic of discussion "Are Sports Our New Religion?". Enjoy some snacks, pizza with hot coffee and cold pop. Email: [hvalcheff@coqeco.ca](mailto:hvalcheff@coqeco.ca)

**NEW PRACTICE TIME FOR THE 9AM CHOIR:**

Choir members are reminded that practice is on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the church. **New members are welcome!**

**UPCOMING H.Y.P.E. EVENT: WINTER EVENING HIKE  
AND BONFIRE: Sunday, February 21, 2016, 6-8 p.m.**

Discover the magic of winter by participating in this guided hike through the woods, under the light of the moon at the Royal Botanical Gardens. Capping it all off by a bonfire with a hot cup of cocoa. To register contact our Youth Minister, Cristian Lecanda: [cala1271@gmail.com](mailto:cala1271@gmail.com) A reminder that all young adults are invited to visit: [www.hypecatholic.com](http://www.hypecatholic.com)



**POTLUCK DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT:**

Join us on **Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>** following the 5 p.m. Mass. Movie: "The Good Lie". (Drama, 2014). A group of Sudanese refugees given the chance to resettle in America arrive in Missouri, where their encounter with an employment agency counselor forever changes all of their lives. If you plan to attend, we suggest the following for the pot luck dinner: If your last name begins with: **A to I** - bring a main dish, **J to Q** - bring a dessert, **R to Z** - bring a side dish. Don't forget - B.Y.O.B and bring a family member or friend. Coffee, tea and popcorn will be provided. For further info please contact Renata at 905-637-2457 or [galwayrenata@gmail.com](mailto:galwayrenata@gmail.com)

**36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ST. RAPHAEL MEN'S RETREAT:** Please consider this an invitation to join a weekend of spiritual renewal at "Manresa", the Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, 2325 Liverpool Road, Pickering, ON. from **Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>, 2016.** The theme this year is "The Visions of God given to Ezekiel - What insights are there for us?" presented by the Jesuit Theologians. The retreat **begins Friday at 7:15 p.m. and closes Sunday with lunch at 12:30 p.m. It is a SILENT retreat** and it is a graced period in our faith history where we reflect on what is important in our lives. Above all, it is a time to develop our relationship with God who loves us very much, just the way we are. Everyone must have a reservation for this weekend. **Please call Stephen Pustai at 905-639-6428, Steve Gaspar at 905-632-7953 or Leo Blain at 905-517-1039.** Suggested offering is \$175 which includes accommodation, meals, retreat program and spiritual direction. See the brochure on our bulletin board or visit [www.manresa-canada.ca](http://www.manresa-canada.ca)

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