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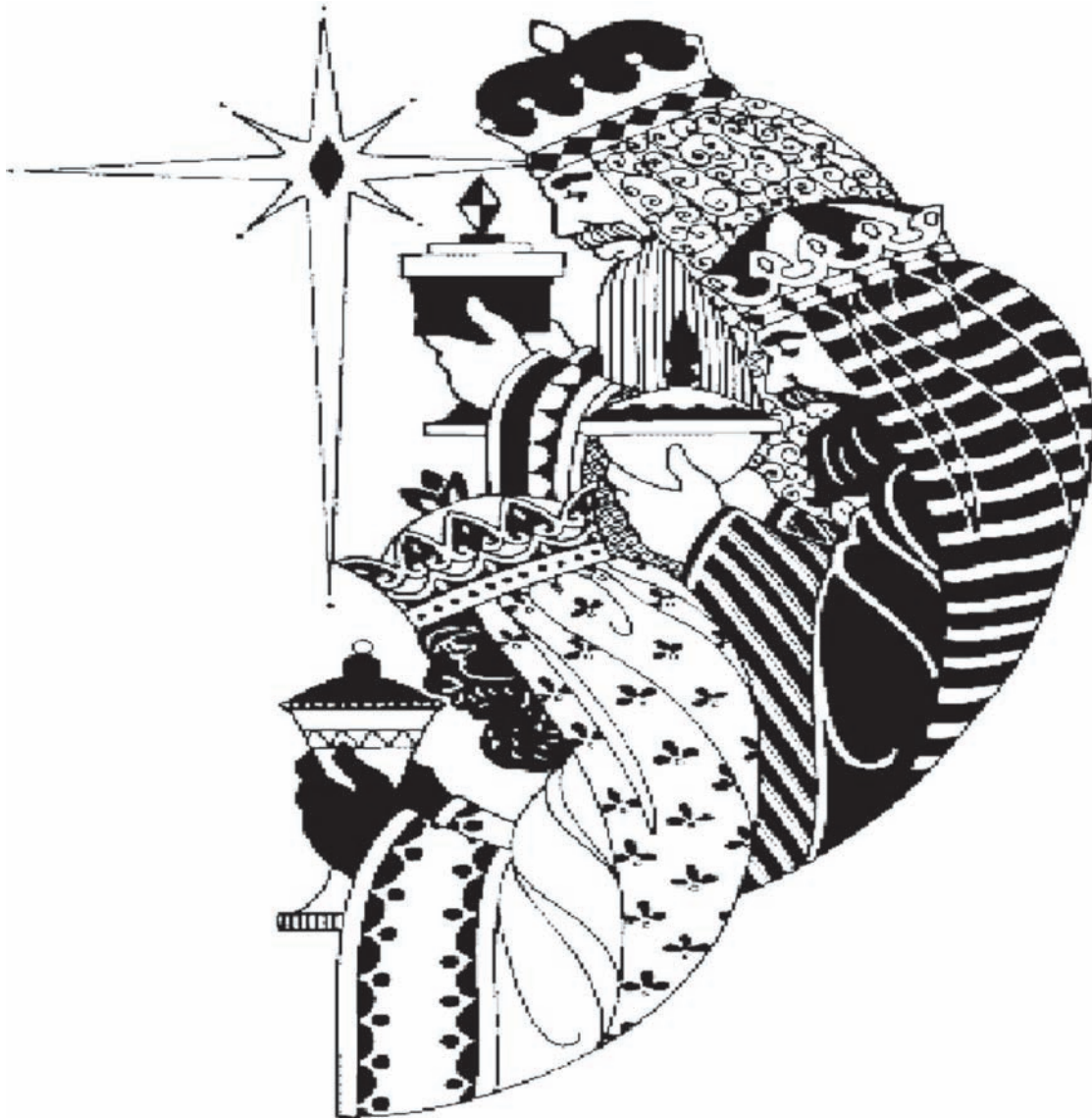
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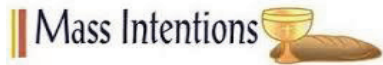
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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY



Monday, January 3 at 9:00 am
Ints. Ellen & Moria Hughes

Tuesday, January 4 at 9:00 am
† Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, January 5 at 9:00 am
† Fran Hyatt

Thursday, January 6 at 9:00 am
Ints. Nadia Plach; Ints. Pat Ogborn
† Sister Rita S.S.N.D.; † George Raath
† Paul Stellato; † Claire Fedeyko

Friday, January 7
9:00 am † Eileen Cook
6:30 pm † Stanley Musial

Saturday, January 8 at 5:00 pm
Ints. Lorraine Evans; † Mike Martin Lukawenko
Mass of Thanksgiving for Harm & Myrla Dewyk
† Rodney McCarthy; † Maria Yen Pham
† Michael Lukawenko

Sunday, January 9
9:00 am For Our Parishioners
11:00 am † Clinton Cox



ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER:
Pope Francis writes: "There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions, and it is wonderful how education can bring about real changes in lifestyle". LS 211

"In Christ everything old has passed away: everything has become new." 2 Cor 17

A New Year has begun and it is a good time for us to take a look at how we want to live this year with a new resolve to do what we can to be a part of the solution to the Climate Crisis facing our world today.

"The United Nations Climate Summit known as COP26 took some steps forward in the global effort to rapidly limit dangerous levels of global warming, but not nearly enough or fast enough, say Catholic groups who were present in Glasgow (Oct 30-Nov. 13) throughout the two-week conference" *EarthBeat Nov 16/21*. All conference attendees realize the importance of halting the rise of carbon emissions in the atmosphere to ensure that the Earth's temperature does not increase above the 1.5 degree increase that has already happened.

<https://hotorcool.org/1-5-degree-lifestyles-report/>

At the start and throughout the conference Pope Francis issued messages to conference participants: "I encourage those who have political and economic responsibilities to act immediately with courage and foresight," Francis said. "At the same time, I invite all people of good will to exercise active citizenship for the care of the Common Home," the pope added, as he announced that registration had opened for the Vatican's Laudato Si' Action Platform.

<https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/>

Pope Francis has asked each of us to play a part in the solution to the crisis that is facing all humanity. We may think to ourselves' "But what can I do? I am only one person." Each of us has a part to play in exercising active citizenship for the care of our common home. In the following weeks the Green Corner will examine ways that everyone can play their part to hear "the Cry of the Earth, the Cry of the Poor".

One of the main ways that we as individuals can combat climate change is to reduce our Carbon Footprint which a measure of the total amount of greenhouse gasses released into the atmosphere as a result of an individual's, organization's, or nation's actions.

<https://www.futurelearn.com/info/blog/how-to-reduce-your-carbon-footprint-tips>

Stay Tuned!

IN OUR PARISH



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

December 19, 2021

Envelopes (102)
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\$8,663
\$142

Thank you for your continued support!

Please pray for:

Jasmine Leigh	Joseph & Madeleine	James Cook
Emma Goodale	Zucco	Maritza Garcia
Vanessa Rodrigues	Sarah Scharer	Gonzalez
Albert Rodrigues	Elizabeth Talatala	Milan Heck
John Scharer	Asia Rae Landry	Helen Weppler
Doug Pudsey	Noah Landry	Jane Urquhart
Peggy Evans	Alison Zierl	Laith Yousif
Lee Olds	Rosario Herve	Mary Lilly
Stephen Pustai	Jill Olds	Vincent Stanford
Michael Smart	Joanne Pringle	Frank Clarke
Kyle Elliott	Robert Connelly	Marie Bond
Elizabeth Elder	Jones Rodney	Ron Robertson
Heather Allen	Barbara Fisher	Gary Olds
Frank Sicoli	Laurie Suddaby	Helen Sheehan
Nicola Izzi	Rev. Fred Olds	Lorraine Evans

If you would like a loved one prayed for by the parish or included in the weekend Prayers of the Faithful, please call the Parish Office by Tuesday morning.

Today we celebrate the **Epiphany of the Lord**. We gain an understanding and insight into the essence of who Jesus really is. When the Wise Men visit the poorest of families and find the baby Jesus, they have a clearer idea of what kind of king he will be. At Epiphany, we celebrate the light that has come into the darkness of the world. The days are short and the dark of night surrounds us many hours each day; we can reflect on that darkness and the light that Jesus brings into our hearts.

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



"THIRD SATURDAYS" BIBLE STUDY:

Women of all ages join us via Webinar **January 15th, at 9:30am.** A monthly one-hour webinar igniting passion for reading the Bible and applying the Word to our lives.

Refresh, restore and renew our faith. No bible experience required. Pray and share together with other women. To sign up please RSVP to michele@forgionegroup.com or leonyhettinger@bell.net See you soon.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE STAMP PROJECT: Please continue to save your cancelled stamps from Christmas Cards and any other mail. The Stamp Project raises funds for Development and Peace to support their ongoing Social Justice work. We will notify you at the end of January as to how we will collect the stamps from you! Thank you for your thoughtfulness and support of Development and Peace and their work in the world!

NEW SUNDAY MISSALS: If you would like your own copy of the 2021-2022 Sunday Missal for \$5 please purchase them in the parish office during the week or in the Welcome Area of the church after weekend masses



THANK YOU TO OUR MINISTRIES: On behalf of the pastoral team, we would like to thank *all the volunteers* who spent a lot of time in making this season of Christmas

a joyful celebration. Thanks to all the *Lectors, Altar servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, all the Choirs, Decorating Committee, Ushers, and Offertory Counters.* Each of your contributions has helped all of us to experience the joy of Christ's birth and made it a meaningful celebration for our community. We are indeed a vibrant and joyful community. Let us continue to share this joy with one another as we begin this New Year. May the choicest blessings come to all of you and to your families.



THANK YOU: We would like to thank all parishioners who brought in flowers to our Parish for Christmas. The plants looked lovely and the church was radiant with the flowers arranged by the Decorating Committee. Thank-you to everyone involved!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE

Knights of Columbus Council 5073, via Halton Columbus Charities, has made a \$ 4,000.00 donation to Shifra Homes towards the need for beds in Burlington. The beds arrived on Christmas Eve. In addition, the Knights provided \$ 2,700 of additional funds to SVDP and two Burlington Foodbanks to help offset the impacts of Covid - 19. These funds were made possible by Parish support of Knights of Columbus and Halton Columbus Charities fundraising events and donations. Thank you!

SUNDAY FUNNY: What would have happened if it had been three wise women instead of three wise men who visited Jesus? They would have asked for directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole, and brought practical gifts.



2022 ENVELOPES & CALENDARS: Please pick up your 2022 donation envelopes and a St. Raphael Parish Calendar in the parish entrance, by the elevator.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

MARRIAGE SUPPORT: Is your marriage causing more trouble than joy, feeling stagnant or disconnected and/or causing you worries? The solution is **Retrouvaille** - a program for married couples facing challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille helps couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. It is a practical program, where sharing is only between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. The next Retrouvaille weekend begins **March 13th.** For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.

YEAR OF AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY - HAMILTON

DIOCESAN SPEAKER SERIES: The kick off to the Diocesan speaker series, meant to celebrate the year, will be in January, with a special three part presentation by Bishop Lobsinger, with input from the Pastoral Offices staff. The evening sessions will be held from **7 - 8:30 pm** on **Jan. 12th, 19th and 26th,** and will unpack the great wisdom in Amoris Laetitia: **The Joy of Love in Families and Church.** The presentations, by zoom, are meant to engage all members of the Diocese in looking at both the challenges and blessings of families in the world today. Check the Diocesan website at <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/> for more information. Online registration will be necessary to receive the link, where you can join in by phone or internet. For more information contact Teresa Hartnett at thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOST BIG BAND MUSIC:



After a long wait, the Knights of Columbus of Burlington are hosting an afternoon of "Big Band Music" at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre featuring the Toronto All-Star Big Band on

Sunday, Jan. 30 at 2 pm. The price per ticket is \$48.00. Call the box office at 905-681-6000 or visit: www.burlingtonpac.ca.

VOCATIONS TO RELIGIOUS LIFE: "On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, (905-528-7988). Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/ To join Holy Cross Fathers please talk to Fr. Francis or visit www.holycrossvocationscanada.com

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