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OFFICE HOURS	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

WEDDINGS

Please contact us at least one year in advance.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM
or by appointment

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.

PRAYER BEFORE WEEKDAY MASS

8:00 AM in the Adoration Chapel
8:30 AM Rosary in the church

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

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.

PARISH SCHOOLS


- Assumption High School 905.634.1835
- St. Raphael's Elementary 905.637.3810
- St. Paul's Elementary 905.632.1424

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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

Mass Intentions 

(† = Deceased Intention; Int = Intentions of...;
Thx = Thanksgiving)

Mon. Jan 29, 9am	† Walfrido Landicho
Tue. Jan. 30, 9am	Thx Dilu & Ash Alles
Wed. Jan. 31, 9am	Int Suzanne Wilson
Thu. Feb. 1, 9am	Int Divina Despa Addo
Int Chris Noon	† Joseph Fauteux
† Ralph Meyer	† Donald Gravelle
† Victoria Aggapao	
Fri., Feb. 2, 9am	† Franco Biello
Fri., Feb. 2, 6:30pm	† Sarah Mtenga
Sat. Feb. 3, 5pm	† Catherine (Kay) Lane
† Epifanio & Nora Braganza	
Sun. Feb. 4, 9am	† Tjitramina
Sun. Feb. 4, 11am	For Our Parishioners

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

January 21, 2024

Envelopes (136) \$4044
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Thank you for your generous support

Please pray for:

John Bate Gwen Bate
Sean Hayes Vincent Stanford
Tom Olds

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.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A ROMAN CATHOLIC OR LEARNING MORE ABOUT YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH?



Then maybe the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the place for you. The RCIA journey introduces the beliefs and practices of the Roman Catholic Church through a series of prayerful reflections, video presentations, faith sharing and small group discussions designed to help participants to become full members of the Catholic Church. Classes (usually 75 minutes long) are paused for the Christmas break but will continue on **Wednesday, January 31 at 7:00pm** with the continuation of the topic **“Penance & Anointing of the Sick: God’s Mercy Revealed”** All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact the parish office.

HANDICRAFT HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS:



This weekend we welcome our special guest Jonelly from Sebastien Cardinal’s team, representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through your prayers for them. Please consider purchasing any of the unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem on display after every mass next weekend. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. May God Bless you for your generosity, for your help and for your prayers. Cash, debit, credit cards and cheques will be accepted. For more information, visit: www.HolylandChristians.ca

ROSARY MAKING: Holy Family Ministries is happy to announce that all the rosaries made by St. Raphael parishioners have now been distributed; many of them to local students. More rosaries are needed! If you have any of the rosary making supplies from one of the workshops which you are not planning to use, please return the supplies to the parish office so they can be distributed to other rosary makers. If you have any completed rosaries, please bring them to the parish office. For more information, contact familyministry.canada@gmail.com

ADORATION, PRAISE, WORSHIP AND MASS: Please join our parishioners in a church wide adoration and praise and worship at **6:30pm** on **Friday, 2nd**. All are welcome to spend time with the Lord.

2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Please pick up your envelopes in the parish lobby area, by the elevator. Please note some envelope numbers have changed this year to reduce waste. Please refrain from using previous year’s envelopes, many numbers have changed and your account may not be credited with your donation. For assistance, please contact the office.

THE FINE ART OF BEING HAPPILY MARRIED: In his poem, The Art of Marriage, Wilfred A. Peterson writes, “A good marriage must be created” and creating something requires time and attention. We invite you to take the time, with your spouse, to find new and creative ways to increase your connection with each other, to discover fresh techniques for being in relationship and to deepen the love you already share. Join us on **Saturday, May 4th from 9:30am – 3:00pm** at the Mount Mary Retreat Center in Ancaster. Cost is \$50 per couple and includes lunch. To register go to <https://hamiltondiocese.com/> and look under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING: Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in April 2024 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. For more information, please call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTIONS TO MOTHER MARY AND ANOINTING WITH HOLY OILS OF ST. JOSEPH:

We would like to devote the First Saturdays of the month to all the youth who came up with the suggestion of First Saturday Devotions. This devotion was promoted with the advice of Our Lady of Fatima to St. Lucia saying: *“on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, you shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary.”* We encourage everyone present with us on the First Saturday on the Month to pray the Rosary with the Youth after the 5 pm Vigil Mass. We encourage families to join in this beautiful family devotion to Our Blessed Mother and ask her intercession to protect and care for the young families and the youth of our community. Following the example of St. Bro. Andre who brought healing through St. Joseph’s intercession, those who would like to request for Holy Anointing after the 5 pm Vigil Mass as we recite the Rosary. Thank you for your prayers, support, and care for our youth activities.

VOCATION PROMOTION: The Halton Serra Club invite you to promote vocations to the Priesthood, Permanent Diaconate and Religious Life. The Club is holding a special Mass which will be celebrated by Bishop Crosby at St. Gabriel Church on Tuesday Jan. 30 at 6:30pm. You are most welcome to join and pray for Vocations. Thank you for prayers and support in promoting Vocations in the Church.

THANK YOU FOR THE JANUARY FAMILY WEEKEND:

Thank you to all those helped in organizing and joining in the family Potluck Dinner as we celebrated the 150th anniversary of Blessed Basil Moreau, along with the 25th Anniversary of Fr. Shaji. We would also like to thank the Knights of Columbus for their leadership in organizing, preparing and serving the Parish breakfast; it was beautiful to witness the strong family spirit as so many people gathered to share the breakfast and build up our Parish community.

HOME EUCHARIST MINISTRY: *“Service is the sign of true love. Those who love know how to serve others.”* - Pope Francis. Are you interested in participating in our Home Eucharist Ministry? We have a need for volunteers to serve our homebound, LTC and hospital parishioners by bringing Sunday communion. For more information please contact: John Fauteux, tjfauteux@me.com, 905.635.2586 (h)

PRAYER OF ST. OSCAR ROMERO

It helps, now and then,
to step back and take the long view.
The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts;
it is even beyond our vision.
We accomplish in our lifetime only a fraction of the
magnificent enterprise that is God’s work.
Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying
that the kingdom always lies beyond us.
No statement says all that could be said.
No prayer fully expresses our faith.
No confession brings perfection.
No pastoral visit brings wholeness.
No program accomplishes the church’s mission.
No set of goals and objectives includes everything.
This is what we are about.
We plant the seeds that one day will grow.
We water the seeds already planted,
knowing that they hold future promise.
We lay foundations
that will need further development.
We provide yeast that produces effects
far beyond our capabilities.
We cannot do everything;
and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.
This enables us to do something and to do it well.
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning,
a step along the way,
an opportunity for the Lord’s grace
to enter and do the rest.
We may never see the end results,
but that is the difference
between the master builder and the worker.
We are workers, not master builders;
ministers, not messiahs.
We are prophets of a future not our own.
(This prayer is known as St. Oscar Romero Prayer. He was the Archbishop of El Salvador, during a time of great political and economic strife. He spoke against violence and social injustice. He was killed while celebrating Holy Mass on March 24th, 1980.)

BIBLE PROJECT: Pope Francis has established the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time as the Sunday of the Word of God to recall the Second Vatican Council’s rediscovery of the Sacred Scripture for the life of the Church. The Theme for this Year of 2024 is **“Remain in my Word”** (John 8:31).

We would like to invite you and encourage you to take up the challenge to **Read the Bible in 120 days**. It takes about 72 hours to read the entire Bible. We have developed a program to read the Bible in 120 Days. You need to dedicate **30 minutes a day** or 4 hours a week. A form is available in the parish office. Once you have completed the Program, we will present you with **an official Certificate**.

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