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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

closed on Statutory Holidays

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.

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

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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

Please visit these websites: The Diocese of Hamilton HamiltonDiocese.com
Catholics Come Home www.CatholicsComeHome.org Vocations www.HamiltonDiocese.org

**FOURTH DAY OF THE LORD IN ORDINARY TIME
TOGETHER IN GOD'S REIGN**



Monday, January 30 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Theresa and Vincent Buttery

Tuesday, January 31 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Clare Penfold

Wednesday, February 1 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Janette Webb

Thursday, February 2 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Marie Hue Nguyen; + Ian Moran;
+ Betty Nedelko; + Arnulfo Osma

Friday, February 3 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Michael Sharpe

Saturday, February 4 at 5:00 p.m.
+ Epifanio & Nora Braganza; + Clinton Cox;
+ Jordan Broctor; Ints. Frank Sicoli

Saturday, February 4 at 7:00 p.m.
Youth Mass

Sunday, February 5
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Ints. Marlene & Jim Cox

Please pray for the following:

Isabelle Wild	Molly Laporte	Barbara Kennedy
John Scharer	Nicola Izzi	Maritza Garcia
Mary Berry	Sarah Scharer	Gonzalez
Doug Pudsey	Vincent Stanford	Michael Dowson
Sylvia Gzik	Jim Singer	Milan Heck
Rosy Santos Perez	Catherine Gee	Helen Wepler
John O'Boyle	Elizabeth Talatala	Jane Urquhart
Frances Wentges	Maria Szkitalinski	Laith Yousif
Diane Svazas	Irene Groves	

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, January 22nd \$ 4,517.00

Thank you for your continued support!



7TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION

'Nurturing the Nurturer':
Saturday, February 4th, 2017 from 8:45 am to 3:00 pm in St. Raphael's Parish Centre. Our theme this year will be "*Forgiveness a New Day*". Our keynote speaker will be Miriam Wright and we will enjoy a play by Elisa Lollino. **Tickets on sale after all Masses.** \$30.00 (or \$20.00 for members of St. Raphael's C.W.L.)



LADIES COFFEE MORNING: All ladies are welcome to gather on **Wednesday, February 1st**, for coffee and fellowship following the 9 a.m. Mass in the St. Francis Room.

MATTHEW'S GOSPEL

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN: THE REIGN OF GOD

The Sermon on the Mount [chapters 5-7] is the **charter of God's kingdom**. It is introduced this Sunday. The evangelical attitudes of the Sermon on the Mount shape our experience of the Reign of God. It is considerably longer than the Beatitudes which introduce it. Two of the Beatitudes refer directly to God's Reign: "Blessed are the **poor in spirit**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven and "Blessed are those who are **persecuted for righteousness**", for theirs is the kingdom of heaven". God's merciful compassion which is the cause of God's Reign, becomes the power and joy of human life. Human beings are called to open themselves to that love and let it be the mainspring of their lives. In the Sermon on the Mount, the "**Golden Rule**" stands out: "Treat others the way you would have them treat you: This sums up the law and the prophets" (7:12). We get an insight into what concrete actions that love calls for when we consider how we ourselves wish to be treated. **Living the Golden Rule is living God's Reign.** *Fr. Frank*

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD: On **February 2nd** the liturgy of the Church reflects on the day [40 days after the birth of Jesus] when Jesus was taken to the Temple by Joseph and Mary to fulfill the Law. Jesus was recognized by Simeon to be "**the Light of the World**". This Mass was formerly celebrated as the conclusion of the Christmas season. Now, the liturgy begins with a rite of blessing and procession with candles [Candlemass]. We will illuminate the wreathes and garlands in the church for this occasion recognizing Christ **as the Light of the Reign of God.**

SAVE THE DATE: Join your fellow parishioners for a delicious breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus on **Sunday, February 26th** after the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses in the Parish Centre. Tickets on sale after Mass on February 11/12 and 18/19.



Catholic Women's League memberships are due for 2017.

Please complete the blue envelope found in the offertory envelopes (or use a plain white envelope) and clearly print your name; address; phone number and email address (if you have one) and enclose \$25.00. If we receive your membership before the end of February, you will be eligible for a draw of a \$30.00 restaurant gift card. The draw will be made at the March general meeting. Good luck to all!

DINNER FUNDRAISER: Students from the various Culture of Life Clubs of the Halton Catholic School Board are hosting a Dinner Dance in order to raise funds to subsidize their trip to the Annual March for Life Event in Ottawa. The dinner will be held in our Parish Centre on **Saturday March 4th**. Tickets are \$25 and include a wonderful dinner, coffee and dessert. There will also be a cash bar and 50/50 draw. Tickets will be on sale after masses. Please consider coming out to enjoy a wonderful evening in support of LIFE!

YOUTH MASS: Our next Mass is **Saturday, February 4th**. This Mass is open to everyone.



ST. RAPHAEL EVERGREEN CORNER

Pope Francis writes: *Each year sees the disappearance of thousands of plant and animal species which we will never know, which our children will never see, because they have been lost for ever. The great majority become extinct for reasons related to human activity. Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have no such right.*" Laudato si #33

On February 2nd of this week, we observe **World Wetlands Day**, marking the date of the adoption of the Convention on Wetlands. Established to raise awareness about the value of wetlands for humanity and the planet, WWD was celebrated for the first time in 1997 and has grown remarkably since then. Each year, government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and groups of citizens at all levels of the community have taken advantage of the opportunity to undertake actions aimed at raising public awareness of wetland values and benefits in general. Did you know that in **our community of Burlington** we are fortunate to have **Cootes Paradise Marsh**, a marshland at the western end of Lake Ontario, on the west side of Hamilton Harbour? Cootes Paradise is one of the largest wetland rehabilitation projects in North America. It is a habitat for hundreds of species of birds including Bald Eagles and Osprey, many varieties of fish, over 30 mammal species and more than 750 different species of native plants. Why not plan to **take a winter hike with your family and observe the Reign of God through the beauty of nature!**

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



CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT: Saturday,

March 4, 9 am - 4 pm. St. Joseph Mother House, 574 Northcliffe Ave. Dundas. Theme for the Day - "*Thy (God's) will (Not Mine) be done*".

Retreat will be conducted by both lay persons & clergy comprising of presentations, group discussions and reflection opportunities. Mass will be celebrated. Food & refreshments will be served Cost: \$35 (Seating is limited) Hosted by the #5073 Knights of Columbus. Please reserve your seat by contacting: Rocco DeVito, 905-637-1220

PERMANENT DIACONATE: Men interested in learning about the Permanent Diaconate Formation program in the Diocese of Hamilton are invited to attend the information session on **Sunday, February 5** at The Chancery Office in Hamilton. The meeting will be held after 11:00 a.m. Mass. To register or for more information, contact Deacon Peter Gittens at diaconateformation@hamiltondiocese.com or by telephone at 905-528-7988, ext. 2258.

VALENTINE'S DINNER DANCE: Holy Rosary Parish Knights of Columbus cordially invite you to enjoy a Dinner & Dance on **Saturday, February 11** at Holy Rosary Church, 287 Plains Road East. Cocktails at 6:15; dinner at 7:00. Come dine and dance to the music of Rockin' Robin. For your \$40.00 tickets, please call Ron or Susan at 905-521-9445.

PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND: March 5 – 14, 2017 (10 days) Under spiritual leadership of **Fr. Francis Salasiar C.S.C.** There will be a final information meeting on **Tuesday, February 14th at 7:30 p.m.** in the parish centre.

VOCATIONS: "*Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven...*" Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering being a priest, deacon, brother or sister. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, mking@hamiltondiocese.com, www.hamiltonvocations.com

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH: Spending quality time together will pay great dividends to all involved, especially our children. Time together allows for positive interaction, the ability to learn about each other and the chance to build strong bonds and memories. A great starting point is a shared family meal, but reading together, playing a board game, or working on a puzzle together are but a few of the many ways we can build connections. The result will be higher self-esteem for children, a greater cohesiveness in the family unit and the desire for more time as a family. Try it, you won't regret it!

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH: The gift of self promised during our wedding vows is essential to put into action during moments of struggle. When a spouse's actions cause anger, sadness or disappointment, we must try to look past the action or words and see the person you love. Instead of responding negatively in the moment, try to understand what has caused this situation and propose a resolution that will work for both of you and for your relationship. In our most vulnerable moments we have a chance to show our greatest love by responding as we should, as opposed to how we feel. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office)

LEARNING TO COPE (Level 1) is a ten week support program **starting Tuesday, February 28th** (7:00 pm to 9:30 pm), at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W, Hamilton. The program is for persons experiencing difficulties as a result of a separation or divorce. For more information, please contact the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988, ext. 2249. Cost: \$35. Past participants are welcome to inquire about further Levels programs starting the same week.

MEN'S CONFERENCE: On **February 18th** join Fr. Larry Richards and Archbishop of Montreal Christian Lépine for *Serviam Ministries' 2nd annual Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference* at Canada Christian College in Toronto. The theme is "Step Up". The day will strengthen and challenge men to become the man God created them to be. Mass, Adoration and Confession will take place. Special Father/Son rates available. All info and tickets: www.serviamministries.com/events/step-up/ or info@ServiamMinistries.com or 1-888-522-2070.

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