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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

Fr. Frank Wagner, C.S.C. - Pastor

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Mr. Cristian Lecanda - Youth Minister

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OFFICE HOURS	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

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

- Assumption High School
905.634.1835
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905.637.3810
- St. Paul's Elementary
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Catholics Come Home www.CatholicsComeHome.org Vocations www.HamiltonDiocese.org

FOURTH DAY OF THE LORD IN ORDINARY TIME



Monday, February 1 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Ronald LaFontaine

Tuesday, February 2 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Aileen Maguire

Wednesday, February 3 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Anna Malikova

Thursday, February 4 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Paul Nichol; + John Hayhurst;
+ Sam Ditomaso;
Ints. Sylvia Gzik; Ints. Donald Gravelle

Friday, February 5 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Jim & Marlene Cox

Saturday, February 6 at 5:00 p.m.
+ Gerald DeSouza + Patty Sedgewick Henderson;
+ Delio Iacobelli;
Ints. Nicky Plach; Ints Petrowski Family

Sunday, February 7
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Ints. Darryll Malley

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION AND ST. BLAISE On Tuesday, the liturgy of the Church invites us to celebrate the presentation of **the infant Jesus in the Temple** by Mary and Joseph. During this Jewish rite, the prophet Simeon declares Jesus to be a **“light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel”**. The liturgical rite to mark this event is the blessing of candles on this 40th day after the Birth of Jesus. Since 40 in the Bible is a symbolic number for an indefinite period of time in which individuals or communities are prepared for a new episode in their spiritual life, Jesus began preparations for His public ministry to be that light and glory in His family. The liturgy will begin with blessing and procession of candles representing the light of Jesus through us. The next day we will use candles in a **blessing of throats** as a symbol of faith in the healing power of God in our lives. **St. Blaise** has healing stories attributed to his intercession with God for the healing of bodily ailments, especially the throat.



WOMEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION

Our 6th Annual Women's Day of Reflection *'Nurturing the Nurturer'* will be on **Saturday, February 6th** from 8:30 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. Contact Charlotte Carpenter 905-681-6221 or bcarpenter2@cogeco.ca

BLESSING OF THE NEW STATUE OF ST. RAPHAEL

During next Sunday's liturgies **February 6/7** we will have a blessing of our new statue of St. Raphael. It is fitting that we do this near the Church's World Day of the Sick, since St. Raphael's name in Hebrew means **God Heals**. He is also featured as the healing touch of God's providence of blind Tobit. As the **patron saint of travelers** (remember the story in the *Book of Tobit* about the journeys of young Tobias) may he continue to intercede for us on our journey to Easter during the Lenten season and our life's journey itself.



ASH WEDNESDAY: On **February 10th**, Ash Wednesday, we will have **Mass at 9 a.m., 12 Noon, and 7:00 p.m.** We will also have a prayer service at 1 p.m. with the staff and students of St. Raphael's School which will include the marking of ashes. All are welcome. *Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat.*



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

YOUTH MASS: All are invited to our next Youth Mass on **Saturday, February 6th at 7:00 p.m.**

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
Tim Baillargeon	Arthur Vaz	



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 24th \$ 4,895.00
Debt Reduction \$ 1,044.00

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT UPDATES

Our collection as of January 25th, 2016 is **\$45,965.00** towards our goal of \$425,000. Thank you for your donations! Stay tuned for upcoming fundraiser events!

FILL THE BINS BOTTLE DRIVE! Bring all your empty rinsed wine, liquor and beer bottles with you to church! (In a bag please) Bins are inside the entrance doors to the church. Should you have an abundance of empty beer bottles and/or cans as well, call to have them picked up. Please call Lesley or Jonathan at 905-637-0373. You can also send a text to 905-512-2477.

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

AN INVITATION TO ALL YOUNG ADULTS (19-39) to join us at our next meeting on **Friday, February 5/2016** from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at St. Raphael Church. This month we are continuing with "*The Reason Series - What Science says about God*" a five-part comprehensive program for young people. Based on the award-winning book "*New Proofs for the Existence of God*". We hope to see you there.

METANOIA is a Greek word. How are we to understand its meaning? It is used in the New Testament many times. St. Jerome translated it into Latin *paenitentium*. That's **repentance** in English. However, that is an inadequate translation. Repentance or sorrow for sin can be something prior to metanoia or a consequence of metanoia. What then is metanoia? Blessed Pope Paul VI in the APOSTOLIC CONSTITUTION PAENITEMINI states: ***Christ, who always practiced in His life what He preached, before beginning His ministry spent 40 days and 40 nights in prayer and fasting, and began His public mission with the joyful message: "The kingdom of God is at hand." To this He added the command: "Repent and believe in the Gospel."*** (33) ***The kingdom of God announced by Christ can be entered only by a "change of heart" ("metanoia") that is to say through that intimate and total change and renewal of the entire man—of all his opinions, judgments and decisions—which takes place in him in the light of the sanctity and charity of God, the sanctity and charity which were manifested to us in the Son and communicated fully.*** (34) Metanoia, then is about the growth in the spiritual life in all its aspects with the help of God's grace. It is a turning from what keeps us from turning to God with all our heart. It is the change of heart we are invited to have especially during the Lenten time.



Thanks to all who have been leaving finished items and yarn in the box at the back of the Church. Now, I have lots of yarn, but now I need knitters and crocheters to make use of it. Call ROSE at 905-633-8455 and I can give you needles and yarn to take home and let your creativity show. Our little group made and donated 300+ items for the disadvantaged. This is truly the meaning of the Popes message to help the poor. I wish many blessings on my crafters. *Rose*

THE SERRA CLUB OF HALTON NEEDS YOU! We are seeking people to come together monthly at St. Dominic Parish in Oakville to promote and support vocations to religious life. We share Mass, a meal, have interesting speakers, and plan ways, as a group, to encourage young men and women to listen to God's call. While this helps others, it is also a wonderful opportunity to deepen our own walk with the Lord and strengthen our faith community. SERRAN's find ways to do this work in our everyday world of office, home, factory and family. Please join us for a meeting to learn more. Please contact Garth Brown, (Club President) at garthbrown@sympatico.ca or Sidonia Polivka (VP Membership) at 905-637-3061 or sidoniap12@gmail.com We look forward to welcoming you!



LADIES COFFEE MORNING: All ladies are welcome to gather on **Wednesday, February 3rd**, for coffee and fellowship following the 9 a.m. Mass in the St. Francis Room.

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.

CANADIAN TIRE CASH: Please donate your Canadian Tire money towards purchasing items needed for our Refugee family. Boxes are located in the main entrance of the church and the entrance to the left of the Altar close to New Street. No amount is too little... as you get it in your pocket or purse, leave it there and bring it with you to church. Thank you!

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.

36TH 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 19th -21st, 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

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: The Spring Prayer Vigil across from the new hospital in Oakville (3rd line at Dundas, NE corner) **starts on February 10th**. There is a one hour group prayer vigil on Saturdays at 10 AM and Sundays at 3 PM during Lent. For details contact Steve Germann. 905 333 6472 smrg@cogeco.ca **SAVE THE DATES:** Tuesday February 16th at 7pm - Mass & Rosary for the Unborn (St. Paul, Burlington), Thursday, March 3rd at 7pm - Mass for Life with Bishop Crosby (St. Michael, Oakville) Tuesday, March 15th at 7pm - Mass & Rosary for the Unborn (St. Paul, Burlington)

ST. JOHN'S C.W.L. LENTEN RETREAT: **Tuesday, February 16th** from 9 a.m. until 2:15 p.m. with lunch and refreshments. Please get information and register by phoning Marie Arponen at (905) 637-1677. Father Mike Isabelle will be the facilitator.

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