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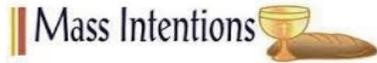
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*We saw his star in the East
and have come to worship Him*

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Monday, January 6 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Antonio Pepe

Tuesday, January 7 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Elisa Pepe
Feast of St. Bro. Andre

Wednesday, January 8 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Harm & Myrla Dewyk

Thursday, January 9 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Francis Gomez; + Clinton Cox; + Ben MacDougall;
+ Dion Alampi; + John McCarthy
St. Raphael School New Year Mass

Friday, January 10 at 9:00 a.m.
+ St. Anthony

Saturday, January 11 at 5:00 p.m.
Ints. Thanksgiving;
+ Debbie LeCavalier; + Epifanio Braganza;
+ Bertilo Beraldo; + Mary O'Rourke; + Eva Murray

Sunday, January 12
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners
11:00 a.m. + William Jennings

Please pray for the following:

John Scharer	Nicola Izzi	Barbara Kennedy
Mary Berry	Sarah Scharer	Maritza Garcia
Doug Pudsey	Jim Singer	Gonzalez
Peggy Evans	Elizabeth Talatala	Milan Heck
Jill Ascah	Asia Rae Landry	Helen Weppler
Lee Olds	Noah Landry	Jane Urquhart
Stephen Pustai	Alison Zierl	Laith Yousif
Michael Smart	Rosario Herve	Mary Lilly
Kyle Elliott	Jill Olds	Vincent Stanford
Karen Beeho	Joanne Pringle	Lucie Jennings
Pat Malcolm	Aileen Smith	Frank Clarke
Elizabeth Elder	Robert Connelly	Marie Bond
Michael Colameco	Jones Rodney	Tony Hymes
Joseph & Madeleine	Barbara Fisher	Ron Robertson
Zucco	Laurie Suddaby	Gary Olds

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 a.m.



ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER
Pope Francis writes: "The Earth Charter asked us to leave behind a period of self-destruction and make

a new start, but we have not as yet developed a universal awareness needed to achieve this. Here, I would echo that courageous challenge: As never before in history, common destiny beckons us to seek a new beginning... Let ours be a time remembered for the awakening of a new reverence for life, the firm resolve to achieve sustainability, the quickening of the struggle for justice and peace, and the joyful celebration of life". [148] Laudato SI #207
A New Year begins and with it many desires in our life. It is the right time to think about our New Year's resolution in terms of an ecological lifestyle. Take time to think about what we have done to our Common Home and what we can do right now to solve the disorder that we may have created in the past. Let us all resolve to change one or two habits this year with these few suggestions:

Plastic-Free - Quitting single-use plastics can seem like a daunting goal, but if you set yourself a time limit and give it all your effort, you may be surprised at how well it goes. It keeps an overwhelming task within clearly delineated boundaries, which makes it more manageable. The idea behind Plastic Free is to **refuse** single-use plastics during the entire month. **Instead of accepting a disposable coffee cup, you take your own every day! Shop with reusable grocery bags! Carry a refillable water bottle! Avoid pre-packaged foods packed in plastic. Use reusable and washable mesh or cloth bags when purchasing produce. Refill your jars and buy in bulk! Try using a bamboo toothbrush.**
"O God, let me cultivate ecological virtues."

****Christmas tree and ornaments must be recycled properly, double check this web page:**
<https://www.halton.ca/For-Residents/Recycling-Waste/Curbside-Collection#> or call 311.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, Dec. 22 nd	- Envelopes (258)	\$6203.00
	- Christmas (11)	\$415.00
	- Loose	\$975.00

IN OUR PARISH



BOOMERANG CARDS: will resume Mon. Jan 7th.



CHRISTIAN MOVIE NIGHT: Every **first Monday of the month** at **7pm** in our **Parish Centre** (until May). This month join us on **Jan. 6th** for **"The Rock and the Rabbi"**. It is rated G. This is an audio musical play about the friendship between Peter (the Rock) and Jesus (the Rabbi). Peter narrates his thoughts, feelings, misgivings, sorrows and joys.



LADIES COFFEE MORNING: All Ladies are invited this **Wed. Jan. 8th** at **9:30 am** in the St. Francis room for coffee and fellowship.

Sunday is the celebration around the world of the **Epiphany of the Lord**. The light has come into the darkness of the world and our salvation was made known to the Gentiles. The Prophet **Isaiah** offers us a vibrant image of hope and fulfillment: "Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you." **Matthew's Gospel** brings us the story of the Magi and their encounter with Herod on the way to "do homage" to the newborn King of the Jews. "And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was."

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<http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>*

JOURNEY OF FAITH: The **Sacrament of Baptism** is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. In this session we will learn more about, what does baptism mean? Why is baptism important? Why do we baptize the child? What are the effects of baptism? Come out **Wed. Jan. 8th** from **7pm to 8pm** in the **Parish Centre** to learn more about your baptism.



WE NEED HELP TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY: by bringing communion to people who are homebound or in long term care or in the hospital. What a beautiful, helpful and rewarding ministry! If you have about an hour or two every 4 weeks to give to this ministry, please call for information. We will help in every way we can, questions, training, etc. Please inquire, call Wilma 905-870-0641.

CONFIRMATION CLASS: There will be a confirmation class on **Mon. Jan. 13th** at **7 pm** in the **parish centre**. We ask **all grade 7 students** being confirmed, to attend.

IN OUR COMMUNITY



2020 WORLD WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - South Burlington:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church & Address</u>
Sun. Jan. 19	2 PM	Appleby United 4407 Spruce Avenue
Mon. Jan. 20	7 PM	St. Raphael Catholic 4072 New Street
Tues. Jan. 21	7 PM	New Street CRC 3416 New Street
Wed. Jan. 22	7 PM	Port Nelson United 3132 South Drive
Thurs. Jan. 23	7 PM	Holy Cross Lutheran 3455 Lakeshore Road
Fri. Jan. 24	7 PM	Knox Presbyterian 461 Elizabeth Street
Sat. Jan. 25	7 PM	St. Raphael Catholic 4072 New Street
Sun. Jan. 26	7 PM	Archangel Raphael & St. Marina Coptic 1160 Blair Road, Unit 101
Mon. Jan. 27	7 PM	Burlington Baptist 2225 New Street

*Sunday, **January 26 – 12:30pm** - Speaker on "From Refugee to Resettlement"- **Port Nelson** (3132 South Dr.) Hope to see you there. For questions, please call Frank and Wilma 905-870-0641.

2020 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Please pick up your envelopes in the parish entrance, by the elevator, sorted alphabetically by last name. Please contact the office if you currently don't have envelopes but would like a box. Forms to enroll in our Pre-Authorized Giving Plan are also available. For assistance please contact the parish office.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: interested in becoming a member? Call the SSVP Hotline 905-681-6394 (also listed on the cover of the Parish Bulletin). For more information, see our bulletin board in the church foyer.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: Please place cancelled stamps from Christmas cards/letters in the large envelope on the Social Justice Board in the Parish Foyer for a D&P fundraiser. Thank you and Happy New Year!



ST. RAPHAEL'S 4TH ANNUAL CHILLI CHALLENGE: Sat. January 18th



Senior Adult Study Sessions, "The Bible & the Sacraments": is a deeper look at the mystery of the sacraments as illuminated by Sacred Scripture. Examining the rich relationship between the Old & New Testaments, the sacraments are more than mere earthly rituals! This DVD presentation & discussion format is based on the work of Dr. Scott Hahn. David Dayler, Director for the Office of Discipleship & Parish Life will facilitate this 10 session program on **Wednesday afternoons**, beginning **January 22nd from 1pm – 3pm** at the **Chancery Office** in Hamilton. The cost is **\$50** and includes the book, *"Swear to God"* by Dr. Scott Hahn. **Please register by Jan. 13th**, with Monica by telephone 905-528-7988 ext. 2238 or email mverin@hamiltondiocese.com

Healthy Relationships Share Common Skills – Come and Learn More! "Keys to Loving Relationships" is a ten week video-based program married, dating, or single people can use to develop the skills needed to have a truly meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better "me" in all your relationships! The program is offered in both Kitchener and Hamilton for **\$45. St. Mark's Parish, 55 Driftwood Drive, Kitchener Tuesday evenings January 28th - March 24th from 7pm to 9pm. Chancery Office, 700 King St. W., Hamilton Thursday evenings March 26th – June 4th from 7pm to 9pm.** For more info. or to register, call the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249 or register at: www.hamiltondiocese.com.

Friday Night Support Group for Persons Separated or Divorced: Would it help you to have people around you to understand what you're going through? Would you like to hear some ideas that will encourage you and help you to develop new ways of coping with the stresses in your life? The **Hamilton Diocesan Support Group meets the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month** and they can help! No need to register just come and join us at the **Chancery Office at 700 King St. West, Hamilton from 7pm – 9pm.** For more information call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. There is NO COST, but great learning, caring and support!



SUNDAY FUNNY: What would have happened if it had been three wise women instead of three wise men whom 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.

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