

# ST RAPHAEL PARISH COMMUNITY

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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](http://www.TheCatholicCemeteries.ca)

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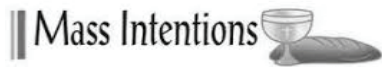
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## Archangel St. Raphael "God is my Healer"

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*

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Catholics Come Home [www.CatholicsComeHome.org](http://www.CatholicsComeHome.org) Vocations [www.HamiltonDiocese.org](http://www.HamiltonDiocese.org)



**Monday, January 9** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Clinton Cox

**Tuesday, January 10** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Delio Iacobelli

**Wednesday, January 11** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ George Penfold

**Thursday, January 12** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Anita Bannan; + Robert Garnich;  
+ John De Lasalle Trien-Hy; Ints. Frank Gaspar

**Friday, January 13** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Jim Babirad

**Saturday, January 14** at 5:00 p.m.  
+ Clinton Cox; + Epifanio Braganza;  
+ Yvonna Drake; + Raymond McLean;

**Sunday, January 15**  
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners  
11:00 a.m. + Michael Sharpe

**THE REIGN OF GOD FOR THE WHOLE WORLD**  
**EPIPHANY: A thing or event in which a god is revealed or manifested is called an epiphany.** Our Bible tells epiphany stories: it is the great story of God's quest to be known by the whole world. God is constantly trying to break through to us, to overcome our limitations so that everyone can know God. Those who recognize God in the events of their lives can be called wise, like the gift-bearing men in the gospel. These wise men have read the signs well. With their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, they recognize the child as a king, over whose life the shadow of death is looming. **We who read God's signs and understand are sent to manifest and share the blessings of God's Reign for all the nations and peoples of the world.** Perhaps this is the only real gift we should give.

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD [January 9th]:**  
**THE REIGN OF GOD IN US AND MINISTERING TO US**  
The baptism of Jesus is **another epiphany event: God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit are manifest.** That's why it is celebrated within the Christmas season. In the Jordan scene Jesus' true identity is announced: **He is the beloved, Spirit-filled Son of God.** The child of Bethlehem, now grown up, takes on the saving work of feeding the hungry, bringing justice and light to the nations, opening the eyes of the blind, freeing prisoners, comforting the afflicted. His ministry in the world is about to begin. Passing through the waters of the Jordan River, Jesus accepts his mission. Moved by the Spirit, the Word-Made-Flesh will draw the world back to His Father, accomplishing the purpose they have for humanity.  
*Fr. Frank with thanks to Margaret Bick*



**THANK YOU TO MINISTRIES**  
Peace and Joy to you all as we celebrate the Reign of God made astonishingly present in the birth of Jesus Christ, and made manifest for the whole world in the Epiphany. 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 Readers, Altar servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, all the Choirs, Decorating Committee, Ushers, Hospitality Ministers, and Offertory Counters. A special thanks to all the children and their co-coordinators who took part in the dramatization of the gospel for the Christmas Eve Eucharistic celebration. Each of your contribution 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.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS:** In this season of Joy where we celebrate the coming of Christ, the gift of God to us, we want to thank all of you, for the gift of your presence, as you joined your brothers and sisters in all the celebrations. As God is so generous in sending his own son as a gift to us, a lot of people shared their talents and gifts with our pastoral team. *Thank you for all your gifts to the pastoral team.* Your generosity, appreciation and thoughtfulness means a lot. *Thank you.*

**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	Sr Rosalie Siegler	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, December 25 <sup>th</sup>	\$24,901.00
Sunday, January 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$ 8008.00

*Thank you for your continued support!*

**2017 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** Please pick up your 2017 Envelopes in the parish entrance, next to the Religious Articles Store. *Please open your box to find a letter from our Pastoral Team and Finance Council.*

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** We will resume our program on **January 14/15**. We welcome back our leaders, student helpers and families!

**7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WOMEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION 'Nurturing the Nurturer':**  
**Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 will go on sale Jan. 14th, 2017.** \$30.00 (or \$20.00 for members of St. Raphael's C.W.L.)





**ST. RAPHAEL EVERGREEN 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, our 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*

**The Baptism of the Lord Jesus [ January 9th] in the Jordan river reminds us to be responsible stewards of creation.** Close to five million litres of water are taken from Wellington County daily for a water bottling plant. This extraction of large amounts of water adversely affects the ecological balance of nature over a large area while depriving those who rely on wells of their right to water. Close to seventy-five percent of plastic bottles end up in land fill sites, thus contributing to contamination of the soil for thousands of years. **Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, urges all parishes in the Diocese of Hamilton to refrain from using bottled water in church facilities. As stewards of Creation may we be leaders in the responsible use of our sacred mandate.**

**PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND: March 5 – 14, 2017** (10 days) Under spiritual leadership of **Fr. Francis Salasiar C.S.C.** This is the last call for anyone interested in joining this pilgrimage. There will be a final information meeting on **Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.** in the parish centre. For further details pick up a flyer and registration form or contact the parish office at 905-637-2346.



**THE RELIGIOUS ARTICLES STORE:** A special **thank you** to the hard-working ladies in our **Religious Articles Store** who donate their time on weekends and weekdays to run the store for our parishioners and parish visitors. Thank you also to this group for their generous donation of the store's proceeds to our parish.

**ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT UPDATE:** Our collection as of December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 is **\$268,969** towards our goal of \$578,000. Thank you for your generous donations!

**BOTTLE DRIVE:** Please continue to support our ongoing bottle drive by placing your clean, empty liquor and beer bottles in the designated bins. Thank you for your contributions!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** If you are interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in faith or obtaining exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. For more information contact Rocco at 905 637 1220 or 905 464 0562.

**GIVE THE GIFT OF SWING:** The Burlington Knights of Columbus are presenting a tribute to Dean Martin & Ella Fitzgerald with the Toronto all-star big band! **Sunday, January 29, 2017, 2:00 MATINEE** at The Burlington Performing Arts Centre. You can reserve your "GIFT OF SWING" by calling the box office at 905-681-6000. The ticket price is only \$45.

**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH:** Pope Francis, in *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love), challenges married couples to understand that their love is a call to sacrificial love. He invites each spouse to see their married love as love that must be first and foremost self-giving. When a person in relationship understands this, it helps them to reach beyond themselves and indeed grow. When we take the time to discern our vision of married life and then reach into ourselves to make it happen, both spouses benefit. The Pope is reminding us that love may not be perfect, but it is love and when we nurture it from within, we strengthen and build a deep bond between us. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

**THE DAILY TV MASS** is now available Monday-Saturday anytime from anyplace. Take a moment to visit their new website at [www.dailytvmass.com](http://www.dailytvmass.com) to watch the Daily TV Mass and to find out more about how to stay connected with our faith. Please feel free to call the NCBC at 1-888-383-6277 for more information.

**VOCATIONS:** *"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, deacon, brother or sister contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton: 905-528-7988 [mking@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mking@hamiltondiocese.com), [www.hamiltonvocations.com](http://www.hamiltonvocations.com)

**FILM NIGHT:** Join Halton Alive in viewing *The Euthanasia Deception*. Come learn more about this very important issue that is affecting Canadians. Kevin Dunn, producer & director of the film will do a short presentation and question period after the 54 minute film. The film night will take place at the **Oakville Banquet Hall**, on **Tuesday January 31st at 7:30pm**. \$10 per person at the door, popcorn and drinks are included! RSVP to reserve your seat at [haltonalive.com/film-nights](http://haltonalive.com/film-nights) or call the office at 905-632-3232.

**STOP CENSORSHIP TOUR:** Learn about how the Government of Ontario is actively hiding abortion statistics in order to frustrate the ongoing work of helping women and advancing pre-born human rights. Hear experts John Sikkema, lawyer with ARPA Canada, Mike Schouten Director of WeNeedA<sup>LAW</sup>.ca and Pat Maloney a pro-life blogger from Ottawa speak on this topic! Halton Alive will be hosting the event at the Oakville Banquet Hall(1494 Wallace Road, Oakville) on **Tuesday, January 10 at 7:30pm**. This is a free event with a free will offering for the ongoing efforts of WeNeedA<sup>LAW</sup>.ca

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