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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, any weekend Mass.
- 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

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- St. Raphael's Elementary
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905.681.6394

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

The Diocese of Hamilton HamiltonDiocese.com Holy Cross Vocations www.holycrossvocationscanada.com
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Monday, March 2 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Edward Krukowski

Tuesday, March 3 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Lily Kelner

Wednesday, March 4 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Richard Muscat

Thursday, March 5 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Anita Garvey; + Jerry Ponikvar;
+ Edward Castellano; + Nancy Simpson;
+ Rosalie Cutrara; + Tony Pavan

Friday, March 6
9:00 am Ints. Susan McDowell
7:00pm + Edward Castellano

Saturday, March 7 at 5:00 p.m.
Ints. Sheila Gomez;
+ Jerry Ponikvar; + Edward Castellano;
+ Mary Burns; + Edgar Contreras Sr.

Sunday, March 8
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Ints. Sloane & Mark Munshaw

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	Ron Robertson
Joseph & Madeleine	Barbara Fisher	Gary Olds
Zucco	Laurie Suddaby	Helen Sheehan
Heather Allen	Frank Sicoli	Rev. Fred 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.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, Feb. 23rd - Envelopes (233) \$3905.00
- Loose \$390.00
- Building Fund (61) \$873.10

Thank you for your continued support!

On the **First Sunday of Lent**, we begin our Lenten journey, remembering how God re-established the covenant, after the flood, and we reflect on how Jesus began his public ministry with a retreat of forty days - led to the desert by the Spirit.

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ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER
Pope Francis quote: The destruction of biodiversity by human beings ignores the fact that all these creatures have. Pope Francis writes: "...an intrinsic value independent of their usefulness. Each organism, as a creature of God, is good and admirable in itself; the same is true of the harmonious ensemble of organisms existing in a defined space and functioning as a system."
Laudato Si' # 140

March 3rd World Wildlife Day, the theme is **"Sustaining all life on earth"**, encompasses all wild animal and plant species as a component of biodiversity as well as the livelihoods of people, especially those who live closest to the nature.

Do you know the incalculable value of wildlife? The animals and plants that live in the wild have an intrinsic value and contributes to the ecological, genetic, social, economic, scientific, educational, cultural, and aesthetic aspects of human well-being and sustainable development.

World Wildlife Day is an opportunity to celebrate the many beautiful and varied forms of wild fauna and flora and to raise awareness of the multitude of benefits that conservation provides to people. At the same time, the day reminds us of the urgent need to step up the fight against wildlife crime and human induced reduction of species, which have wide-ranging economic, environmental and social impacts.

Do not forget that here in Canada, **Canadian Wildlife Federation (CWF)** works to conserve and inspire conservation of **Canadian Wildlife** and land so people can use and enjoy it.

Did you know that 1.25 billion animals have perished in the bushfires in Australia? However, associations such as World Wildlife are helping for rescue animals. We invite you to watch this video

<https://www.worldwildlife.org/stories/video-special-detection-dogs-find-surviving-koalas-amid-australian-bushfires>

Give Life to Wildlife

IN OUR PARISH



CONFIRMATION CLASS: Our 3rd confirmation class will take place on **Monday March 2nd** at **7pm** in the **parish centre**. We ask **all grade 7 students** preparing for confirmation, to attend.

Confirmation Rite of Commitment for all grade 7 students enrolled for Confirmation with our parish will take place during **all masses** on the **weekend of March 14th/15th**.

JOURNEY OF FAITH: In our complicated and constantly changing life, ethics is often a neglected focus. Join us to expand your understanding of the Church's teaching on Christian Morality & Ethics in our everyday life on **Wed. March 4th** at **7pm** in the **Parish Centre**.



LADIES COFFEE MORNING: All Ladies are invited this **Wed. March 4th** at **9:30am** for coffee and fellowship in the St. Francis room.



CHRISTIAN MOVIE NIGHT: Join us on **Mon. March 2nd at 7pm** in the **St. Francis Room** for **"I Can Only Imagine"** rated PG-thematic elements,

some violence. An inspiring, true story behind Mercy Me's beloved hit song. Running from a troubled home life and a broken relationship, Bart Millard found escape in music. This is an uplifting, music-filled movie that beautifully illustrates the power of forgiveness and God's love.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: every Friday at 7pm during lent we will have the stations conducted by different ministries of our parish, followed by a Mass.

March 6th - St. Vincent de Paul Society

March 13th - The Lectors

March 20th - Eucharist Ministers

March 27th - Knights of Columbus

April 3th - Social Justice Committee

*On **Good Friday** (April 10th) we will have the dramatization of the stations at **8 pm**.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: World Day of Prayer for the Sick was Feb 11th and World Day of Prayer is March 6th. We will pray in a special way for all the sick and we will have the Anointing of the Sick after all the weekend masses on March 7th/8th.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION: Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting donations after all Masses next

weekend. SSVP envelopes are available at back of the church for those who would like income tax receipts at the end of the year.

MEN'S IGNATIAN RETREAT: March 20th – 22nd

The 40th annual St Raphael Men's Retreat at **Manresa, 2325 Liverpool Road, Pickering**. The topic is "Rooted and Grounded in Love." The way of Redemption and Freedom by Fr. John Sullivan, S.J. For details call Jonathan Fowler 905-634-0248, or Fiona, 905-839-2864.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE: The Tree of Solidarity grows on our foyer bulletin board. In 1967 the Canadian Bishops introduced the idea of a social justice movement; a seed that took root through the commitment of many Canadians. The tree's branches are the supporting partners who work to produce the fruit of opportunity for our neighbours in the Global South to not only live but thrive.

CWL LENTEN PROJECT 2020: this year the CWL is asking parishioners for donations of school supplies. Canadian Food for Children – Dr. Simone's charity is in desperate need of school supplies such as: pencils; sharpeners; rulers; erasers; lined paper and writing booklets. Backpacks are also needed. Dr. Simone just returned from Africa and saw children writing with pencils no longer than ½ inch. Beginning Sat. Feb. 29th to March 28th, please place your donations in the designated box in the welcome area. You can't miss the sign! Thank you in advance for your generous support.

IN OUR COMMUNITY



40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Help save lives. Join the vigil. 40 Days for Life is an effective method of prayer, fasting and outreach which has saved more than 16000 lives and saved their families from the pain of abortion. You can help change hearts and minds in Oakville from **Feb. 26th to April 5th**. Go to 40daysforlife.com/Oakville for maps and details, or contact Steve Germann at 905-333-6472. There will be group prayer at the vigil site, weekly at 10am on Saturday mornings, starting Feb 29th.



HALTON ALIVE LIVE IT (OUT) YOUTH EVENT:

Calling all youth! Come hangout with other pro-life youth, make friends, eat pizza and meet Jenna Sinke who attended our 2019 pro-life conference, Life Talks, with a few friends and went on to initiate events and activities in her school and community. Hear her inspiring story of her impact. Please attend this free event on **Wed. March 4** at **St. Matthew Parish** (1150 Monks Passage, Oakville) from **7pm-9pm**. RSVP: www.haltonalive.ca/youth

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY: Sat. March 7th. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for youth. St. Paul the Apostle (2265 Headon Rd. Burlington) is organizing a bus to leave from their parking lot at a fee of \$5 per person. To take the bus and/or order tickets for this event at **ST. PAUL** church office. The payment for the bus (and for the ticket if you want one) **MUST** be made at the same time as you register. For more info call Celia Lobo, 905-319-2526.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY: Fri. March 13th at St. Patrick Church, 196 Kenwood Ave. Featuring Irish Stew Cook Off. Music by Ian MacDonald Dancing, Singalongs and a Cash Bar. Tickets are **\$20 for Adults and \$10 for Children**. For more info. and tickets call St. Patrick Church Office at 905-632-6114.

LENTEN RETREAT: Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Stoney Creek will be hosting a Lenten Retreat with Rwandan Genocide Survivor's message of **FORGIVENESS, HEALING & HOPE**. Witness the life-saving power of faith and the Rosary, as she huddled with 7 other women in a cramped bathroom for 91 days while killers lurked outside the door. **Fri. March 13th, 4-9pm; Sat. March 14th, 8:30am-12:30pm**. Registration: www.immaculee.com click on "shop/events" then select "Retreats".

DIOCESAN CHOIR: The Diocesan Choir provides music for the Chrism Mass and Ordinations of Priests and Deacons. We invite interested music ministers to register and ask new members to audition during the first rehearsal. Rehearsals begin March 2nd and are held every Monday from 7:30 to 9:30pm. For further information, and to register, contact the Liturgy Office online at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/liturgy/diocesan-choir.php> or 905-528-7988. Registration will close as sections are filled.

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