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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.

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
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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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**SECOND DAY OF THE LORD IN LENT
SERVING IN THE REIGN OF GOD**



Monday, March 13 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Grace & Archie Barbour

Tuesday, March 14 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Sylvia Gzik

Wednesday, March 15 at 9:00 a.m.
+ George Coulson

Thursday, March 16 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Joan Lawlor; Ints. Diane Svazas;
+ Brian Torsney; + Sylvia Gzik

Friday, March 17 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Maurice Fournier

Saturday, March 18 at 5:00 p.m.
Ints. Mr. & Mrs. Peter Gara;
+ Diana Raposo; + Tom Goodale;
+ Anne Glover; + Mary Oravec

Sunday, March 19
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Ints. Catherine Allan

**SECOND DAY OF THE LORD IN LENT
EXPERIENCE GOD'S CALL TO SERVE FEARLESSLY**

Today's readings speak to us about life changing experiences. Abraham encountered God in a way that concretized his relationship with God. He risked leaving behind his familiar lifestyle and shaped Israel's future. Peter, James and John experienced Jesus in his **transfigured appearance** which set them on an exciting but perilous journey. For us, learning who Jesus really is and being shaped by that knowledge often comes in unexplainable moments. How wonderful it is when **our experience of faith in Jesus** becomes stronger and leads us to serve fearlessly! Let us turn our hearts [metanoia] to Jesus and seek forgiveness for any short-sighted attentiveness to the experiences of the glory of Christ all around us in people and nature. May we experience God's call to **serve fearlessly in the Reign of God!** *Fr. Frank*

LENTEN PROJECT - The Catholic Women's League is supporting *Dr. Simone's "Canadian Food for Children"* charity. We are asking our parishioners to donate for the **children**, ages 1 to 12 years of age - underwear, both tops and pants. They must be new and still in packages. For the **mothers**, we are requesting sewing kits or sewing utensils such as thread, needles, scissors, etc. They don't need to be new. Please place your donations into the box in the Welcoming Area. Last weekend for donations is March 25/26. For more info, contact Helen @ 905-634-7481 or thesheehanes@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATES!

PARISH DAY 2017: Saturday, April 22nd in the Parish Centre. Stay tuned for more details.

GARDENING INFO NIGHT: In light of Pope Francis' encyclical "*Laudato Si'*" on the care of creation, St. Raphael church is hosting **Sean James**, a master gardener with an expertise in biodiversity and pollinator gardens to talk in our parish centre on **Tuesday, April 25th** at 7:00 p.m.

OPERA AT ST. RAPHAEL: Presented by the **Southern Ontario Lyric Opera Company**. Join us for an evening of operatic arias & sacred music on **Friday, April 28th** at **7:00pm**. Tickets on sale starting in April.



ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME: a dialogue guide for Pope Francis' encyclical letter *Laudato Si'*. Fr. Frank and Cecilia Racine will guide a discussion in the St. Francis room on **Mondays March 13, 20, 27, and April 3 at 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.** Please email Cecilia at cecilia_racine@hotmail.com or talk to Fr. Frank if you plan to participate.

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
Rosy Santos Perez	Jim Singer	Milan Heck
John O'Boyle	Catherine Gee	Helen Weppler
Frances Wentges	Elizabeth Talatala	Jane Urquhart
Diane Svazas	Maria Szkitalinski	Laith Yousif
Peggy Evans	Irene Groves	Michael Colameco
Jill Ascah		

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, March 5th \$ 5,530.00

Thank you for your continued support!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Each Friday during Lent we will have the Stations of the Cross in the Church following the 9:00 a.m. Mass and in the evening at 7:00 p.m.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Please note that during the two weekends of March Break, March 11/12 and March 18/19 we will not have a Children's Liturgy program. We hope all families enjoy a safe and happy holiday.



MARCH BREAK OFFICE HOURS: The parish office will be closed on Thursday, March 16th and Friday, March 17th. *Have a fun and safe March Break!*

NEW LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA CDs: You are encouraged to purchase one or more Lenten CDs for yourself and family members to listen and reflect during your **Lenten journey**. Located next to the Religious Articles Store. Cost: \$5.00



ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER
 Pope Francis writes; *"The external deserts in the world are growing, because the internal deserts have become so vast". For this reason, the ecological crisis is also a summons to profound interior conversion. It must be said that some committed and prayerful Christians, with the excuse of realism and pragmatism, tend to ridicule expressions of concern for the environment. Others are passive; they choose not to change their habits and thus become inconsistent. So what they all need is an "ecological conversion", whereby, the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ, becomes evident in their relationship with the world around them. Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience."* Laudato si #217

How can we experience an ecological conversion in our everyday life? Matthew Fox suggests "Nineteen Ways to Heal and transform the World". (www.tikkun.org) **Fall in love with creation!** This is possible even if you are not in love with what humans do with creation. Keep practicing this love. Study nature and evolutionary unfolding, and reflect on human's place in this sacred story of creation's development. Make yourself vulnerable to animals and plants, stones and mountains, tree, waters, and sky.



Women are building an inclusive society in Indonesia: This week, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is taking you to Indonesia to meet Risya, a 22-year-old Indonesian woman who has been blind since adolescence. Thanks to a workshop in journalism offered by our partner the Association of Independent Journalists (AJI), this courageous young woman started to use her blog to write about the discrimination faced by women with disabilities and to encourage these women to believe in their potential. AJI has offered media workshops to 170 women and now they can make their voices heard! Supporting women is a priority for Development and Peace – Caritas Canada. For this year's Share Lent campaign, we invite you to listen to the voices of women who are working to build the world of tomorrow — Women at the heart of change. **You will find testimonials from the four corners of the globe inside our Mini-magazine, distributed in church this weekend.** Remember! In 2004, a tsunami hit the coastlines around the Indian Ocean, resulting in 300,000 victims. In collaboration with its partners, Development and Peace provided emergency relief, completed the construction of 3,500 permanent homes and related infrastructure, and helped establish 26 community organizations.

LOST AND FOUND: Please check the lost and found box located next to the St. Anthony room. There are a several umbrellas, mittens, gloves, and eye glasses!

NEW FAMILY BIBLES – JUST ARRIVED! Our religious articles store has some beautifully leather-bound and illustrated New American Family Bibles for sale. Come and look at this Bible and the other religious articles, which the parish offers as a **service to our parishioners**. There may be an article to help you celebrate the feast days of St. Patrick (March 17) and St. Joseph (March 19).



ST RAPHAEL'S FIRST CHILI CHALLENGE: Saturday, March 25th starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child. Tickets now on sale after all weekend Masses. Tables of 8. If you wish to enter your chili to have a chance to win a prize please contact Renata: 905-637-2457, galwayrenata@gmail.com The event is licensed to bring your own wine or beer, glasses will be available. Join us for a night of delicious food and lots of fun!

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS: Jesus said to Sr. Faustina, *"...that as often as you hear the clock strike the third hour, immerse yourself completely in My mercy, adoring and glorifying it"*. Please come to the Adoration Chapel every Friday afternoon from 2:30 to 3:30 for Divine Mercy Devotions. Picture of Divine Mercy displayed and Divine Mercy Chaplet recited at 3:00 p.m, "the Hour of Mercy".



MARCH 1 - APRIL 9 (8am to 8pm)
 Pray as a family this Lent. Join this peaceful, and effective International Prayer Movement. Our prayer community has helped to save 12,668 women's lives. You make a difference - Choose a prayer time from 8am to 8pm. Visit: www.40daysforlife.com/Oakville Email: 40daysforlife.oakville@gmail.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Saturdays @ 10am & Sundays @ 3pm - Hour of Group Prayer (Oakville Hospital) March 20th at 7pm - Mass for Life with Bishop Miehm at St. Dominic's (Oakville) April 9th at 3pm - Final Day Group Prayer outside the Oakville Hospital.

CONSCIENCE RIGHTS FOR DOCTORS: The College of Physicians and Surgeons of ON requires physicians to make an "effective referral" for assisted suicide and euthanasia. Many Catholic physicians and other caregivers are unable to do this in good conscience and are being forced to choose between their conscience and their careers. Given the introduction of Bill 84 on medical aid in dying at Queen's Park in December we have the opportunity to push for amendments to the Bill to include conscience protection for all health care workers. We are asking parishioners to contact their MPPs about this important issue. **It is important for the Catholic voice in Ontario to be heard.** There is a suite of materials with step by step instructions that can be used to help you speak to your MPP about this topic. Visit the website at: www.canadiansforconscience.ca Video: <http://bit.ly/consciencevideo>. No other country in the world requires this kind of violation of conscience. Let's help make sure Ontario protects the conscience rights of all.

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