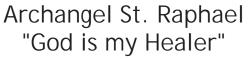
ST RAPHAEL PARISH COMMUNITY

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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



Served by the Holy Cross Fathers Fr. Francis Salasiar C.S.C. - Pastor

Fr. Roshan D'Souza C.S.C. - Associate Pastor

Anna-Marie Grimminck - Office Manager Ms. Maureen Lawlor - Office Assistant

OFFICE HOURS Mon-Fri

 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 Sunday Mon - Fri

Mon - Fri 9:00 AM

5:00 PM

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

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 Cathoic 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

PARISH SCHOOLS

- Assumption High School 905.634.1835
- St. Raphael's Elementary 905.637.3810
- St. Paul's Elementary 905.632.1424
- ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HOTLINE 905.681.6394

The Diocese of Hamilton HamiltonDiocese.com Holy Cross Vocations www.holycrossvocationscanada.com Catholics Come Home www.CatholicsComeHome.org Vocations www.HamiltonVocations.com



Mass Intentions

Monday, March 25 at 9:00 a.m. + Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, March 26 at 9:00 a.m. + Monty Wallace

Wednesday, March 27 at 9:00 a.m. + Beryle Magalhaes

Thursday, March 28 at 9:00 a.m. + Shirley Walters; + Pat Jaggers; + Cristeta Esplana

Friday, March 29 9:00 a.m. + Manolita Tombo 7:00 p.m. + Anita Flores

Saturday, March 30 at 5:00 p.m. + Maureen Childerhose; + Patrick Ferris; + Dan McBain; + Edgar Contreras Sr.; + Grace & Jeremiah Medeiros

Sunday, March 31 9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners 11:00 a.m. + Mary Hutchinson

Please pray for the following:

Flease play for the following.			
John Scharer	Molly Laporte	Barbara Kennedy	
Mary Berry	Nicola Izzi	Maritza Garcia	
Doug Pudsey	Sarah Scharer	Gonzalez	
Frances Wentges	Jim Singer	Milan Heck	
Peggy Evans	Elizabeth Talatala	Helen Weppler	
Jill Ascah	Asia Rae Landry	Jane Urquhart	
Lee Olds	Noah Landry	Laith Yousif	
Stephen Pustai	Sr. Rosalie Siegler	Mary Lilly	
Michael Smart	Alison Zierl	Vincent Stanford	
Kyle Elliott	Sarah LaFontaine	Bill & Lucie	
Karen Beeho	Rosario Herve	Jennings	
Harvey & Pat	Jill Olds	Paul LaFontaine	
Malcolm	Joanne Pringle	Frank Clarke	
Elizabeth Elder	Cathy Moore	Coral King	
Michael Colameco	Aileen Smith	Christina Sobral	
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, March 17 th	- Envelopes (246)
171	- Holy Cross Formation (7)
Low	- Loose
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- Loose \$593.00 Thank you for your continued support!

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The **Third Sunday of Lent** offers Moses' encounter with God in the burning bush. The Lord promises Moses that he will lead the captive Israelites out of Egypt and into "a land flowing with milk and honey." **Luke's Gospel** tells us of Jesus' warning that we must be willing to repent now and that our lives could end by accident or through the evil of someone else. The parable of the barren fig tree reminds us of God's patient love for us, even when we show no signs of changing our lives.

> University's **Online Ministries** web site: <u>http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.</u>html Used with permission.



ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER Earth Hour: MARCH 30th 8:30 to 9:30 PM "Power Down" & "Turn Off your Lights. *Pope Francis writes: "In the present*

condition of global society, where injustices abound and growing numbers of people are deprived of basic human rights and considered expendable, the principle of the common good immediately becomes, logically and inevitably, a summons to solidarity and a preferential option for the poorest of our brothers and sisters." LS 158

This year, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, is adding its voice to those of Pope Francis and Caritas Internationalis by inviting Canadians to share the journey with the 68.5 million forced migrants in the world today. Take time to read the Development and Peace Share Lent material that you received in your Sunday Bulletin on March 2/3 and learn how you can Share the Journey with the 68.5million forced migrants!

It can sometimes be difficult to grasp the extent of the impact that forced migration has on the lives of those who face it. However, the simple fact of being interested in what our sisters and brothers are experiencing is already a step toward the other, a first step on the way to a true encounter. *"Faith is an encounter with Jesus, and we must do what Jesus does: encounter others."* Pope Francis, May 18, 2013.

Development and Peace is collecting cancelled stamps as a fund raising project! Over the years more than \$500,000 has been raised for Development and Peace! Simply cut off the stamps from your envelopes without damaging the perforations and place them in the envelope marked Cancelled Stamps on the Social Justice Board in the parish foyer!

IN OUR PARISH

THE SEASON OF LENT

What can I do this season of Lent? Lent is a season of grace. Lent presents the perfect opportunity for us to take the next step toward becoming the person that we are created to be. Let us take this time to renew the relationships with God and with one another. Let us not allow it to pass by.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Every Friday evening during Lent, we have stations of the cross at 7 pm followed by Mass. *Lenten Missions Presented by Fr. Francis* March 27th 7 pm - Forgiveness: a necessity for healing

FORGIVENESS: A NECESSITY FOR HEALING: We live in a fast-moving world. In the process of our hurrying and moving fast, we hurt so many people and we are hurt at times by other people, who are also moving at the same speed or faster. But how often have we stopped to reflect and to think about forgiving the other person? At times it is possible that we think that by forgiving we are being generous to the other. But the fact is that forgiveness is a necessity to move towards fullness in our life. If you are not able to forgive someone, or if you want to learn more about the benefits of forgiveness, please come on **Wed.** at **7 pm to the church** for the **Lenten Mission**.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: during lent on Friday evening at 7 pm we will have the stations

conducted by different ministries of our parish. March 29th - Justice and Peace Committee April 5th – Catholic Women's League April 12th - Prayer Groups/Knights of Columbus

On **Good Friday** we will have the dramatization of the stations at **8 pm**.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: We will have First Reconciliation in our church on Sunday **March 24th** at **1 pm** for all grade 2 students who will celebrate their first communion this year at our parish.

CONFIRMATION CLASS: Our 3rd confirmation class will take place on **Monday April 1st at 7 pm** in the **parish centre**. We ask **all grade 7 students** being confirmed, to attend.



DEVELOPMENT & PEACE: Bangladesh.

The Rohingya people have fled violent persecution in Myanmar. Through your donations D&P partner Caritas Bangladesh has been able to provide temporary shelter and safety.

DAY TRIP: St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto on Tues. June 18; organized by St. Raphael CWL. ALL ARE INVITED!! Departure from St. Raphael's church is at 9:15 am on a Funtreck Tours bus; tour the newly renovated cathedral; Mass; lunch at Fran's Restaurant and return at approx. 3:45 pm. The cost per person for transportation is \$33 (taxes included). Lunch at Fran's is individual pay. We need to fill the bus and prepay the full amount by April 15th; so make your reservation soon for this enjoyable day trip! Contact Marie Gailing at 905-639-5504 for more information or to make reservations..

CWL NEWS: We invite all members to join us for the Catholic Women's League Diocesan Spring Regional Meeting which will be held on **Saturday, March 30th** at **St. Raphael**

Parish. It is both an honour and privilege to host this meeting on the occasion of our council's 60th anniversary. We hope to see many of you there! The day will begin with **Mass** at **9 am**; followed by refreshments in the parish centre. The meeting will be chaired by the executive members of Hamilton's CWL who will present information about upcoming events. It is a brown bag lunch, so please bring your own lunch. Please call Helen at 905-634-7481 or email at thesheehanes@gmail.com to let us know if you plan on attending. Congratulations to Vi Harrison who won the \$30.00 restaurant gift card for renewing her membership.

DIOCESAN YOUTH RALLY: May 25th at Bingemans

Conference Centre in Kitchener. We invite all young people **grades 7 to 12** from our parish to join hundreds of other youth from all across our Diocese for #RallyUp. The day begins at **9am** and will conclude with Mass and a BBQ dinner ending at **8pm**. St. Raphael parish would like to enroll and pay for our youth to attend this event. If you are interested please sign up at the parish office 905-637-2346 before April 29th.

St. Raphael Parish Easter Schedule

Parish Reconciliation - *Tuesday April 16, 2019* 7:00 pm

Holy Thursday - *Thursday April 18, 2019* 5:30 pm – Soup Supper 8:00 pm – Mass of the Lord's supper

Good Friday - *Friday April 19, 2019* 11:00 am - Good Friday Liturgy and Drama Presentation of the Passion by school students 3:00 pm – Solemn Liturgy of the Word 8:00 pm - Stations of the Cross Dramatization

Easter Vigil - *Saturday April 20, 2019* 11:00 am – Blessing of Food Basket 8:00 pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday - Sunday April 21, 2019 8:30 am – Mass 10:00 am – Mass 12:00 pm - Mass

IN OUR COMMUNITY



THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON: It's KICKOFF time! The preparation phase of the One Heart, One Soul Campaign for the

Diocese of Hamilton is moving into the active phase! A campaign kickoff **Mass** will be held at **noon on Monday**, **March 25**, Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton**. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI. The Pilot Wave Parishes will be holding kickoffs for their own efforts in April. Three additional waves over the next two years will allow every Parish in the Diocese to participate. Most of the funds from the three-year campaign will go to Parish projects, with a special emphasis on the Parishes most in need. A number of diocesan ministries will benefit as well. A series of Frequently Asked Questions about the campaign can be found on the campaign website – www.oneheartonesoul.ca

March 6 - April 14 (8am - 8pm)

Save Lives! Join the peaceful, prayer vigil. Choose an hour & pray as a family this Lent! Near the Oakville-Trafalgar Hospital (Vigil site: Proudfoot Trail & Dundas St). Register at: 40daysforlife.com/Oakville or Contact: 40daysforlife.oakville@gmail.com

A NOTE FROM THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES: Please remove all wreaths and winter decorations from the lots by April 1st (any remaining will be discarded) to facilitate the spring clean-up. For further information contact the cemetery office at 905-522-7727.

