

# ST RAPHAEL PARISH COMMUNITY

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<b>OFFICE HOURS</b>	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
		<i>closed on Statutory Holidays</i>

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

## PARISH SCHOOLS

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

The Diocese of Hamilton [HamiltonDiocese.com](http://HamiltonDiocese.com) Catholics Come Home [www.CatholicsComeHome.org](http://www.CatholicsComeHome.org)  
Vocations [www.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com)

**Mass Intentions** 

(† = Deceased Intention; Int = Intentions of...;  
Thx = Thanksgiving Hlg = Healing)

Mon. Mar 25, 9am	† Donald Gravelle
Tue. Mar 26, 9am	† Marie Arsenault
Wed. Mar 27, 9am	Int Eleanora Michelucci
Wed. Mar 27, 10:30am	<i>St. Raphael School Mass</i> Int. Students and Teachers
Thu. Mar 28, 8pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Sat. Mar 30, 8pm	Easter Vigil
Sun. Mar 31, 8:30am	† Joseph Fauteux For Our Parishioners
Sun. Mar 31, 10am	† Dr. Roger Chambers
Sun. Mar 31, 12noon	† Stella & Stanley Musial

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

*March 17, 2024*

Envelopes (141)	\$3505
Loose	\$783
Share Lent (62)	\$1628

*Thank you for your generous support*

**Please pray for:** Our Parishioners  
*Please phone the parish office before Tuesday morning to have a name added.*



**FLOWERS FOR EASTER:** The Decoration Committee invites you to bring in flowers/plants for the Easter Season. A variety of flowers are appreciated, preferably some that would last well into the Easter season. If you would like to remember a loved one, feel free to include a small card with their name on it. Please bring the flowers to the back of the church starting *Monday, March 25 to Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>*, no later than 6pm. Thank-you.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A ROMAN CATHOLIC OR LEARNING MORE ABOUT YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH?**



Then maybe the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the place for you. The RCIA journey introduces the beliefs and practices of the Roman Catholic Church through a series of prayerful reflections, video presentations, faith sharing and small group discussions designed to help participants to become full members of the Catholic Church. Classes (usually 75 minutes long) will continue on **Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>** after the evening Tenebrae Service. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact the parish office.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** On Easter Sunday, as it is a Holy Day and a special holiday, we will not have the Children's Liturgy, to allow our leaders and helpers to observe this holiday together with their families. Wishing all our church community a blessed Easter!



**THANK YOU FOR GIVING FROM THE HEART TO SHARE LENT 2024!**

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the *Reaping our Rights* campaign with your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity, our parish collected \$1628. This sum will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern

Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. If you have not yet had a chance to give, you can still place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory or donate online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give).

Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH:** Vacations or 'Stay-cations' are a wonderful time to step away from the busyness of everyday family living and reconnect with each other. As you laugh and play this Easter break, do not forget to stay connected to your faith. Be the family that plays and prays together. Take some time to talk about Lent and how it leads us to the great celebration at Easter!

**Holy Week Schedule**

**HOLY WEDNESDAY – March 27**

7pm – Tenebrae Service

**HOLY THURSDAY –March 28**

6pm – Soup Supper

8pm – Mass

**GOOD FRIDAY – March 29**

12 noon – Solemn Liturgy of the Word

3pm – Solemn Liturgy of the Word

8pm – Stations of the Cross Dramatization

**HOLY SATURDAY – March 30**

11am – Blessing of the Food

8pm – Easter Vigil

**EASTER SUNDAY – March 31**

8:30am – Mass

10am – Mass

12 noon – Mass

**REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL: WEDNESDAY MARCH 27, 7 – 9PM:** Join us for our special youth screening of **Island of Lemurs, Madagascar**. An insightful documentary for the whole family! Follow Dr. Patricia C. Wright's mission to help lemurs, the highly evolved creatures who arrived on Madagascar millions of years ago as castaways but are now highly endangered. Daytime screening for D&P Schools also available. **The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register at: <https://reeljustice.hamiltondiocese.com/>** A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.



**THE DECKERS CARD GROUP:** Please note, *for this week only* The Deckers Card group will be meeting on Wednesday, March 27, instead of Thursday. The following week, April 3, The Deckers will resume their regular Thursday meetings.

**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH:** Marriage in the Catholic Church is a sacrament: our love for each other is to mirror the love of God for each person. When you look at your relationship, do you see it truly reflecting the total love and giving of God's love? Love is a choice and the decision to love can and should influence how we treat our spouse. When we purposely act in ways that reflect God's love, our marriages are better and will then echo, through our relationship, a visible love showing God's invisible love to the world.

**175<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH:** All are welcome to celebrate the **175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass** of St. John the Baptist Parish, at St. John's Church, 2016 Blairholm Ave., Burlington, on **Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3pm**. The Mass will be celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Crosby, OMI. Following the mass there will be a Dinner and Dance at the Burlington Convention Centre. For more information, call 905-634-2485 or email Dennis Roy at [roydroy@aol.com](mailto:roydroy@aol.com)

**RESTART: MOVING FORWARD** – Our 10-week program offers education and support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The sessions will take place on **Mondays from April 7th to June 17th** from 7-9pm at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. West in person, or you are welcome to join our zoom classroom. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. Please call Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, e-mail [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com), or register online at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) and look under Upcoming Events. For more information call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD:** Join this workshop for Ministers of the Word on **Saturday, April 13**, at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown, ON. 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Participants may register using the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:** Join this workshop for Ministers of Holy Communion on **Saturday, April 20** at St. John the Baptist Parish, Guelph, from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Participants may register using the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

**CLOTHED WITH FIRE FROM ON HIGH:** Please join this Celebration organized by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services of Ontario on **Friday, May 17, 6:30pm – 9:30pm** and **Saturday, May 18, from 8am to 6pm** here at St. Raphael Parish, to discover a pathway to a Personal Pentecost. Special Guests include Bishop Scott McCaig, Companions of the Cross; Peter Herbeck, Renewal Ministry U.S.A.; and Brian Sullivan, Charis Canada Corso President. There is no fee to attend. Please register at <https://www.ccrso.net/>

**RELIGIOUS ARTICLES STORE:** Volunteers are needed to help in the Religious Articles Store after daily mass and all weekend masses. If you are interested, please contact Sandra: [beyersandra92@gmail.com](mailto:beyersandra92@gmail.com) or 365-292-0531.

#### Holy Cross Family Ministries – Canada

The Holy Cross Family Ministries –Canada would like to invite you join our Rosary Making Group. If you would like to be a Rosary maker, please fill out the Registration Form. This year, we are planning to make 10,000 rosaries to be distributed to churches, hospitals, schools, and missions in the world. The Rosary Making group meets on Fridays at 10 am. Thank you for helping us spread God's message of love.

#### Easter Family Time

We would like to invite you to Celebrate our Easter Joy with all families for an evening of Karaoke and Dance on **Saturday, April 13**, at the St. Raphael's Parish Centre. Calling all Zumba and Folk Dance lovers to join us and all will be helped by professional dancing teachers. There will be a potluck dinner. Please sign in at the entrance if you are joining for the event. All are welcome.

#### Parish Registration

We welcome all the newcomers to our parish community. We invite you to fill out our registration form. Please introduce yourselves to our pastoral team so we can get to know you and your family. Please call the office to join any of our many parish ministries.



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