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 Mon-Fri
 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
 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 year in advance.

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 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
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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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Monday, March 5 at 9:00 a.m. + Betty & Julian Kiley

Tuesday, March 6 at 9:00 a.m. Ints. Susan Macdougall

Wednesday, March 7 at 9:00 a.m. + Robert & Carol Leggat

Thursday, March 8 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Teresa Ford; Ints. Sloane & Mark Munshaw;
Ints. Margaret Patterson; + Martin Smith;
+ David Patterson

Friday, March 9 at 9:00 a.m. + Miriam Pereira

Saturday, March 10 at 5:00 p.m.
Ints. Lorraine Finch; Ints. Emily Heald;
+ Joyce Carlin; + Tom Goodale; + Douglas Cox

Sunday, March 11

9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners 11:00 a.m. + Bob Issard

Please pray for the following:

John Scharer Molly Laporte Barbara Kennedy Mary Berry Nicola Izzi Maritza Garcia Doug Pudsey Sarah Scharer Gonzalez Rosy Santos Perez Vincent Stanford Michael Dowson John O'Boyle Jim Singer Milan Heck Elizabeth Talatala Helen Weppler Frances Wentges Peggy Evans Shelly Sterling Jane Urquhart Jill Ascah Asia Rae Landry Laith Yousif Lee Olds Michael Colameco Noah Landry Stephen Pustai Maria Szkitalinski Rozalia Bereznay Michael Smart Sr. Rosalie Siegler Mary Lilly Denise Brooke Clive Ottaway Bill & Lucie Jenninas

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.

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OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, February 25th

\$4952.00

Thank you for your continued support!

For the **Third Sunday of Lent** we read the Ten Commandments and witness Jesus driving the money changers out of the temple. He says, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." **John's Gospel** tells us the point: "Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken."

"Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's **Online Ministries** web site: http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html Used with permission.



ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER

Pope Francis writes: "Because all creatures are connected, each must be cherished with love and respect, for all of

us as living creatures are dependent on one another."

Laudato Si # 42 Wildlife plays an important role in our Common Home. It is a source of inspiration, nurturing a sense of wonder and an integral to the balance of nature. By protecting wild species, we protect the essential goods and services that make our life possible and contribute enormously to human health and well-being; breathable air, clean water, food, fibers, building materials, medicines, energy, fertile soils, climate regulation, pollination and seed transport, as well as recreational and spiritual values. https://www.worldwildlife.org/initiatives/wildlife-conservation.

One of the most serious forms of wildlife destruction is deforestation of the rain forest, home of the endangered Lar Gibbon as well as other mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians. Their habitat is being destroyed by the harvesting of palm trees for **PALM OIL**. Palm Oil is one of the most used oils in the world! 1 In 10 products in the USA are made with palm oil. Palm Oil is found in 40-50% of household products in countries such as United States, Canada, Australia and England.

Did you know that 20 square miles of pristine rainforest is chopped and burned every day? WWF says, an area the equivalent size of 300 football fields of rainforest is cleared each hour! In 2007, the Guinness World Records Book stated that Indonesia suffers the worst deforestation in the world. By 2020, 98% of Indonesian lowland rainforest will be gone! As well, deforestation causes air pollution and worldwide problems to our future because rainforests are the lungs of the planet. Indonesia is the third biggest polluter after the USA and China. "We need to question what value system we are applying

to wildlife. What does it say about our civilization that we have made wildlife into a commodity?" Brent Stirton. We encourage you to help and protect wildlife trying to reduce the amount of Palm Oil from your diet.

IN OUR PARISH

FIRST RECONCILITION: We will have First Reconciliation in our church on Sunday, March 4th at 2 pm for all grade 2 students who will celebrate their first communion this year at our parish.

LADIES COFFEE MORINING: All Ladies are invited this **Wednesday, March 7th at 9:30 am** in the St. Francis room.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: Reformation to New Evangelisation. "I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one--as you are in me, Father, and I am in you." This was one of Jesus' last prayers – but the Reformation caused a division among His church. Please join us on **Wednesday, March 7th from 7 – 8 pm** as we explore Church history from the Reformation, the Counter-Reformation, the world-wide spread of Christianity, and the birth of the New Evangelization through the Second Vatican Council.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday

evening at **7 pm** we will have the stations conducted by different ministries of our parish.

March 9th - CWL

March 16th - Prayer Groups

March 23rd -Justice and Peace Committee

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



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION:

Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting after all Masses next Sunday. SSVP envelopes are available at back of the church for those who would like Income Tax receipts at the end of the year



CHRISTIANS ON A JOURNEY: Please join us for the following events:

Monday, March 12, 7:30PM - Monthly

Prayer Meeting, St. Raphael Catholic Church; Sunday, April 29, 7:30 PM – Taizé Prayer Service, Port Nelson United Church (3132 South Drive); Please call Wilma or Frank Malick for info 905-870-0641.

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY PROGRAM: wishes all the families, leaders and helpers a safe and happy March Break.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: We are looking for someone who could volunteer in the Gift Store before and after the 11:00 mass on Sundays. If you are interested please call Angie Lappin at 905-333-5718.



LENTEN MISSION: We will have a visiting priest doing a Lenten mission in our parish on March 13th. The evening will start at 6:30 pm with reciting of the rosary and we will have

praise and worship, healing service and Preaching by Fr. Vettiyankal. Please mark your calendars and be available to experience the healing of God through this day. Fr. Vettiyangal is a priest from India and comes with 25 years of preaching retreats to various communities in different countries. I am hoping to have a full church.



CWL LENTEN PROJECT – Please donate the following items to Canadian Food For Children during Lent: iodized salt, shoes, peanut butter, soap and flour. The CWL

Provincial Directive is to help the homeless; both at home and abroad. There are so many who need our help! Dr. Simone reminds us that St. Francis of Assisi said "Let us give alms because these cleanse our souls from the stain of sin. Men lose all the material things they leave behind them in this world, but they carry with them the reward of their charity and the alms they give". The donations from St. Raphael parish to Canadian Food For Children have decreased these past few years because we have been concentrating on projects within our parish; however lets us not forget the poor and homeless throughout the world. Kindly place your donations near the stairs that lead to the parish office.

Easter Mass Times

Parish Reconciliation

Tuesday March 27, 2018 7:00 pm

Holy Thursday

Thursday March 29, 2018 6:00 pm - Soup Supper 8:00 pm - Mass

Good Friday

Friday March 30, 2018

3:00 pm

8:00 pm - Stations of the Cross Dramatization

Easter Vigil

Saturday March 31, 2018

8:00 pm

Easter

Sunday April 1, 2018

8:30 am, 10:00 am, 12 noon

SOCIAL JUSTICE: "You can plant the seed, that's easy; but who will nurture the tree?" said a wise monk. He was talking about a sustainable peace in Sri Lanka but the question can be asked of us all. How can we, in our lives and our communities, nurture the tree of peace?

IN OUR COMMUNITY



THE 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40DAYS FORLIFE CAMPAIGN: of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil, and community

outreach, is scheduled from February 14th to March 25th. They pray at Proudfoot Trail and Dundas in Oakville, and offer help and healing to those affected by abortion. Please attend one of the group's vigils on Saturday mornings at 10 am - 11 am. For more information, visit 40daysforlife.com/Oakville or call Steve Germann at 905 333 6472.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 5073: invite you to \$5 Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, March 4th at the Columbus Hall (2400 Industrial Street, Burlington). The Knights are pleased to support 10 year old Ayden Soares quest to raise funds for Childhood Arthritis. Dinner seatings are at 4 pm and 6 pm. Tickets available at the door. For further info. visit: www.teamayden.com.

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE'S MINISTRY TO THE NEEDY:

Please attend this family style fundraiser dinner on Saturday, March 17th following the 5pm Mass. (St. Paul the Apostle Parish, 2265 Headon Road). There will be music by Paul O'Connor and a quest speaker. Sal. Badali, from Dr. Simone's Canadian Food for Children. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$7 for kids under 12 and \$40 for a family of 4 (2 adults & 2 children). For more information call Trudy at 905-336-5343.

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