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<b>OFFICE HOURS</b>	Mon-Fri	9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
	Tues & Thurs	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
	Saturday	9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
	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.

## 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)

## 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.

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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*

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

**FOURTH DAY OF THE LORD IN LENT**  
*We turn our hearts to Jesus who reconciles us to the Father*

**Mass Intentions** 

**Monday, March 7** at 9:00 a.m.  
 Ints. Susan Heald

**Tuesday, March 8** at 9:00 a.m.  
 Ints. Sloan & Mark Munshaw

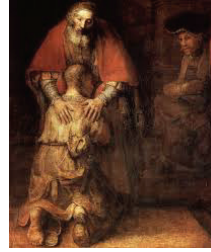
**Wednesday, March 9** at 9:00 a.m.  
 + Martin Smith

**Thursday, March 10** at 9:00 a.m.  
 + Mark Pogue; + Marion van de Vrande;  
 + Florence Colby; Ints. Emily Heald

**Friday, March 11** at 9:00 a.m.  
 + Anita Bannan

**Saturday, March 12** at 5:00 p.m.  
 + Cindy Stephens

**Sunday, March 13**  
 9:00 a.m. + Glynn Hayden  
 11:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners



**FOURTH DAY OF THE LORD IN LENT**  
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This Fourth Sunday of Lent calls us to rejoice as we look forward to the Passover of Jesus Christ. In the first reading it is prefigured in Joshua's entrance into the Promised Land and the feeding with unleavened cakes. We

hear St. Paul teaching about the new creation because of reconciliation. We hear profound reasons for rejoicing in the story of the prodigal son. We may make life choices that cause us great pain, but God is always there, waiting, ready to forgive and embrace us. How deep is God's mercy? How long has it been offered to God's people? We hear in today's readings that the only limits are ours, if we choose not to accept the possibilities for newness that await us — always and ever. *Fr. Frank*



**SOLIDARITY SUNDAY:** Next Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, is the Fifth Sunday of Lent, Solidarity Sunday, when the annual **Share Lent** collection for DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE will be held.

Your generous solidarity is vital to the mission of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE and our ability to help, respect, and promote the poor. **If your family has been collecting donations in a jar or container, please remember to bring it with you to Mass on March 12/13.** The children as a group will be carrying up their donation jars as part of the offertory procession. You are also encouraged to use your Share Lent envelopes found in your bulletin or envelope box. **Please make cheques payable to St. Raphael's Parish.** Thank you for your support! Learn more at [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org)

**SHARE LENT PILGRIMAGE – Week 4:** *Helping nuns serve their people in Bethlehem.* Now our pilgrimage takes us to the Holy Land. Development and Peace is supporting Salesian nuns in the Cremisan Valley in Bethlehem in their struggle to remain close to their people. Their ability to provide schooling to over 450 children has been threatened by the construction of a separation wall which will cut them off from the people they serve. Your support helps them with crucial legal support to fight the construction in the courts.

**SOUP SUPPER ON HOLY THURSDAY:** The liturgical celebration of the Last Supper on **March 24<sup>th</sup>** at 8:00 p.m. is a wonderful beginning to the Paschal Triduum since it highlights the **institution of the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist, Holy Orders and our baptismal call to ministry.** As a way to prepare for this liturgy we would like parishioners to come together for a special community gathering before the Mass at a **Soup Supper beginning at 6:30 p.m.** The format of the meal is very simple and is like the **early Christian community's AGAPE (love) meals: prepare a pot of your favourite soup** and bring it. Everyone will share and sample each other's soups. We will need to have some bread rolls as well. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer. We hope to taste and enjoy your culinary specialty and your fellowship.

**Please pray for the following:**

Maureen Fisher	Molly Laporte	Barbara Kennedy
Isabelle Wild	Nicola Izzi	Maritza Garcia
Martin Dawson	Sarah Scharer	Gonzalez
John Scharer	Vincent Stanford	Michael Dowson
Darryll Malley	Jim Singer	Milan Heck
Mary Berry	Catherine Gee	Doug Pudsey



*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 afternoon.*

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Sunday, February 28 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 5,020.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,040.00

*Thank you for your continued support of our parish.*



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE SOCIAL JUSTICE LENTEN PROJECT** - we are asking parishioners to donate school supplies to the Canadian Food For Children until **Sunday, March 13.**

Please fill back packs; cloth or vinyl bags (good sturdy reusable bags) with three-holed lined paper, pencils, erasers, markers, rulers, etc. These supplies will allow children from third world countries to go to school and get an education which, as we know, is best tool for a better future. Kindly put your donations in the designated box in the Welcoming Area opposite to the St. Anthony Room.

**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 at 7:00 p.m.**

**BUYING EASTER TREATS? CONSIDER FAIR TRADE CHOCOLATE!** Purchasing Fair Trade products helps support sustainable agricultural practices and a just wage in 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries. Some local sources include:  
**Shoppers Drug Mart**- Cadbury Milk Chocolate Bars  
**10 000 Villages**- 189 Lakeshore Rd. E Oakville  
**The Dutch Shop**- Roseland Plaza, Guelph Line/New St.

#### YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

**BIBLE CAMP 2016** (July 11-15/2016): all Gr. 7 and Gr. 8 students are invited to be a part of our youth leadership team. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the parish centre. For more information please call Cristian at the church.



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** Please note that we will not have a program on March 12/13<sup>th</sup> and Easter Sunday, however; on Palm Sunday (March 19/20<sup>th</sup>) we will be doing a liturgy at all the masses. Thank you to all the families who participate in our Liturgy Program.

#### CULTIVATING AND CARING FOR CREATION: PAPAL TEACHING

**"LAUDATO SI', mi' Signore"- "Praise be to you, my Lord".** The following statements are from a **greenspiritv.com** short video clip which you can find on youtube, **Program Ten: Do not despair**  
*A new approach and a new culture are needed based on the centrality of the human person, within creation and inspired by environmentally ethical behavior stemming from our triple relationship to God, to self and to creation. Saint John Paul II, 2002. It is our duty... to encourage and support all efforts made to protect God's creation, and to bequeath to future generations a world in which they will be able to live. Pope Benedict XVI and Bartholomew I. Common Declaration, 2006*  
*The effective struggle against global warming ... is only possible with a collective answer that is able to overcome attitudes of mistrust and promote a culture of solidarity, of encounter and of dialogue. Pope Francis, 2014*  
*In beholding the glory of the Trinity in creation, man must contemplate, sing and rediscover wonder. Saint John Paul II, 2000.*



DON'T FORGET TO **"SPRING FORWARD"** next **Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>** by setting your clocks one hour ahead.

**SUNDAY MISSALS:** If you borrowed a Missal or accidentally brought one home, please return it to the baskets in the parish entrance. Missals are available for purchase in the Religious Articles Store. We also ask that missalettes used during the week are returned to the basket. Subscriptions to "Living With Christ" and "The Word Among Us" are available to those who wish to keep their own copy. Thank you.



**POTLUCK DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT:** Join us on **Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>** following the 5 p.m. Mass. Movie: *"The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel"*. (Comedy, 2015).



**PIZZA & ICE CREAM SUNDAE FAMILY EVENT**  
Our first ELEVATOR fundraising event will be held on **Sunday, April 3, 2016 from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.** Pizza, salad, make your own ice cream sundaes, beverages, cash bar, raffles, 50/50 draw.  
Entertainment by *Michael Keys*. \$12 adult, \$7 children.  
TICKETS ON SALE after all Masses starting March 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Contact Marlene 905-634-0733

**3 Full DAYS to get to know LOVE. God is Love.** There will be transportation, accommodation, and meals for this 3- Day Cursillo weekend with talks, prayer, masses, discussions, etc. The Men's weekend is Thursday evening, May 26 to Sunday evening May 29. The Women's weekend is Thursday evening, June 9 to Sunday evening, June 12. Please call Wilma and/or Frank Malick for more information: 905 870 0641

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE:** Join the Spring Prayer Vigil across from the new hospital in Oakville (3rd line at Dundas, NE corner). There is a one hour group prayer vigil on Saturdays at 10 AM and Sundays at 3 PM during Lent. Contact Steve Germann 905 333 6472, [smrg@cogeco.ca](mailto:smrg@cogeco.ca)

**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH:** No marriage or relationship remains stagnant – life changes and experiences that occur on a day to day basis mold and shape us and therefore, our relationships. Now and then it is good to stop and check the new you and see how you have changed: how have these changes impacted your relationship with those you love, especially your spouse? Are you communicating well with your spouse, continuing to be open and honest about your needs and wants and to finding out what theirs might be? Marriage is a work in progress which thrives when we remember to do a checkup now and then!

**MAKING A CHANGE IN THE YEAR OF MERCY**  
A day of renewal and reflection for Young Adults (ages 18-35) Guest Speaker: Michael Chiasson, Access 52 Ministries. **Sunday, April 24, 2016, 1:00 - 7:00pm** (dinner included). McNally Hall, Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. \$5.00 offering suggested. To register or for more information contact: Christina Mines, [cmines@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:cmines@hamiltondiocese.com), 905-528-7988 ext 2239

**MEN'S CONFERENCE:** On **March 19<sup>th</sup>** join Cardinal Thomas Collins, Matt Fradd and Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers for Serviam Ministries' *1st annual Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference at Canada Christian College in Toronto*. The day will strengthen and challenge men to grow in faith and virtue while also addressing the struggles that men face. Father/Son rates available. Visit: [www.BandofChristianBrothers.com/events/iron/](http://www.BandofChristianBrothers.com/events/iron/) , [info@ServiamMinistries.com](mailto:info@ServiamMinistries.com) or 1-888-522-2070.

**Retrouvaille:** This program has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **March 11, 2016**, please call 905-664-5212 or email: [hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca](mailto:hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca) or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org)

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