

# 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
	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.

## 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*

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)

## SIXTH DAY OF THE LORD IN EASTERTIDE

### Mass Intentions

**Monday, May 2** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Edith Alward

**Tuesday, May 3** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Byron Chambers

**Wednesday, May 4** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Joe Doyle

**Thursday, May 5** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Anna Daly; + Darryll Malley;  
+ Betty Baylis; Ints. Fr. Steve

**Friday, May 6** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Marion van de Vrande

**Saturday, May 7** at 5:00 p.m.  
+ Rudolph Gomes; + John & Patricia Rolland;  
+ Mara Becir; Deceased Members of Hayes Family

**Sunday, May 8**  
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners  
11:00 a.m. + Martin Smith

#### 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
Mary Berry	Jim Singer	Milan Heck
Doug Pudsey	Catherine Gee	Helen Weppler
Sylvia Gzik	Elizabeth Talatala	Godofredo
Jane Urquhart		Elegado Sr.



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, April 24<sup>th</sup> \$5,019.00  
Debt Reduction \$ 971.00

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

**NOTICE OF UPCOMING MARRIAGE:** There is a promise of marriage between *Paula Moretti and Paul Toste*. The wedding will take place on May 14th.



**YOUTH MASS:** The next youth Mass will be on **Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.** All are welcome! Please contact Fr. Francis if you are interested in participating as a reader or choir member.

**YOUNG ADULTS MEETING:** Friday, May 6 and 20 / 7-9 p.m. We meet in the St. Francis Room.

### SIXTH DAY OF THE LORD IN EASTERTIDE

Shortly before his death, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago launched "**Common Ground.**" Distressed by the polarization among Catholics, he believed that people of good will, who agreed on basic Catholic doctrine, even while expressing diverse viewpoints within the Church, could come together and seek to listen to one another.

Today's first reading reminds me of Cardinal Bernardin's dream of reconciliation. Centuries ago, Jewish and Gentile Christians found themselves disagreeing on how to follow Jesus. **Trusting in the Holy Spirit, they prayed, shared their different approaches—and we read the result today.**

The Gospel today also reflects something of the early community's uncertainty about its future. At the Last Supper, the disciples realize Jesus is about to leave them. They're troubled and afraid, not knowing how they will survive without him. **Jesus assures them that he will send "the Advocate, the Holy Spirit," who will teach them and remind them of all Jesus told them.** In effect, Jesus is promising that the Church can always rely on the Spirit to guide it in troubled times.

When we face difficulties and even disagreements within the Church, we mustn't forget what Jesus promises in today's Gospel: He sends us his Spirit to be our "Advocate" and teacher. The Spirit will help us discover the peace that Jesus gives—a peace the world does not know. *Fr. Greg Friedman OFM*



**A SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS** to all the students of St. Raphael School and the Parish Program who received First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**CARD PARTY FUNDRAISER - LAST CHANCE TO BUY TICKETS! THURSDAY, MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Centre. The Catholic Women's League annual Dessert Card Party this year is a fundraiser for our Syrian refugee family and elevator projects. There will be fabulous door prizes; a 50/50 draw and delicious desserts to enjoy for only \$15.00. Get a group together to play bridge or euchre (please bring your own cards). Tickets are available in the Religious Articles store or by calling Helen @ 905-634-7481.



#### A MOTHER'S DAY FUNDRAISER FOR ST. RAPHAEL'S ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT

Spring is in the air, so come out with your family and friends to St. Raphael's English Tea Party, on **SATURDAY, May 7<sup>th</sup>**. Two sittings: 1 pm – 2:15 pm or 3 pm – 4:15 pm. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children (5 -12), under 5 free. Enjoy tea, English or herbal (or coffee or juice), plus tea sandwiches and goodies. Visit our raffle tables -tickets are 6 for \$5 and 15 for \$10. Kids can make a free corsage for Mom or Grandma. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Contact Charlie 905-681-6221, [bcarpenter2@cogeco.ca](mailto:bcarpenter2@cogeco.ca) or Jen - [jenlandry76@gmail.com](mailto:jenlandry76@gmail.com).



**LADIES COFFEE MORNING:** All Ladies are invited this **Wed., May 4<sup>th</sup>** at 9:30 a.m. in the St. Francis Room.

MAY 1, 2016

**ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER [Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si'] "Catholic Education Week:** *"Ecological education can take place in a variety of settings: at school, in families, in the media, in catechesis and elsewhere. Good education plants seeds when we are young, and these continue to bear fruit throughout life. The family is "the place in which life – the gift of God – can be properly welcomed and protected" against the many attacks to which it is exposed, and can develop in accordance with what constitutes authentic human growth."* *Laudato Si' #213.* Children are not too young to learn to live in harmony and balance with the Earth, God's Great Gift of Creation! They have a natural sense of awe and wonder of their world around them. Spend some family time this week out of doors exploring the changes that are happening in gardens, to the trees, and observing the Springtime behavior of animals preparing to create new life. Help your child to appreciate the beauty of nature. Plant some seeds in a garden or a pot of soil! Remember to awaken your own inner child to the beauty and wonder of our Earth! *"From panoramic vistas to the tiniest living form, nature is a constant source of wonder and awe. It is also a continuing revelation of the divine"* (Paragraph 85, Endnote 55).

**PLANT SALE for St. Raphael's Accessibility Project**  
Spring is in the air and it is time to get our gardens looking their best! We are having a plant sale offering Impatiens, Geraniums, Begonias, Hanging Baskets and Patio Planters. Check out our display board in the church foyer and pick up an order form. Delivery is Saturday May 28th, 2016 rain or shine! For more information please contact Sally Romanowski at 905 639-9516.

#### PARISH DAY 2016:

##### Caring for the Earth, Caring for Each Other

The success of this wonderful gathering is owed to the hard work and support of many: our pastors; those who organized and ran the event; our inspirational speaker, Fr. McCarthy; our "green" vendors; and, most of all, the 80+ people who came out to learn and engage with their fellow parishioners on a most important topic. There will be a follow-up meeting to review participants' comments and suggestions, and to plan a course of action, possibly incorporating a study of Pope Francis' "Laudato Si"- the basis for our Parish Day. The Spirit is with us! Stay tuned!

#### SUMMER 2016 BIBLE CAMP

**July 11 – July 15** for children from J.K. to Grade 6. For more information please take a registration form from the Parish Entrance as well as St. Raphael and St. Paul School Offices. *Registration deadline is June 10<sup>th</sup>.*

**NEW SATURDAY OFFICE HOURS:** Starting Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, the office will be open from 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., instead of 9 a.m. to noon.

**BOOMERANG CARDS:** Bridge and euchre sessions are held in the Parish Centre on **Monday afternoons** at 1:00 p.m. Join us for an afternoon of fun for only a toonie.

**YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE SUNDAY:** The next Pilgrimage Sunday at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King will take place on **Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**. The Cathedral will be open to pilgrims at 2:00 p.m. The Door of Mercy can be accessed through the doors adjacent to the Cathedral Rectory. At 2:30 p.m. prayer in the style of Taize – Scripture and meditative chants will be offered. You are welcome to join us for the 4:00 p.m. Mass – Monsignor Earl Talbot will preside and preach. A plenary indulgence may be gained by the faithful who enter through the Door of Mercy. In order to gain the indulgence pilgrims enter the door, make a profession of faith and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. They should also receive Holy Communion and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation within 20 days of the pilgrimage.

**FACING THE THREAT OF PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE:** As our country faces the moral and social threat of physician-assisted suicide, you are invited to call upon federal, provincial and territorial legislators to defend and protect the lives of all, to renew efforts to guarantee accessible home care and palliative care, and to protect the conscience rights of healthcare providers and agencies refusing to be part of euthanasia and assisted suicide. To share your concerns with your legislators, visit [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) or <http://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/>.

**DOCTOR-ASSISTED SUICIDE: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW** Get an authoritative Catholic perspective on this controversial new legislation from Dr. Moira McQueen, executive director of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute and author of Bioethics Matters. Come out for this free public presentation **Tuesday, May 17**, beginning at 7 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Parish hall, 2016 Blairholm Ave., Burlington. Sponsored by the St. John the Baptist Men's Group.

**5TH ANNUAL HCCEF CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC**  
**June 1, 2016** at Hidden Lake Golf & Country Club. All proceeds support the HCCEF Student Guardian Program – Helping students in need achieve their full potential. \$175 / golfer until April 30/16 (Early Bird). \$200 /golfer – May 1 - May 27/16. Golf Fee includes Golf, Cart, Lunch, Dinner & Prizes. Dinner only - \$50.00 per person. All entries due by: Friday, May 27, 2016. Register online: [www.hccef.org](http://www.hccef.org)

**ALL YOU CAN EAT PASTA FUNDRAISER DINNER**  
St. John the Baptist Parish Hall, **Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>**, after the 5pm Mass. Come enjoy a great meal, meet past and present pilgrims, and find out more! All You Can Eat: Penne Pasta and Sauce, Coffee, Tea, Caesar Salad, Garlic Toast and Cake. \$12 per person. For tickets : [CofVPilgrimage@gmail.com](mailto:CofVPilgrimage@gmail.com) (Pilgrimage - Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>, [sites.google.com/site/2016crossofvictorypilgrimage](http://sites.google.com/site/2016crossofvictorypilgrimage))

**"WALK FOR LIFE" 2016: Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**  
We are raising money to help support our community projects by hosting a BBQ and 5K walk. You can print your pledge form off our website <http://haltolive.celect.org/walk-for-life>. Let's make this walk the BIGGEST and BEST walk we've had yet!

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