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OFFICE HOURS	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

WEDDINGS

Please contact us at least one year in advance.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM
or by appointment

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.

PRAYER BEFORE WEEKDAY MASS

8:00 AM in the Adoration Chapel
8:30 AM Rosary in the church

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

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.

PARISH SCHOOLS

- Assumption High School 905.634.1835
- St. Raphael's Elementary 905.637.3810
- St. Paul's Elementary 905.632.1424

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905.681.6394

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 Holy Cross Vocations www.holycrossvocationscanada.com
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Monday, May 2 - 9:00 am
† André Nolf

Tuesday, May 3 - 9:00 am
† Jim Cox

Wednesday, May 4 - 9:00 am
Ints. Lorraine Evans

Thursday, May 5 - 9:00 am
Ints. Dave & Nelson Pinheiro; Ints. Mera Tiamson;
† Cesar Ereño; † Magdaline Becke;
† Irwin Jackson; † Calogero Saleva

Friday, May 6
9:00 am – Ints. Cecilia Racine
6:30 pm - † Jim Cox

Saturday, May 7 – 5:00 pm
Ints. Suzanne & Megan Symsyk;
† Lillia Franco; † Marie-Therese Pinto; † Elisa Villacorta;
† Jim Cox; † Deceased members of the Hayes family

Sunday, May 8
9:00 am For Our Parishioners
11:00 am † Stella Musial

Please pray for:	Helen Sheehan	Kyle Elliott
Jasmine Leigh	Jane Urquhart	Alban Olds
Emma Goodale	Sarah Scharer	James Cook
Vanessa Rodrigues	Elizabeth Talatala	Milan Heck
Albert Rodrigues	Asia Rae Landry	Frank Sicoli
John Scharer	Noah Landry	Lee Olds
Helen Weppler	Alison Zierl	Doug Pudsey
Peggy Evans	Rosario Herve	Laith Yousif
Stephen Pustai	Vincent Stanford	Mary Lilly
Michael Smart	Joanne Pringle	Marie Bond
Heather Allen	Robert Connelly	Tom Olds
Maritza Garcia Gonzalez	Jones Rodney	Gary Olds
Ron Robertson	Barbara Fisher	Nicola Izzi
Joseph & Madeleine Zucco	Laurie Suddaby	John Bate
Rolando Mabalay	Christopher Ryan	Jill Olds

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 morning



ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER:
International Compost Awareness Week:
Pope Francis writes: "Yet this education, aimed at creating an ecological citizenship " Reusing Something" instead of immediately discarding it, when done for the right reasons, can be an act of love which expresses our own dignity." LS 211

This year the theme for International Composting Week is "Regenerative Agriculture", which is a system that focuses on improving soil health using agricultural practices with the idea that healthier soil will lead to healthier, more nutrient-rich crops and, ultimately, less carbon in the atmosphere through increased carbon sequestration. Where does compost and organics recycling fit in? Compost, when added to farmland, gardens, yards, and other landscapes creates healthier soils and crops by providing food for soil microbes in the ground. These microbes enrich the quality of the soil while also sequestering carbon in the soil through photosynthesis, a tool for combating climate change. It focuses on the crucial role recycling our food scraps and yard trimmings plays by creating compost, which when added to soil results in more nutritious food, cleaner air and a healthier climate.

What are the benefits of using compost and composting food and yard waste?

- The use of landfill space and incineration can be reduced by at least one-third when organics are recycled.
- Methane, a greenhouse twenty-five times as powerful as carbon dioxide, can be significantly reduced through the recycling of organics instead of their being landfilled.
- Soil health and productivity is dependent on organic matter – the essence of compost – to provide the sustenance for the biological diversity in the soil. Plants depend on this to convert materials into plant-available nutrients and to keep the soil well-aerated. Additional benefits include the reduced need for pesticide usage to ward off soil-borne and other plant diseases.
- Compost offers a significant answer to climate change mitigation. Compost's return to the soil serves as a "carbon bank," helping to store carbon thereby removing it from the atmosphere.
- Compost is a huge benefit for both water conservation and quality. When used in water quality projects, compost binds pollutants to the organics material and prevents them from entering our lakes, wetlands, streams and rivers. Soil erosion is mitigated, and water-holding capacity improved through compost's enhancement of soil structure, binding soil particles together.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4D43HPdYHsA>

On the **Third Sunday of Easter** we read from **John's Gospel** that after the events of Good Friday and the joy of Easter Sunday, Peter longs to return to his old life. "I am going fishing," he says. In a scene reminiscent of the original call of Peter, Jesus appears to the group after a futile night of fishing but is unrecognized by his followers. He calls out to Peter in the boat and tells him where to drop his fishing nets. The fish overflow the nets and they suddenly recognize him: "It is the Lord!" Jesus cooks them breakfast and asks Peter three times if he loves him. Peter, puzzled, affirms three times that he loves Jesus - just as he denied him three times during the Passion. "Feed my sheep," Jesus says to him.

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

IN OUR PARISH

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
April 24, 2022



Sunday Envelopes (97)	\$3223
Loose	\$191
April Building Collection (32)	\$658

Thank you for your continued support!



CHILI CHALLENGE: Congratulations to winners of the 2022 Chili Challenge: 1st Place: Dan Chomyshn, 2nd Place: Gerry Tesolin and 3rd Place: Jonathan Fowler. Thank you to everyone who entered their chili, to all the judges, and to the event team for helping to put this wonderful dinner together.



CONGRATULATIONS to all the students who celebrated their **First Holy Communion** at our parish.



CONGRATULATIONS to all the students who celebrated the **Sacrament of Confirmation** at our parish.

PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS: Please join this small group every Friday, after the 9am Mass, in the St. Anthony Room. We pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet for the intentions of our priests and vocations to the priesthood. For more information contact Sylvia at 905-632-4862.

ADORATION, PRAISE, WORSHIP AND MASS: Please join our parishioners in a church wide adoration and praise and worship on **Friday, May 6, at 6:30pm**. All are welcome to spend time with the Lord.

THANK YOU FROM DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: On behalf of Development and Peace we would like to thank you for your continued support of the *Share Lent Campaign: People and Planet First*. Your prayers and your financial support are very much appreciated by the people in developing countries who face the effects of the Climate Crisis on a daily basis, as well as the people in war-torn countries who are losing their homes. Thank you also for your support of the Cancelled Stamp Drive. St. Raphael parishioners contributed a large collection of cancelled stamps that were taken directly to the Development and Peace Head Office in Montreal by our Diocesan Animator, Emily Lukasik. The Development and Peace Diocesan Council is seeking new members and would welcome your assistance to promote social justice both globally and locally. If you are interested in working with the Diocesan Council, please contact Rita Bailey: ruby101@sympatico.ca
Thank you, Cecilia Racine and Lorene DiCorpo



"THIRD SATURDAYS" BIBLE STUDY:

Women of all ages join us via Webinar **May 21, at 9:30am**, for our monthly one-hour webinar igniting passion for reading the Bible and applying the Word to our lives. Refresh,

restore and renew our faith. No bible experience required. Pray and share together with other women. To sign up please RSVP to michele@forgionegroup.com or leonyhettinger@bell.net See you soon.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE RELIGIOUS

ARTICLES STORE: The Religious Articles Store will be opening up again before and after the weekend masses. Volunteers are needed to help run the store at the Sunday 9am and 11am masses. If you are interested, contact Angie Lappin: 905-333-5718, chris.lappin@sympatico.ca

EUCHARIST TO HOME BOUND OR HOSPITAL: To receive communion in your home (within our church boundaries) or at Joseph Brant hospital please contact the parish office 905-637-2346 with your name, phone number and address or hospital room number. When you register at the hospital be sure to write "Catholic" and "Saint Raphael Parish" in the space provided on the registration form.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2022 - PRAYER FOR EDUCATORS: *Lord God, we thank you for the gift of Catholic education. Send forth your Spirit to strengthen all educators, teachers, administrators and staff in our Catholic schools. Bestow upon them Your gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Knowledge and Perseverance. Grant them joy, peace, creativity and courage in their vocation. May all educators continue to Rebuild, Restore, and Renew Your love with gentle patience. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY MASS: The Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton is pleased to announce that the Spring Memorial Mass at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Burlington, will be held on **Saturday, May 14 at 11:00am**. Please be advised that this Mass will take place outdoors. All are welcome!

HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN UKRAINE: Parishioners wishing to make a donation to help our brothers and sisters suffering through the Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis can do so by mailing a cheque to Knights of Columbus **Halton Columbus Charities**, write in the memo line: **"Ukraine Relief" 4072 New Street Burlington L7L 1S9** (St. Raphael) or drop it off at the parish office. All the funds raised will go to Knights of Columbus Councils in Poland and Ukraine so they can supply medical aid, critical supplies, and shelter to Ukrainians. Knights of Columbus worldwide have provided over \$13 million in Ukraine relief without any fees. You will receive a charitable donation receipt.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN 2022: The Wedding Anniversary Mass, normally held in June, will not occur this year due to the continued concerns around COVID-19. We invite you to register your 25, 40, 50, and 60 plus years of marriage on the Diocesan website at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/> and we will be happy to send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass. The Wedding Anniversary Mass is listed on the home page under Upcoming Events.

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD OR RELIGIOUS LIFE: How am I being called to feed the lambs of Jesus? Could it be as an ordained or consecrated person? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988). Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/
To learn more about the Holy Cross Fathers please talk to Fr. Francis or visit www.holycrossvocationscanada.com.

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