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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

*closed on Statutory Holidays*

### 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

### 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*

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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE  
SERVING IN THE REIGN OF GOD**



**Monday, May 15** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ John Dawson

**Tuesday, May 16** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ John & Maria Furtado

**Wednesday, May 17** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Sylvia Gzik

**Thursday, May 18** at 9:00 a.m.  
Ints. Dave, Trish & Joe Gzik;  
Ints. Gary & Jane Gzik & Family;  
Ints. Michael & Lynne Gzik & Family

**Friday, May 19** at 9:00 a.m.  
Ints. Molly Laporte

**Saturday, May 20** at 5:00 p.m.  
+ Bev Butler; + Diane Raposo;  
+ Clinton Cox; + Sylvia Gzik; + Betty Montero

**Sunday, May 21**  
9:00 a.m. + Irene Herman  
11:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners

**THE VICTORIOUS SERVANT OF GOD REIGNS  
"Whoever has seen me has seen the Father"  
[Fifth Sunday of Eastertide]**

The poetic words of William Shakespeare never lose their charm. In his famous play *Romeo and Juliet* we hear Juliet ask Romeo to base his promises of love on more than the mere orbits of the moon. Juliet says: "O, swear not by the moon, the inconstant moon that monthly changes in her circle orb, lest that thy love prove likewise variable." In today's Gospel **Jesus says: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Have faith in God and faith in me."** At the end of the reading is his great promise: "Anything you ask in my name I will do." **This is a promise that was made by our heavenly Father.** Nothing could be more **reliable.** Nothing could be more eternal.

**Deacon Dick Folger**

**THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH:** All are invited to an **illustrated presentation** of this opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Church through its two thousand years. Frank Mallick will be the presenter. **Wednesday, May 17:** *The Second Millenium* from 7–8:30 p.m. in the church.



**FUNDRAISERS FOR ACCESSIBILITY:** Thank you to everyone who participated in the **Spring Plant Sale**. This fundraiser raised just over \$500 for our Accessibility Project. A special thank you to Sally who ran this plant sale for the second year in a row.

Thank you to everyone who attended the **Opera Night** presented by the Southern Ontario Lyric Opera. A special thanks to Adrian Sacco and all our volunteers who helped out. This social event has contributed \$1,575 to our Accessibility Project.

**THANK YOU TO ALL** who supported the CWL Dessert Card Party fundraiser for the Accessibility Project. We especially want to acknowledge the support of our members who volunteered their time; donations of desserts and door prizes to help make this event so successful. Congratulations to Ann Marchong who was the winner of the 50/50 draw.



**CWL MAY GENERAL MEETING** will be held on **Tuesday, May 23rd.** (Monday is Victoria Day) in the parish centre at 7:15 p.m. Mark your calendars! We will be saying the scriptural rosary and **invite other parishioners to join at this time.** We will also be discussing future social justice initiatives. We hope to see many of our members at this meeting. Congratulations to Mary Piche who won the \$30.00 restaurant gift card for early membership renewal. For more information, please call Helen Sheehan @ 905-634-7481 or email: [thesheehanes@gmail.com](mailto:thesheehanes@gmail.com)



**2017 BIBLE CAMP: July 10 – 14, 2017,** for children from J.K. to Grade 6. Registration forms are available in the parish entrance, at the schools and on our parish website: [www.straphaels.ca](http://www.straphaels.ca). Students in grade 7 and up who would like to help are asked to speak with Fr. Francis.

**Please pray for the following:**

Isabelle Wild	Molly Laporte	Barbara Kennedy
John Scharer	Nicola Izzi	Maritza Garcia
Mary Berry	Sarah Scharer	Gonzalez
Doug Pudsey	Vincent Stanford	Michael Dowson
Rosy Santos Perez	Jim Singer	Milan Heck
John O'Boyle	Catherine Gee	Helen Weppler
Frances Wentges	Elizabeth Talatala	Jane Urquhart
Diane Svazay	Maria Szkitalinski	Laith Yousif
Peggy Evans	Irene Groves	Michael Colameco
Sr. Rosalie Siegler	Rose Hughes	Rita Waters
Jill Ascah	Anna Lamers	Denise Casey

*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, May 7<sup>th</sup> \$ 6,837.00

*Thank you for your continued support!*

**NOTICE OF UPCOMING MARRIAGE:** There is a promise of marriage between *Connie Ng and Eldridge D'Mello*. The wedding will take place on May 27th.

**ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED:** Children in grades 3 and up are invited to sign up to become altar servers. Servers are needed especially for the 11am Mass. Anyone interested in becoming an altar server is asked to please email Gabriella at [straphaelchurch3@gmail.com](mailto:straphaelchurch3@gmail.com) or leave their contact information at the church office.

**COFFEE HOUSE:** Save the date! **Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 7 p.m. in the Parish Centre. Professional musicians, guitarist and singer. BYOB and bring your own munchies! Free admission.



**ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER**

**Mother's Day** Pope Francis Writes:

"LAUDATO SI', mi' Signore" – "Praise be to you, my Lord". In the words of this

beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. "Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, **Mother Earth**, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs". Laudato Si' #1

Today we celebrate Mother's Day! Mothers care for us and nurture us throughout our lives! Perhaps today, take a moment to think about our Mother Earth, who provides us for all that we need to be alive, such as oxygen, oceans, rivers, lakes, trees, flowers, herbs, animals, food, shelter, etc. Think about how you might celebrate our Mother Earth as many others before us.

**Sister Dorothy Stang, Sister of Notre Dame de Namur, is a woman who worked to support both the environment and the poor.**

She lived and worked with the poor in the Amazon Region, teaching local farmers about ecological sustainability and farmer's rights. She helped peasants make a living by farming small plots and extracting forest products without deforestation. On February 12, 2005, on the way to a meeting to address farmers on human rights issues, Sister Dorothy was killed by a local peasant because many people especially those involved in illegal logging and ranching did not approve of her work. The ministry of Sister Dorothy Stang is a clear reminder of what the mission of the Church ought to be: we are called to stand with those who are on the margins of society, to support the poor, the oppressed, and the endangered earth. (On care for Our Common Home: Laudato Si, Commentary by Sean McDonagh)

**How can we be Earth minded this week?** Did you know that nail polish is toxic to the environment? Nail polish contains chemicals such as toluene that are not only toxic to your health but also a hazard to the environment? With that in mind, we invite you for the next four weeks (May, 21st, 28th, June 4th, 11th) to drop your (either old or empty nail polish containers) into the nail polish disposal box (Main Entrance of the Church) to be properly recycled. Create your own natural cleaning recipes and help Mother Earth by visiting:

[www.keeperofthehome.org/homemade-all-natural-cleaning-recipes](http://www.keeperofthehome.org/homemade-all-natural-cleaning-recipes) and

[www.goodhousekeeping.com/beauty/anti-aging/tips/a15276/homemade-beauty-recipes/](http://www.goodhousekeeping.com/beauty/anti-aging/tips/a15276/homemade-beauty-recipes/)

**ECO FILM FESTIVAL: "LOVE THY NATURE" Wednesday, May 17** at 6:30pm at Burlington Central Library.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** The nice weather is creeping in, opening up opportunities for our young families to get involved in school and sport activities, therefore; our Children's Liturgy Program will take a break (as of May 14th) and resume in the fall on Sept. 16th. Heartfelt thanks to our leaders, helpers and families who supported our program. *Wishing everyone a safe and happy time in the sun.*

**CONFIRMATION: PARENTS MEETING**

We are beginning the process of preparing our young people for the sacrament of confirmation. The celebration will take place in Jan. 2018. If you have children who are in public or private school, who are in grade 6 this year and will be going to grade 7 this coming September, please call the office for your registration package. The first meeting for the parents and students will take place on **May 23rd** at 6.45 p.m. in the church.

**FUNERAL SERVERS MINISTRY:** We are looking to add more members to our Funeral Servers Ministry Team. Both men and women are welcome. The funeral ministers assist our priests at Funeral Masses arriving a half hour before to prepare, and serve on the altar during the Mass. Your support and service are appreciated. Please contact Jerry Ponikvar @ 905-333-5813 or [ponikvarjq@gmail.com](mailto:ponikvarjq@gmail.com)

**CHRISTIANS ON A JOURNEY:** We are meeting monthly for prayer and fellowship. The 3rd Monday of the month At 7:30 PM. **May 15:** Christian Reform Church, 3416 New St., June 19: St. Raphael Church, *July/ Aug...summer break...* Sept. 18: Christian Reform Church, 3416 New St., Oct. 16: St. Raphael Church, etc. Please join us. For any questions, please call Wilma or Frank 905-870-0641

**POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS COLLECTION – MAY 21<sup>st</sup>**

This collection is taken up in the Easter Season and has a twofold purpose: to support the Pope's Pastoral Services as Head of the Church and to contribute to his works of charity. *Thank you for your contributions.*

**CENTENARY OF FATIMA MARIAN PILGRIMAGE DAYS**

Come participate in Marian Pilgrimage days in this the centenary year of the Fatima appearances of Our Lady. Each month we will fulfill the request of our Lady of Fatima to join with her in prayer, invoking blessings and graces for our families, Church and the world by gathering at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Waterdown. In honour of this year's special **100th anniversary**, each day begins with Mass, features a Marian Procession as the rosary is prayed, Stations of the Cross, and quiet time in the Marian garden. The program is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pack a lunch. For further information, visit the website: [www.stthomaswaterdown.com/pilgrimage/](http://www.stthomaswaterdown.com/pilgrimage/). Dates are: Saturday, June 3, Saturday, July 1, Saturday, August 5, Saturday, September 2, Saturday, October 14.

**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH:** Two powerful indicators of the health of any relationship are how those involved communicate and settle conflict. Communication works best when people use positive methods: state clearly what you want or need, don't have serious discussions when one or both people are angry, express your love by telling your husband/wife what you love about them, show gratitude on a daily basis and believe you are on the same team, so a resolution must work for both. When we look at conflict as a way to reach out to our spouse and explore our differences, emotions and feelings, we begin to pull something positive out of what may seem at first to be a negative. Words can harm or heal, use yours carefully and properly and your relationship will flourish.

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