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OFFICE HOURS	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

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
905.634.1835
- St. Raphael's Elementary
905.637.3810
- St. Paul's Elementary
905.632.1424

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HOTLINE
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

Please visit these websites: The Diocese of Hamilton HamiltonDiocese.com
Catholics Come Home www.CatholicsComeHome.org Vocations www.HamiltonDiocese.org

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 9 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Jens Toubourg

Tuesday, May 10 at 9:00 a.m.
Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, May 11 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Ann Macdonald

Thursday, May 12 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Darryll Malley; + Barbara Hartnett
Ints. John & Ellen Lynch; Ints. Sylvia Gzik

Friday, May 13 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Marion van de Vrande

Saturday, May 14 at 5:00 p.m.
+ Ed Filipowich; + John & Maria Furtado;
+ Brendan Kosnick; + Phyllis & Clarence Brennan
Deceased Members of Lucey Family


Sunday, May 15
9:00 a.m. + Mae Strelbisky
11:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners

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, May 1st \$6,871.00
 Pope's Pastoral Works \$1,695.00

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.



A SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS to all the students of St. Paul School and the Parish Program who received First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 1st.

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

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

A really good storyteller will never tell a story quite the same way twice. Luke is a great storyteller. Today we hear his two versions of the ascension of Jesus: one from Luke's Gospel; the other from his *Acts of the Apostles*. As you might expect, the two accounts have some differences.



For example, the **Gospel's** story of the ascension **takes place on Easter night**, while in **Acts it is situated 40 days later**. This and other differences remind us that these accounts are not strict history, but rather written to teach a **"spiritual" point**.

Luke locates both accounts in Jerusalem, where Jesus has won victory in his death and resurrection. From there, the Church will spread to the whole world. The **Gospel** version evokes the **past**: We hear Jesus explain how it was **prophesied that he would suffer**. In *Acts*, his words point to the future, to the commissioning of his apostles as **witnesses** through the power of the Holy Spirit they will soon receive.

We're fortunate to have both versions of this special moment in the life of the Church. We need to remember how the story of **Jesus fulfills God's plan and promises of old. We must also be challenged to witness to Christ, empowered by his Holy Spirit.**
Fr. Greg Friedman OFM

JOY OF LOVE THE FAMILY [Pope Francis]

"Mothers are the strongest antidote to the spread of self-centred individualism... It is they who testify to the beauty of life". Certainly, "a society without mothers would be dehumanized, for mothers are always, even in the worst of times, witnesses to tenderness, dedication and moral strength. Mothers often communicate the deepest meaning of religious practice in the first prayers and acts of devotion that their children learn... Without mothers, not only would there be no new faithful, but the faith itself would lose a good part of its simple and profound warmth... **Dear mothers: thank you! Thank you for what you are in your family and for what you give to the Church and the world"**.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Due to spring/summer commitments for our volunteers, our Children's Liturgy Program will take a break (as of May 15th) and **resume in the fall, Sept. 17th**.

Heartfelt thanks to our leaders, helpers and families who supported our program. Wishing everyone a safe and happy time in the sun.

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 10th*

BOTTLE DRIVE UPDATE: Thank you for your donations of empty bottles and cans! To date we have raised **\$397.40!** Please continue to bring in your clean empties!

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ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER

Pope Francis writes: "Mary, the Mother who cared for Jesus, now cares with maternal affection and pain for this wounded world. Just as her pierced heart mourned the

death of Jesus, so now she grieves for the sufferings of the crucified poor and for the creatures of this world laid waste by human power." *Laudato si* #241 "Some forms of pollution are part of people's daily experience. Exposure to atmospheric pollutants produces a broad spectrum of health hazards, especially for the poor." *Laudato si* #20 We can fight the pollution of our atmosphere by reducing our carbon footprint! This week, walk, bicycle and leave your car at home whenever possible or combine errands by preplanning your shopping trips, so that you reduce the amount of carbon emissions that you create. Be conscious of the errands or appointments that can be done while on your way home from work! Check out: <http://www.justgreencommunity.com/reduce-your-ecological-footprint-and-your-demand-on-the-planet/>



PLANT SALE FUNDRAISER 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. Order forms can be picked up in the church foyer or printed off our website: www.straphaels.ca. Delivery is Saturday May 28th, 2016 rain or shine! For more information please contact Sally Romanowski at 905 639-9516.

CANADIAN TIRE MONEY UPDATE: Our current total is \$251.00. Thank you for continuing to donate your Canadian Tire money in support of our Refugee Family that will be arriving later this year.

New Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs have arrived and can be purchased next to the Religious Articles Store. CDs are \$5.

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.

Did you know that the Knights of Columbus Hall is available for celebrations, meetings, socials and more? Call 905-580-3472 for more information or visit our website www.kofc5073.ca

NOVENA FOR LIFE THREATENED BY BILL C14: A group of Ottawa Doctors have requested our help to organize a NATIONWIDE NOVENA to "Our Lady of Good Success" to STOP EUTHANASIA in Canada. Please pray a Novena to Our Lady of Good Success in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord TO INTERCEDE FOR CANADIANS FOR TRUE WISDOM CONCERNING THIS FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE ABOUT THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN LIFE. Begin at any time, at least nine days before June 6, 2016 when BILL C14 will be put before Parliament for the vote.

A FEW THOUGHTS ABOUT MOTHERHOOD

The heart of a mother is a deep abyss at the bottom of which you will always find forgiveness.

--Honore' de Balzac

Becoming a mother makes you the mother of all children. From now on each wounded, abandoned, frightened child is yours. You live in the suffering mothers of every race and creed and weep with them. You long to comfort all who are desolate.

--Charlotte Gray

A mother's yearning feels the presence of the cherished child even in the degraded man.

--George Eliot

God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers.

-- Jewish proverb

YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE SUNDAY: The next Pilgrimage Sunday at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King will take place on **Sunday, May 15th**. 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 Taizé – 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.

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**.

St. Ann's Parish Spring Carnival: Thursday, **May 12th** - Sunday, **May 15th**, T.B. McQueston Park in Hamilton (Upper Wentworth just south of Limeridge Mall) Amusements rides, games & food. All ages welcome!



"WALK FOR LIFE" 2016: Sat., May 28th

We are raising money to help support our community projects by hosting a BBQ and 5K walk. Pledge forms:

<http://haltonalive.celect.org/walk-for-life>

Let's make this walk the BIGGEST and BEST walk we've had yet!

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. \$200 /golfer. 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

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