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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

closed on Statutory Holidays



### MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM year in advance.

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.

# 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 Cathoic call the office for more information.

### **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

### **PARISH SCHOOLS**

- Assumption High School 905.634.1835
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# Archangel St. Raphael "God is my Healer"

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See the Book of Tobit, especially chapter 12

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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, November 23

9:00 a.m. Martha Keenan +

### Tuesday, November 24

9:00 a.m. Joan Lawlor, Spec. Int.

### Wednesday, November 25

9:00 a.m. George Oravec +

### Thursday, November 26

9:00 a.m. Angelo Cutaia +

Olga Baly +

Don & Debbie Pilon + Remy Noronha + Gerrard Colby, Spec. Int.

### Friday, November 27

Frank Murphy + 9:00 a.m.

### Saturday, November 28

5:00 p.m. Joyce & Angelo Carlin +

Meco Poliziani +

Charles & Areta Schooley +

Al Ricci + Hank Forani +

### Sunday, November 29

9:00 a.m. Rosa & Vincenzo Luppino +

11:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners

### Please pray for the following:

Maureen Fisher Isabelle Wild Helen Plouffe Martin Dawson John Scharer Darryll Malley Mary Berry Molly Laporte Nicola Izzi Sarah Scharer Vincent Stanford Jim Singer

Barbara Kennedy Maritza Garcia Gonzalez

Michael Dowson Milan Heck

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, November 15<sup>th</sup> \$5,214.00 Pre-Authorized Giving for November \$2,732.00

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PLAN: Thank you to those who have enrolled in our pre-authorized giving program. Forms to enroll in our Pre-Authorized Giving Plan can be picked up in the parish entrance or the parish office. Please contact the office if you require any assistance. A reminder to mark your envelope with "Pre-Authorized" Giving" if you choose to continue placing an envelope in the collection basket.

### MUSIC MINISTRY: THANKS FOR YOUR GIFT

On November 22<sup>nd</sup> the Church celebrates the feast of St. Cecilia. She is the patron saint of musicians. Her association with music stems from the story that at her wedding feast she sang to God in her heart. On behalf of the Parish Community of St. Raphael I would like to express our gratitude to all the parishioners in our music ministry who share their talent by leading us in song and helping us to praise God through music. St. Augustine said: "Singing is a sign of joy and, if we look more closely, it is a sign of love". Therefore, much thanks to all those who lead us as signs of joy and love. Today we ask God to bless you as you continue your beautiful and dedicated ministry in the Parish. Fr. Frank

THE NEW LITURGICAL YEAR 2015-2016 BEGINS **NEXT WEEKEND:** During the liturgical year (cycle three) beginning on the First Day of the Lord of Advent, November 28/29, the Gospel according to St. Luke will be proclaimed at our Sunday celebrations. When St. Luke composed his Gospel about Jesus for those first converts from the Gentile world, he presented for all time a portrait of Jesus as the Universal Saviour, the one anointed by God for the whole world. For St. Luke the mission of Jesus is to bring the saving power of the Holy Spirit of God to all times and all peoples. The Advent/ Christmas/Epiphany season focuses on three aspects of the coming of Jesus Christ: 1. His final coming as the Son of Man in glory; 2. His first coming at His birth in Bethlehem; 3. His continuing coming to us in sacraments and in His presence in us by grace.



CHILDREN'S ADVENT PARTY: Please join us on Sunday, November 29th, in the Parish Centre, from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm. All children and grandchildren up to grade three are invited to

join us for crafts, photos, cartoons and some treats. FREE admission with a non-perishable food item. All children must be accompanied by a parent or quardian. To ensure we are prepared for all please RSVP to Katie @ 905-741-0189, katiegrant@live.ca or Charlie @ 905-681-6221, bcarpenter2@cogeco.ca

**ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLETS**: You are encouraged to pick up an Advent booklet to use throughout this Advent season. This year we have chosen a book of daily stories and reflections titled "God is Near" by Fr. Thomas J Connery. Booklets are located in the parish entrance. (A \$1 or \$2 donation is suggested.)

**NEW SUNDAY MISSALS**: The 2015-2016 Sunday Missals will be available next weekend. Please return them to the designated baskets at the end of each Mass. If you would like your own copy, Missals can be purchased for \$ 5.00 in the Religious Articles Store.



ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS: All Altar Servers, new and experienced, are asked to attend a training session on Saturday, November 28th at 11:00 a.m. in the Church. All students in grade 4 and up are invited to join.



JESSE TREE During the Advent season our children in the Children's Liturgy of the Word will help decorate our Jesse Tree. The Jesse Tree represents the family tree of Jesus

Christ. It tells the story of God's salvation plan, beginning with creation and continuing through the Old Testament, to the coming of the Messiah. The name "Jesse Tree" comes from Isaiah 11:1, "Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit." It speaks of King David's father, Jesse, who is in the lineage of Jesus Christ. Ornaments are added to the Jesse Tree, a small tree made of evergreen branches or any creative materials you choose to use. The symbolic ornaments can each represent a prophecy foretelling of Christ. Other variations include ornaments that represent the ancestors in the lineage of Christ, or the various symbols of Christianity. Thanks to Charlotte Carpenter who is helping our children to understand better our preparation for the coming of Christ during Advent. For more detailed instructions for this Advent activity at home, just "google" Jesse Tree Catholic Culture.



YOUNG ADULTS: Meetings are held every first Friday of the month in the St. Francis Room and are open to all young adults age 19 to 30 with a desire to engage in a new

faith journey. Our next meeting is **Friday**, **December 4**<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Visit <a href="https://www.hypecatholic.com">www.hypecatholic.com</a>

**YOUTH MASS:** There will be a Youth Mass celebration every first Saturday of each month at 7 p.m. Our next Mass is **Saturday, December 5**<sup>th</sup>. This Mass is open to all youth and their families as well as young adults.

**CARING FOR CREATION**: You are invited to join your fellow parishioners every Monday to discuss some of the themes found in Pope Francis' latest encyclical "Laudato Si". Remaining session dates: **November 23 and 30 starting at 7:30 p.m.** in the Parish Centre.

### PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS PRAYER GROUP

All are welcome to join this prayer group every Thursday morning following the 9 a.m. Mass in the St. Anthony Room.

FUNERAL LUNCHEON MINISTRY - ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Once again we will be going to Tucker's Marketplace for our Christmas get together on Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 12:30. If you are able to attend please RSVP to Marlene Cox at 905-634-0733 before Nov 25/15.



**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.

**ANNUAL GAMES NIGHT:** Thank you to everyone who participated in this fun evening! A special thank you to Renata, our Events Coordinator, and her wonderful Mom and Sister for all the service they provide at our Movie Nights, Games Night, and other social events.

### AROUND THE DIOCESE

PRAYER VIGIL FOR CLIMATE CHANGE: Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul the Apostle, 2265 Headon Rd., beginning at 7 p.m. To pray for the delegates who will gather in Paris, France to discuss world climate change issues. All are welcome.

**DAY OF REFLECTION:** St. John's C.W.L. is hosting an Advent Day of Reflection on **Wednesday**, **December 9** with Father Allen Varlaki as facilitator. The day will start with Mass at 9 a.m. and will also include a presentation, Exposition and Reconciliation. Closing will be at noon with Benediction. The cost is \$10 and refreshments will be served. All women are welcome – you do not have to be a C.W.L. member. Please register by Monday, December 7 by phoning Marie Arponen at 905-637-1677.

**DAY of PRAYER:** SISTERS OF SOCIAL SERVICE 11 Perthshire Court, Hamilton (SUGGESTED OFFERING \$ 20.00) **Friday, November 27**, 9:30 am to 3:00pm. Bring a bag lunch. Tea & coffee provided. To Register: please contact 905-388-3966 or sssperthshire@sympatico.ca

Coping with the Holidays...when you have lost a loved one. Join us for an afternoon of reflection and strategies for coping at Christmas, facilitated by Christina Walton, Grief Counsellor. Chancery Office, 700 King St. W, Hamilton on Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 – 3:00 pm. The event is FREE of charge. Please call to reserve a seat 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. (If you haven't registered you are still free to attend.)

Healing Mass for Those Mourning the Loss of a Child A Diocesan Healing Mass is planned at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King for Sunday, November 29, 2015 at 4 pm. Anyone who has lost a child of any age from any cause, including those that have lost a child prior to birth, or who have had a still birth are invited to this Mass celebrated by Bishop Daniel Miehm. God is close to those who mourn, come and experience His healing presence. Registration is preferred, but not necessary, as it will ensure we have enough of the small memento each family will receive. Please call Lena at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or register at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

**TURKEY ROLL ALERT:** This is a Turkey Roll Alert for **Friday, November 27**<sup>th</sup>!! Knights of Columbus #5073. 2400 Industrial Street. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the Roll begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission: FREE.

HAMILTON2PARIS - SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29: Rally in support of a movement to lower our Carbon Footprint. This is a message Pope Francis strongly supports in his encyclical letter "Laudato Si". Faith groups are meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday, November 29 at the Unitarian Church on 170 Dundurn South to walk to the Rally at City Hall, joining various other groups there. You can also meet directly at City Hall for the event starting at 3 p.m. This rally will look at the global warming issue, in preparation for the COP21 Paris Conference. If convenient, please wear the advent colour purple (scarf, hat etc.) representing "faith".

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