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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.

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.

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

PARISH SCHOOLS

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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
Catholics Come Home www.CatholicsComeHome.org Vocations www.HamiltonDiocese.org

FIRST DAY OF THE LORD IN ADVENT



Monday, November 28 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Mecio Poliziani; + Hank Forani

Tuesday, November 29 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Josip Staresinic

Wednesday, November 30 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Doreen Fitzpatrick

Thursday, December 1 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Charles Campbell; + Anita Bannan;
Ints. Donald Gravelle; Ints. Beth Csordas;
Ints. Cathy VanHeukelom

Friday, December 2 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Laura Ferris

Saturday, December 3 at 5:00 p.m.
Deceased Mbrs McConnachie Family;
+Merle Rodgers; + Clinton Cox; + Jim Malcolm
Ints. Joan Lawlor

Sunday, December 4
9:00 a.m. + Celeste Law
11:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners

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
Sylvia Gzik	Jim Singer	Milan Heck
Rosy Santos Perez	Catherine Gee	Helen Weppler
John O'Boyle	Elizabeth Talatala	Jane Urquhart
Frances Wentges	Maria Szkitalinski	Laith Yousif
Diane Svazas	Sr Rosalie Siegler	Irene Groves

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, November 20th \$ 4,621.00

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

2017 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Please pick up your 2017 Envelopes in the parish entrance, next to the Religious Articles Store. Please open your box to find a letter from our Pastoral Team and Finance Council. Forms to enroll in our Pre-Authorized Giving Plan are also available in the parish entrance or the parish office. Please contact the office if you require any assistance.

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 3rd**. This Mass is open to everyone.

NEW SUNDAY MISSALS: A reminder to please return the Sunday Missals 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.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS/EPIPHANY

This liturgical season celebrates **the coming of Christ which fulfills our hope-filled longings**. It 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 the sacraments and in his presence in us by grace.

During the liturgical year 2016-2017 we will be guided by reflection on the meaning for us of the Reign of God. The Church is not the Reign of God. **The Church is the sign, instrument and foretaste of the Reign of God**. Our theme this year will be:

TOGETHER IN GOD'S REIGN

St. Matthew's Gospel will be our guiding good news this year. The Reign of God was already partially experienced by the People of God before the coming of Jesus. St. Matthew's Gospel illustrates how **Jesus fulfills the development of the Reign of God [Kingdom of Heaven]** foreshadowed and recorded in the Hebrew Scriptures. Some New Testament commentators have described a large part of **St. Matthew's Gospel as "The Charter of the Reign of God"**. The Reign of God, announced by the prophet John the Baptist, began in conception and birth of **Jesus Christ**.

God's Reign touches our lives now, and will be fulfilled in the final coming of the Christ in glory. **Each weekend of Advent our liturgies will reflect on the unfolding of the Reign of God** prepared for among the People of God prior to Jesus and being fulfilled in His Advent.

Our theme for the Advent season will be:

PREPARING TOGETHER FOR THE COMING OF GOD'S REIGN



FIRST DAY OF THE LORD IN ADVENT

Be awake for the coming of the Reign of God. Especially the Gospel of Matthew and the Responsorial Psalm encourage us to

watch with alertness for the fullness of God's Reign in the final coming of the glorious Christ when God's steadfast love and plan of harmony for the universe is complete.

The images from the book of the prophet Isaiah of walking in the light of the Lord where weapons of war are transformed into instruments of peace, urge us to be instruments of God's Reign now.



CWL CHRISTMAS WISH TREE in support of THE GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER is located in the foyer.

Please take a tag and purchase a gift to put under the tree (unwrapped) **by Sunday, November 27th**. Thank you for your generosity.

FATHER FRANK'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY: Come join us for coffee and dessert on Dec 18 after the 11:00 am mass in the parish centre to celebrate Father Frank's 50 years as a priest. If you can volunteer to help or donate a dessert please call Marlene Cox @ 905-634-0733 or mjc1@sympatico.ca

SHIFRA HOMES BABY BOTTLES - please return as soon as possible the baby bottle you picked up at church and place it in the designated box located in the Welcoming Area outside of the St. Anthony Room.



ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER

Pope Francis writes: *“Love, overflowing with small gestures of mutual care, is also civic and political, and it makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world. Love for society and commitment to the common good are outstanding expressions of a charity which affects not only relationships between individuals but also “macro-relationships, social, economic and political ones”. 156 That is why the Church set before the world the ideal of a “civilization of love”. 157 Social love is the key to authentic development: “In order to make society more human, more worthy of the human person, love in social life – political, economic and cultural – must be given renewed value, becoming the constant and highest norm for all activity”. 158 In this framework, along with the importance of little everyday gestures, social love moves us to devise larger strategies to halt environmental degradation and to encourage a “culture of care” which permeates all of society. When we feel that God is calling us to intervene with others in these social dynamics, we should realize that this too is part of our spirituality, which is an exercise of charity and, as such, matures and sanctifies us. “ Laudato si #231*

In solidarity with our sisters and brothers of the Global South who are victims of war Christmas is a time when we gather with family and loved ones. It is also a time to remember those who are denied this opportunity because they have lost friends and family or have been forcibly separated from them by the ravages of war. The world forgets these vulnerable communities, and it becomes more difficult to mobilize resources for them. Afghanistan, Burundi, Darfur, South Sudan, Syria – these are among the many countries which, for years, have been experiencing latent or ongoing conflicts. At Christmas, let us not forget the suffering of civilians who have been displaced and impoverished by the conflicts affecting them. Visit the Development and Peace website at the end of November to discover their Christmas campaign that asks us to pray and act for peace in our world. devp.org/Christmas. We can also be ambassadors for peace in our community by supporting the projects of our Parish St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Good Shepherd Center Angel Tree drive!



ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS: Ladies of the CWL, please renew your membership before you fly south. You can use the blue envelope found in the offertory envelopes (second from the front in the box or plain white envelope along with \$25.00 and write your name, full address, telephone number and email address. Thank you and have a safe and happy winter.



AUTUMN GARDENERS On behalf of the Parish, I thank all those who have been busy during this beautiful autumn season helping to enhance the gardens around the church: the Catholic Women's League who donated money to buy plants and bulbs; to Rose and Myrla, Christine and Don, Frank and Serge who dug and planted and trimmed. Spring will blossom with daffodils and tulips and other lovely perennials [if the squirrels don't have nice lunches].
Fr. Frank



OPERA AT ST. RAPHAEL: Here's an idea for a Christmas present for someone you know who loves music! Presented by the **Southern Ontario Lyric Opera Company**.

Join us for an evening of operatic arias & sacred music on **Tuesday, December 6th at 7:00pm**. Featuring: Mezzo-soprano Cassandra Warner, Tenor Romulo Delgado & Members of the SOLO chorus, accompanied by Maestro Sabatino Vacca. There will be an intermission where beverages and snacks will be available. Tickets \$25, Available after all weekend masses, in the parish office, by calling (905) 637-2346, or Renata at galwayrenata@gmail.com. All proceeds go towards the Accessibility Project.

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 prayers titled *“Mercy from the Manger”* by Pope Francis. Also available for Teens and Young Adults is a book of devotions titled *“Advent See-Son”*. Booklets are located in the parish entrance. (A \$1 or \$2 donation is suggested.)

DECORATION GROUP MEETING: Thursday, December 1st at 7:30 p.m. in the Hearth room. See you there!

KNITTING DISPLAY: Thank you to all who stopped by the knitting table on Sunday after masses, took a kit, and gave me a name and phone number. I look forward to working with you on this worthwhile mission to help the disadvantaged in our community. I welcome all volunteers to our group. Rose Hughes, 905-633-8455



ATTENTION CWL MEMBERS: We are having our Christmas lunch at THE RUBY restaurant on **Tuesday, December 6th at 1:00 p.m.** THE RUBY is located at 4100 Upper Middle Rd., 10th floor at the Village of Tansley Woods, Burlington. Parishioners who are not CWL members, kindly feel free to join us. Please call Helen Sheehan at 905-634-7481 or email at helen.sheehan@cogeco.ca to let her know if you will attend by Monday, December 5th. We wish a joyful Christmas to all our members.

PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND: March 5 – 14, 2017 (10 days) Under spiritual leadership of **Fr. Francis Salasiar C.S.C.** Tel Aviv, Galilee, Tiberias, Capernaum, Cana, Judea, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Masada. Cost of \$2,349 includes air transportation from Toronto (airport tax not included), hotel accommodation, breakfast and dinner daily, all sightseeing with English speaking guide. For further details pick up a flyer and registration form or contact the parish office at 905-637-2346.

The Knights of Columbus Council 5073's **CHRISTMAS TURKEY ROLL: Friday, December 9th** at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2400 Industrial Drive, Burlington. Food, fun and beverages plus many chances to win prizes! Proceeds help the Knights assist the less fortunate within Burlington. Come out with your friends, relatives and neighbours. Doors open at 6:30 pm, and the wheel starts rolling at 7:30 pm. Admission is free. For more info: Michael Mark: 905-333-3623, mysmark18@sympatico.ca

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