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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

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Monday, November 28 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Mario Annechini

Tuesday, November 29 at 9:00 a.m.
† Jan & Elizabeth Zur

Wednesday, November 30 at 9:00 a.m.
† Jean Michasiw

Thursday, December 1 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Phyllis Dwyer; Ints. Daniel Denis;
Ints. Yvette Plach; Ints. Georgina Southon;
† Tina Kloosterman; † Frank Sicoli Sr.; † Bob Dolan

Friday, December 2 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Frank & Marie Calzonetti
7pm Ints. Lee Olds

Saturday, December 3 at 5:00 p.m.
Thanksgiving for Nadene Yarmon;
Ints. Melania De La Cruz;
† Luis Ibarra & Maria Montilla; † Joan Lawlor;
† Frank Sicoli; † Bob Dolan; † Crispina Mendoza

Sunday, December 4
9:00 a.m. † Rose Marie Chomyshen
11:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners

Please pray for:

Jeannine Bannan	Christopher Ryan
Lee Olds	Tom Olds
Rolando Mabalay	Vincent Stanford

Names on this list will remain for a period of four weeks to allow space for other names. Please phone the parish office before Tuesday morning to have a name added.

The **First Sunday of Advent** begins a new liturgical year and the beginning of a season filled with the riches of our scripture readings. For the next few weeks, as we focus on Isaiah, we read of the promise of peace offered to the people of God: "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." Matthew's gospel is the story of Noah and a caution from Jesus to prepare "for an hour you do not expect."

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OFFERTORY COLLECTION

November 20

Sunday Envelopes (120)	\$3,958
Loose	\$256

Thank you for your generous support



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". **LS #156 WEDNESDAY November 30th is known as National Giving Day when we remember to support our local charitable organizations in our Christmas giving!**

The Christmas season is APPROACHING and so is Christmas gifting! It is also the time to be conscious of the ecological footprint of our Christmas shopping and holiday celebrations. We encourage you to be more sustainable this Christmas.

**Buy less:* Some holiday gifts fill a practical need and need to be bought new! Try re gifting one of your own treasures!

**Buy Smart:* Think "Green" Look for Locally Made Gifts

**Remember* to support our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society who cares for the less fortunate in our community.

**Support* the CWL Angel Tree and donate Christmas Gifts to the Good Shepherd outreach!

CHRISTMAS EVE YOUTH PAGEANT: Please note that the SIGN UP for those children wishing to participate in this year's Christmas Eve Youth Mass (at 5 pm on Dec 24th) will be next **Sunday, Dec. 4**, at 12:15pm in the church. Children of all ages, wishing to be characters, readers or in the choir are welcome. No experience necessary, BUT participation in both rehearsals is mandatory. Rehearsals will be **Sunday, Dec 11 and 18** after the 11am masses and will take about 1 ½ hours. Contact Charlie @905-681-6221 or bcarpenter2@cogeco.ca.

2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Please pick up your 2023 envelopes in the parish lobby, by the elevator. If you are unable to find your 2023 donation box, please phone the parish office and we will arrange a 2023 envelope box for you.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: NOVEMBER 27 GATHERING (AFTER 11 AM MASS) ST. FRANCIS ROOM: Come Join fellow sisters in gathering this Sunday after mass for one hour. All ladies welcome!

Find out what is happening and share your ideas. Complete a quiz and find out which saint you most closely resemble. Join the fun. Come and be part of women who are Catholic and Living it out ! Leony Hettinger (leonyhettinger@bell.net)



TREE OF HOPE: Our Tree of Hope for the Good Shepherd is in the church entryway and gifts will be gathered until **November 29**. Your generosity to this cause over the years (including 2 years of Covid) has been overwhelming. There are so many worthy causes that it is hard to give to all, but if you can, your gifts will make many families extremely happy. As in the past, it will be P.J.s for boys, girls, men and women, toys for tots, make-up for teens and of course gift cards. You can put your gifts under the tree or drop them off at Charlie's @ 664 Cumberland, 905-681-6221. We do pick up as well.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION & MEETING: We are beginning the process of preparing our young people for the sacrament of Confirmation. The celebration will take place on **April 29, 2023**. If you have children who are in public or private school who are in grade 7, please call the office for your registration package. Parents and students are invited to attend one of our information evenings on **January 30 OR January 31, 2023**, at **7pm** in the church. The deadline for registering for Confirmation at St. Raphael parish is December 8.

FIRST COMMUNION REGISTRATION: Parents are invited to attend one of our First Communion information evenings either on **December 12 OR December 13**, at **7pm** in the church. The deadline for registering for First Reconciliation and First Communion at St. Raphael parish is December 8. Register at <http://www.straphaels.ca/>.

STAMP PROJECT: In the past St. Raphael Parish has supported the Development and Peace Stamp Project. The Stamp Project is a way that Development and Peace can raise funds to support their ongoing Social Justice work. A shipment of stamps collected before the Development and Peace Office was closed due to the pandemic, was recently sent from our parish. We will begin again supporting the Stamp Project, and the Social Justice Committee is asking parishioners to save their cancelled stamps from Christmas Cards and any other mail. We will notify you at the end of January as to how we will collect the stamps from you! Thank you for your thoughtfulness and support of Development and Peace and their work in the world!
Cecilia Racine and Lorene Dicorpo

MOUNT MARY IMMACULATE RETREAT CENTRE (437 Wilson St. E, Ancaster ON) is hosting an Open House and Christmas Market on December 10th from 10:00 am-4:00pm. Guests are welcome to tour the grounds and buildings, enjoy some seasonal refreshments and do some Christmas shopping. Admission is free, and all are welcome! For more information about Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre please visit: www.mountmary.ca.



DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: A major focus of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's *People and Planet First* campaign is advocating for a law that compels Canadian companies to respect the human and environmental rights of local populations in their overseas operations. This fall, acting in solidarity with their brothers and sisters in the Global South, thousands of Canadians signed a petition asking the government to enact such a law.

On behalf of all those who struggle to preserve their land, lives, livelihoods and lifestyles, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for your commitment and mobilization. Together, we act in solidarity with the protectors of the Earth. Together, we have the power to change lives.

To continue supporting the petition and to keep up the campaign momentum, visit <https://devp.org/en>

The **Development and Peace Fall Action Campaign** is under way. We are being asked to sign a **Petition to the Federal Government:**

*Companies based in Canada are contributing to human rights abuse and environmental damage around the world. People who protest these abuses and defend their rights are often harassed, attacked or killed. Indigenous Peoples, women and marginalized groups are especially under threat. Canada encourages **but does not require companies to prevent such harms** in their global operations and supply chains.

***The Petition calls upon the House of Commons** to adopt human rights and environmental due diligence legislation that would require companies to prevent adverse human rights impacts and environmental damage throughout their global operations and supply chains around the world.

Please sign the Petition after Mass this weekend or the one located on the Social Justice Bulletin Board at the Entrance to the Church!

Please consider becoming a member of Development and Peace in order to support the work of Development and Peace and Caritas International an organization sponsored by the Conference of Canadian Catholic Bishops!

Thank you for your continued support of Development and Peace

NEW SUNDAY MISSALS: If you would like your own copy of the 2022-2023 Sunday Missal, please pick one up in the church lobby after Mass (suggested donation \$5).

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.

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