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Served by the Holy Cross Fathers
Fr. Francis Salasiar C.S.C. - Pastor

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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, any weekend Mass.
- 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 www.TheCatholicCemeteries.ca

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

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Monday, November 29th at 9am + Emilia Mazan

Tuesday, November 30th at 9am + Mary Taziar

Wednesday, December 1st at 9am + Deceased Members of Freiburger Family

Thursday, December 2nd at 9am
Ints. The Mather Family; + Cremilde Coimbra;
+ Manuel Coimbra; + Noel Carling;
+ Ann Beda; + Maria Yen Pham

Friday, December 3rd

9am + Joan Lawlor 6:30pm + Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, December 4th at 5pm + Julian Anders; + Souls In Purgatory; + Michael & Maria Szkitalkinski; +Alvaro Trigo +Patrick and Margaret Byrne; + Rodney McCarthy

Sunday, December 5th 9am For Our Parishioners

11am + Mary Germann

Please pray for: Jasmine Leigh Joseph & Madeleine James Cook Emma Goodale Maritza Garcia Zucco Vanessa Rodrigues Sarah Scharer Gonzalez Albert Rodrigues Elizabeth Talatala Milan Heck John Scharer Asia Rae Landry Helen Weppler Doug Pudsey Noah Landry Jane Urquhart Peggy Evans Alison Zierl Laith Yousif Lee Olds Rosario Herve Mary Lilly Stephen Pustai Jill Olds Vincent Stanford Michael Smart Joanne Pringle Frank Clarke Kyle Elliott Robert Connelly Marie Bond Elizabeth Elder Jones Rodney Ron Robertson Heather Allen Barbara Fisher Gary Olds Frank Sicoli Laurie Suddaby Helen Sheehan Nicola Izzi Rev. Fred Olds Lorraine Evans

If you would like a loved one prayed for by the parish or included in the weekend Prayers of the Faithful, please call the Parish Office by Tuesday morning.

This Sunday marks the beginning of a new liturgical year with the **First Sunday of Advent.** The first reading from the Book of Jeremiah offers a comforting promise of safety to beleaguered Israel: "those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure." Luke's gospel offers us a repeat of several of the daily gospels, advising us to be alert and vigilant, watching for signs. "And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory."

Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's Online Ministries web site: http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html
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ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER:

Pope Francis writes: "Since the market tends to promote extreme consumerism in an effort to sell its

products, people can easily get caught up in a whirlwind of needless buying and spending..."
Laudato Si # 203

Tuesday 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 coming and so is Christmas giving! 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 don't need to be bought new! Try re-gifting one of your own treasures!
- *Buy Smart: Think "Green." Look for locally made gifts.
- *When shopping, be aware of the amount of packaging used in the item that you purchase.
- *Lower the impact of holiday lighting! Set a timer on light displays.
- *Choose a live Christmas tree from a local retailer to reduce your tree's carbon footprint. Once the Christmas season is over, place your tree out for the Halton Waste green recycle so it can be shredded and reused locally as bark chipping or environmentally friendly animal bedding. *Make home-made cards and gift tags! Send E-Cards!
- *Find alternatives to wrapping paper: choose reusable gift bags, or think creatively eg. Use a scarf, dishcloth, newsprint!
- *Reuse, Recycle, Reduce and <u>Rethink!!!</u>
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CHRISTMAS TREE OF HOPE FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD: The Season of Giving.

Thank you and God's blessings to all the awesome parishioners who donated to the Good Shepherd Tree of Hope. The donations were plentiful as was the need.

There will be many families who will be able to partake of your generosity.

Last day for donations is **Monday November 29**th. Please drop off at Charlie's 664 Cumberland Ave or call for pick up 905-681-6221. (or you can drop off at the Church).

Needed are; P.J.s for boys, girls, ladies and men, cosmetics for teens, Toys for Tots and gift cards. You have made God Smile!



JOURNEY OF FAITH: Please join us every Wednesday for our Journey of Faith sessions. This week's topic is *The History* of the Church. We will explore how our

Catholic faith has developed over 2,000 years of church history – from St. Peter, our first Pope, to Pope Francis. Our next session is on **December 1**st from 7 - 8pm in our **Parish Centre**. For more information, please contact the parish office at 905-637-2346.

ADORATION, PRAISE, WORSHIP AND MASS – NOW AT 6:30PM: Please note, our adoration, praise and worship mass will begin at 6:30pm on Friday, December 3rd. All are welcome to spend time with the Lord.



ST. RAPHAEL'S CWL MEET AND MINGLE:
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Drop in and meet with fellow CWL members (in person) on **December 5**th from noon to 1pm in the Parish Centre. The CWL executive look

forward to seeing you after so long. Come pick up a CWL prayer card, newsletter and participate in a short survey to help plan for 2022. Please note Covid guidelines in effect . Any questions please call Helen Sheehan at 905-634-7481.



"THIRD SATURDAYS" BIBLE STUDY:

Women of all ages join us via Webinar **December 18th**, at **9:30am**. A monthly one-hour webinar igniting passion for reading the Bible and applying the Word to our lives. Refresh, restore and renew our

faith. No bible experience required. Pray and share together with other women. To sign up please RSVP to michele@forgionegroup.com or leonyhettinger@bell.net See you soon.

ADVENT RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES: The Offices for Liturgy, Youth Ministry and Evangelization and Catechesis are happy to provide a resource for families to encourage prayer and celebration in the home during the Advent Season.

Please visit https://hamiltondiocese.com/advent2021/ for suggestions, videos and a simple prayer to be prayed around the wreath each Sunday of Advent. We invite you to share this resource with those in your communities who may benefit.

PLEASE NOTE BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS DEADLINES:

Fri. December 10^{th} at 9am for December 19^{th} bulletin. Tues. December 14^{th} at 9am for December 26^{th} bulletin. Mon. December 17^{th} at 9am for December 30^{th} bulletin. Mon. December 20^{th} at 9am for January 2^{nd} bulletin.

NEW SUNDAY MISSALS: If you would like your own copy of the 2021-2022 Sunday Missal for \$5 please purchase them in the parish office during the week or in the Welcome Area of the church after weekend masses.

2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Please pick up your envelopes in the parish entrance, <u>by the elevator</u>. Envelopes are arranged in alphabetical order by last name. For assistance, please contact the office.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve: Friday, December 24th 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm

Christmas Day: Saturday, December 25th 8:30am, 10:00am, 12 noon

Feast of the Holy Family Sunday, December 26th 9:00am, 11:00am

Feast of Mary Mother of God

New Year's Eve: Friday, December 31st
5:00pm

New Year's Day: Saturday, January 1st
9:00am, 11:00am

Epiphany of the Lord Sunday, January 2nd 9:00am, 11:00am

(along with Sundays, Christmas and the Feast of Mary Mother of God (New Year's Mass) are Holy Days of obligation in Canada)

IN OUR COMMUNITY

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE: Thank you for putting People and the Planet First



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://www.devp.org/en.

VOCATIONS: "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988).

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