

# ST RAPHAEL PARISH COMMUNITY

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<b>OFFICE HOURS</b>	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>	

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## 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.

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## 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](http://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](http://HamiltonDiocese.com)  
Catholics Come Home [www.CatholicsComeHome.org](http://www.CatholicsComeHome.org) Vocations [www.HamiltonDiocese.org](http://www.HamiltonDiocese.org)

FIRST DAY OF THE LORD OF ADVENT  
*Be Alert! The Merciful Lord will come in Glory!*



**Mass Intentions**  
FOR THE WEEK



**Monday, November 30** at 9:00 a.m.

+ Ted & Doll Curtin

**Tuesday, December 1** at 9:00 a.m.

+ Christian Nusca

**Wednesday, December 2** at 9:00 a.m.

(St. Raphael School Mass)

+ Ted Curtin

**Thursday, December 3** at 9:00 a.m.

+ John Dunlop; + Bill Southon; + Edmond Valin;

Ints. Joan Lawlor; Ints. Diane Svazas

**Friday, December 4** at 9:00 a.m.

+ Barbara Pustai

**Saturday, December 5** at 5:00 p.m.

Deceased Members McConnachie Family; + Ted Curtin;

+ Bernadette Hayes; + Dora Churchill; + Peg Ward

**Sunday, December 6**

9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners

11:00 a.m. + Stella & Stanley Musial

**R.C.I.A.:** This Sunday, during the **9:00 a.m. Mass**, two adults and one young person formally begin, **through the Rite of Acceptance**, their journey in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). This process of faith development will be completed with the celebration of the **Sacraments of Initiation** (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) during the **Easter Vigil on March 26<sup>th</sup>**. During the **11:00 a.m. Mass**, we formally celebrate the **Rite of Welcoming** for those who have been baptized in other Christian ecclesial traditions, but now are in the process of preparing for sacrament of Confirmation and full Communion in the Eucharist.

**ADVENT • CHRISTMAS • EPIPHANY**

This liturgical season celebrates the coming of Christ which fulfils 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.

Pope Francis, in calling the liturgical year 2015-16 a **Jubilee Year of Mercy**, says:

**"We want to live this Jubilee Year in light of the Lord's words: *Merciful like the Father*. The Evangelist reminds us of the teaching of Jesus who says, "*We merciful just as your Father is merciful*" (Lk 6:36). The guiding theme for our liturgies during the Advent/Christmas season will be:**

***Hope in the Coming of the Mercy of God.***

The mercy of God, incarnate in the birth in Jesus Christ who is the merciful Face of God, touches our lives now, and will be fulfilled in the final coming of the Christ in glory. Each weekend our liturgies will reflect on the merciful action of God for us.

The **First Day of the Lord of Advent** theme is:

***Be Alert! The Merciful Lord will come in glory.***

Especially the Gospel of Luke and the Responsorial Psalm encourage us to watch with alertness for the final glorious coming of Christ when God's steadfast love and plan of harmony for the universe is complete. Being alert at all times will motivate us to abound in love for one another and for all, as St. Paul's letter reminds us.



**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 22<sup>nd</sup>

\$5,245.00

*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.*

**NOTICE OF UPCOMING MARRIAGE:** There is a promise of marriage between *Giovanna Brunogallo and Brian Alford*. The wedding will take place on December 19th.

**ADVENT PENANCE CELEBRATION**

Monday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m.

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS**

**Christmas Eve: Thursday, December 24**

*No morning Mass*

5:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m.

**Christmas Day: Friday, December 25**

9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

**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.)

**ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT: INFORMATION SESSION**

All parishioners are invited to an information session to be held this **Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon** (after the 11:00 a.m. Mass) in the church. You will be presented with the project details of a proposed elevator, drafts of the drawings of the elevator along with a preliminary budget. You will also be given the opportunity to ask questions, make suggestions and provide feedback. We hope to see you there!

**GLOBAL CLIMATE MARCH:** Cardinal Peter Turkson, head of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, encouraged in a letter to all bishops of all dioceses in the world: "In the name of the Holy Father as well as my own...offer your support in prayer, word and action"... to the Global Climate March on Sunday ahead of the United Nations climate summit in Paris, "for a responsive and successful international conference and summit." "This would surely help to reinforce the humble and peaceable spirit of 'Laudato Si', On Care for Our Common Home, and it would spiritually express communion with the universal Church."

**MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS:** "Faced with the tragic events of human history, we can feel crushed at times, asking ourselves, 'Why?' Humanity's evil can appear in the world like an abyss, a great void: empty of love, empty of goodness, empty of life. And so we ask: how can we fill the abyss? For us it is impossible; only God can fill this emptiness that evil brings to our hearts and to human history. It is Jesus, God made man, Who died on the Cross and Who fills the abyss of sin with the depth of His mercy."

**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 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**.



**ATTENTION SNOW BIRDS!** Renew your CWL membership before you fly south. Please renew your membership by enclosing \$25.00 into the blue offertory envelopes for 2016 or by using a plain white envelope with this information: your name; full address; telephone number and email address, if available. These funds will enable the CWL to carry out our social justice projects for next year. Thank you in advance for your attention to this request.

**CWL CHRISTMAS POT LUCK DINNER** - the Catholic Women's League is planning a pot luck dinner on **Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6 to 8 p.m.** You may come as early as 5:00 p.m. to set-up. Please call Charlie at 905-681-6221 or Vivian at 905-637-5264 and let them know what you plan on bring to the pot luck since we don't want duplicates. We want to take this opportunity to wish all members a Blessed Christmas.

**SHIFRA BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN** - Shifra Homes and the Catholic Women's League would like to thank our parishioners for their very generous support of Shifra Homes. Our campaign has raised to date \$4,619.97. We will provide a final total in a few weeks. We are still accepting bottles and are looking for 116 more to still be returned. Your contributions allow Shifra Homes to operate and continue to provide a safe haven for young pregnant homeless women and their babies. Thank you!



**HYPE (Young Adults Ministry) ADVENT RETREAT:** "Almost There..." on **Saturday, December 5, 9 a.m. - 12 noon** - with lunch.

Where: St. Matthew's Church (1150 Monks Passage, Oakville) For more information regarding this Retreat please contact Cristian, Youth Minister, at (905) 637-2346. Visit [www.hypecatholic.com](http://www.hypecatholic.com)

**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.

**ST. RAPHAEL 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>**.

**LADIES COFFEE MORNING:** All ladies are welcome to gather on **Wed., December 2<sup>nd</sup>**, for coffee and fellowship following the 9 a.m. Mass in the St. Francis Room.

**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.

**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.

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**DISCERNMENT GATHERING:** If you are interested in learning more about vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life please join our monthly Discernment Gatherings: Mass, Holy Hour, Discussion, and Lunch. Next gathering is on **Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** at Canadian Martyrs Church in Hamilton (9am-12noon). More details at [www.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com)

**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH:** The word family by its very definition is a collective term, one that unites those associated with a particular family on many levels, during many different shared moments and occasions. Investing time with your family is hands down the best investment you will ever make. You will reap the benefit of children who have stronger bonds with their families, have better academic success, are more mentally and emotionally stable and who will ultimately learn the skills needed to be better parents themselves. Pope Francis recently encouraged parents to "waste time with their children," specifically, I believe, because time with your children is anything but wasted!

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