

# 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
	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

## 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.

## 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.

## 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

- 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*

The Diocese of Hamilton [HamiltonDiocese.com](http://HamiltonDiocese.com) Catholics Come Home [www.CatholicsComeHome.org](http://www.CatholicsComeHome.org)  
Vocations [www.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com)

## Mass Intentions

(† = Deceased Intention; Int. = Intentions of...;  
Thx = Thanksgiving)

Monday, Sept. 11	† Martin Perusini
Tuesday, Sept. 12	† Michael Caslin
Wednesday, Sept 13	Int. Dante Mercurio
Thursday, Sept 14	Int. Maria Fe and Jessie Fauni
† Monica Narwani	† Rita Kidman
† Sharon Stevenson	† Lawrence & Marie Pham
Friday, Sept 15	† Rita Southon
Saturday, Sept 16	† Antonio Narciso Maccan
† Corina Coimbra	† Rosa Maria Coimbra
† Helen Ann Dolan	† Chester & Sylvia Gzik
† Patrick Byrne	† Barbara Pustai
Sunday, Sept 17, 11am	Int. Natalie Singer

## 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of St. Raphael's Parish

This year we will be celebrating the 65th anniversary of our parish community as it was established in 1958. As we give thanks to God for the many blessings we have received in our community, we would like to request your suggestions on how we can make it memorable. Our initial idea is to make a grotto for Our Lady at the right-side entrance and a Sacred Heart of Jesus image at the left-side entrance (outside the adoration chapel). Secondly, we would like to update our Parish Membership database, so we will distribute a new Registration Form to all existing parishioners and encourage new members to register and engage in the ministries of our parish community. If you have any other suggestions, please let us know by email or phone the office.

### Year of Ministry - 2023

St Raphael's parish has 40 ministries in which we reach out to others through our prayer, liturgy, sacramental preparations, stewardship administration, social and educational outreach and provide care and serve the poor. We encourage ministerial groups along with the leadership to focus on vision and mission, to come up with plans to encourage members to join and become effective in promoting the mission of the church.

We would like to direct our attention from Maintenance to Mission so we can help one another in promoting Gospel values and living an authentic Christian life. We ask all who are engaged in a ministry to complete Volunteer Screening and update the ministry information. Each ministry will elect one co-ordinator for the term of 3 years. The New Term will begin on the First Sunday of the Advent, the beginning of the New Liturgical year. We will appoint two Parish Coordinators who will look after the Liturgy and Pastoral Ministries.

**ROSARY MAKING SEMINAR:** Thank you to all who attended the August Rosary making and refresher course. Our next rosary session will be on **Wednesday, September 13, at 6pm** in the **parish rectory**. All are welcome to attend. Please sign up in the parish welcome area after the weekend masses if you'd like to attend. All necessary supplies for making rosaries will be provided and there is no cost to attend. Pizza to follow at the end of the session.

**DECKERS CARD GROUP:** Please note, the Deckers Card Group will not be meeting on Thursday, Sept 14, as the parish hall is in use but they will be meeting again the following week on Sept 21.



**MASS FOR OUR LADY OF SORROWS:** Please join us for a special evening mass on **Thursday, September 14, at 6pm**, to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. We will gather for fellowship after the mass.



### BECOMING A ROMAN CATHOLIC:

Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith?

Are you a Catholic who has not received First Eucharist and/or Confirmation, or do

you know someone who is a Catholic but has not received these Sacraments? Then maybe the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the place for you or them. Every year thousands of adults are welcomed into the Roman Catholic Church through the RCIA process. The RCIA is a series of instructions, faith development and rituals designed to help adults and older children become full members of the Catholic Church. Classes begin in early September and end on the Feast of Pentecost. For more information, please contact the parish office at 905-637-2346.

### Please pray for:

Meghan Bennett	Ida Filice
Tom Olds	Lee Olds
George Thackray	Stephen Pustai

*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.*

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sept 3, 2023

Envelopes (132)	\$4191
Loose	\$658

*Thank you for your generous support*

**BOOMERANG CARDS:** Bridge and euchre sessions will resume on Mon, Sept 18 in the parish hall at 1:00 pm. Come out for an afternoon of fun for only a toonie.



**GREGORIAN CHANT CONCERT:** All are welcome to attend the first Gregorian Chant concert **Conversatio Christo** on Sunday, October 1, 7pm to be held at St. Dominic Parish - 2415 Rebecca St. Oakville. For more information visit: <https://conversatiochristo.com/>

**HOME EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** We invite all Home Eucharist Ministers for a special blessing on September 17<sup>th</sup> at our 9 am mass.



**A SPECIAL WELCOME to visitors and members of St. Raphael Parish.**

**PARISH PICNIC:** All are invited to a welcome-back picnic lunch on **Sunday, September 17, from noon to 2pm in Strathcona Park.** Food will be provided but please be sure to bring your own lawn chair. Thank you for your support.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** Just a reminder that the Children's Liturgy Program will start up again on Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup> at the 11 am mass. All children from J.K to grade 4 are welcome.

We are in need of leaders; anyone over 18yrs, with police check, will qualify for religious reference and high school students---(we give community hours), no experience required. Please contact Fiona @ 647-801-9708 or Charlie @ bcarpenter2@cogeco.ca



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE FIRST GATHERING:**

September 24, after the 11am mass. A warm welcome to all members, and any inquisitive women, to join us in the St. Francis room for our first gathering post summer.

Come find out "WHY": what is the Catholic Women's league about? Looking to meet others? Looking to be more active in the parish? Looking for fulfillment or new purpose? Come and grow with us. Join us and find out our plans for this year. Look forward to seeing you all soon.

Any questions: call Leony at 289-795-1559 (evening please)

**MASS FOR ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL:** Please join us for a special evening mass on **Thursday, September 28, at 6pm,** to celebrate the Feast of Our Patron Saint, St. Raphael the Archangel. We will gather for a potluck supper in the rectory after the mass.

**PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING:** Thank you for your generous support of our parish community. Please find Pre-Authorized Giving Plan Forms by the welcome desk in the foyer. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the parish office. If you are already enrolled in our Pre-authorized Giving Plan, and would like to increase your donation please fill out a new form and check off the "change to monthly donation" box.

**2023 - Year of Prayer**

St. Raphael's Parish Community is a home of prayer and we encourage everyone to reflect on our



prayer life. Like the Disciples we ask Jesus "Lord, teach us to pray." (Matt. 6:13).

During the Month of September, we continue to support and pray for all the children, students and our school community. We encourage everyone to actively participate in our liturgies.

**Sept. 7: Mass for Nativity of Mother Mary.**

6 pm Mass, followed by fellowship in the Rectory.

**Sept. 9/10: Invitation and Registration for Sunday Children's Liturgy and to become Altar Servers.**

**Sept. 14 – Feast of Holy Cross and Our Lady of Sorrows:** Mass at 6 pm followed by fellowship in the rectory. Please do continue to pray for the Holy Cross Fathers as we celebrate our Patronal Feast Day. Thank you for your continued support.

**Sept. 16/17: Blessing of all Students and School bags.** Please bring the backpacks to the church. We would like to thank all the children who came to the mass for the Blessings.

**Sept 17: Parish BBQ Picnic**

**Sept. 23/24: Visit of the Mission Preacher.**

Blessings of School teachers and staff. This weekend mass we will have special prayers and blessings for all who are part of our school community.

**Sept 28: Feast of the Archangels**

Mass at 6 pm followed by Potluck supper.

Let us encourage one another to be rooted in our Christian prayer and Spirituality.

**"A family that prays together, stays together."**

**The story of St. Raphael, the Archangel**

St. Raphael is "one of the seven archangels who stand before the Lord." (Tobit 12:15) The name Raphael means "God heals."

His story is found in the apocryphal book of Enoch and Deutro-canonical book of Tobit. We encourage you to read about the life and legacy of St.

Raphael, Patron of our parish community. May he bring healing to our personal, family and community life.



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