

# 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.

## 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)

## 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.

## PARISH SCHOOLS

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- St. Paul's Elementary  
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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)

## TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF THE LORD IN ORDINARY TIME



**Monday, September 12** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Elgin George Annette

**Tuesday, September 13** at 9:00 a.m.  
Ints. Fabiana & Dante Mercurio

**Wednesday, September 14** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Merle Perrera

**Thursday, September 15** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Antonietta Mauro; + Bill Southon;  
Ints. Lourdes & Manuel Sousa

**Friday, September 16** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Jack Theurer

**Saturday, September 17** at 5:00 p.m.  
+ Anneliese Pompetzki; + Jack Theurer;  
+ Kevin O'Dowd; Souls in Purgatory;  
Ints. Tom Durran

**Sunday, September 18**  
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners  
11:00 a.m. Ints. Lincoln Munshaw

### **Please pray for the following:**

Isabelle Wild	Molly Laporte	Barbara Kennedy
Martin Dawson	Nicola Izzi	Maritza Garcia
John Scharer	Sarah Scharer	Gonzalez
Mary Berry	Vincent Stanford	Michael Dowson
Doug Pudsey	Jim Singer	Milan Heck
Sylvia Gzik	Catherine Gee	Helen Weppler
Rosy Santos Perez	Elizabeth Talatala	Jane Urquhart
John O'Boyle	Laith Yousif	Olga MacIntyre

*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, September 4<sup>th</sup> \$ 4,672.00

*Thank you for your continued support of our parish.*

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Just a reminder, the Children's Liturgy program will **resume on September 17th**. The program will run at all the weekend masses, 5 pm on Saturday as well as 9 am and 11 am on Sunday. All children are welcome. Anyone wishing to volunteer or help with this program, please call or email Charlie @ 905-681-6221 or [bcarpenter2@cogeco.ca](mailto:bcarpenter2@cogeco.ca).

**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.

## TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF THE LORD IN ORDINARY TIME

There are many ways to appreciate today's Gospel story of the Prodigal Son. May I suggest one to take with you to Sunday Mass today?

Remember how the story ends? The forgiving father pleads with his older son to come in and celebrate his younger brother's reconciliation. When the older son protests that he's always obeyed the father—in contrast to his younger brother's betrayal—the father reassures his older son of his love. But the father tells him they *must* celebrate. Why? His brother who was lost has been found; given up for dead, he's come back to life.

I'm intrigued by Scripture commentaries which suggest that **Saint Luke aimed this ending at those in his own communities who wished to exclude some people from their Eucharist**. Perhaps there were Christians who'd been disloyal in times of persecution, or sinned in other ways. Like the older brother, some in Luke's faithful community may have resented the reconciliation of these wayward members.

This slant on the story challenges me. I often make **judgments about others and miss my own need to celebrate God's unlimited mercy and forgiveness**. When I behave that way, I become the older brother in the story, who absents himself from the celebration. Today, let's hear the voice of the Father calling us to come in to the party! *Fr. Greg Friedman OFM*

### **ST. RAPHAEL FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS**

**NOVENA:** In preparation for the Feast of St. Raphael on September 29<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a Novena Prayer at every Mass beginning on Wed., September 21<sup>st</sup>.

**FAMILY DINNER:** All are invited to a Family Pasta Dinner on **Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 6 p.m. in the Parish Centre. Tickets are on sale after all weekend Masses.

**MASSES ON SEPTEMBER 29:** In honour of our Patron Saint, St. Raphael, there will be a morning Mass at 9:00 a.m. and an evening Mass at 7:00 p.m. on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Each Mass will be followed by a small reception in the parish gathering area.



**September 1 to October 4:** This is a special time of prayer and action which Pope Francis invites us to be a part of. Pope Francis has reflected on the

importance of the **WORKS OF MERCY:**

*"Obviously 'human life itself and everything it embraces, includes care for our common home,'" says Francis, adding: "So let me propose a **complement to the two traditional sets of seven: may the works of mercy also include care for our common home.**" "As a **spiritual work of mercy, care for our common home calls for a 'grateful contemplation of God's world' which 'allows us to discover in each thing a teaching which God wishes to hand on to us,'"*** "As a **corporal work of mercy, care for our common home requires 'simple daily gestures which break with the logic of violence, exploitation and selfishness' and 'makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world."**



**ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER**  
**Sunday September 10/11**  
**International Day of Preservation**  
**of Ozone Layer.** Pope Francis writes:

*"An Integral Ecology is also made up of simple daily gestures which break with the logic of violence, exploitation and selfishness. In the end, a world of exacerbated consumption is at the same time a world which mistreats life in all its forms" (#230).*

Did you know that the ozone layer, a fragile shield of gas around the planet, protects Earth's surface from the sun's harmful ultraviolet radiation? With the weakening of this shield, we are more susceptible to skin cancer, cataracts, and impaired immune systems, as well as a harmful pollutant that cause damage to lung tissue and plants. The ozone layer helps to preserve and protect all of life on Earth. How can we help? **Control auto emissions** Eliminate excessive engine idling (avoid line ups at Tim Hortons, MacDonalds, etc) Avoid unnecessary driving whenever possible. Don't refuel until after 6:00 pm (or after dusk). Take public transportation (some cities provide free or discounted public transportation on Ozone Action Days). **Walk or ride a bicycle.** Limit the use of lawn mowers and outdoor grills to after 6:00 pm. Limit the use of aerosol cans around the home (for example, use hair gel instead of hair spray). **Conserve energy.** Turn home air conditioning thermostat up (to at least 76). Turn off or unplug electrical devices when not in use. See <http://www.burlingtongreen.org/eco-score> to determine your eco-friendly score!

**The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada invites your prayers for their General Chapter to be held September 11-16, 2016.** A General Chapter is a grace-filled event in the life of the Congregation and the Church. A General Chapter reviews the life and ministry of the Congregation and its fidelity to its charism and mission; elects the Congregational leadership; makes decisions necessary for the continuing spiritual and apostolic vitality of the Congregation. Your prayerful support is greatly appreciated.

**"TWOGETHER IN CHRIST" – MARRIAGE**

**ENRICHMENT RETREAT:** An opportunity for couples to spend time together, enhance marital relationships in a spirit of openness and sincerity...most of all, have FUN! This is a weekend retreat of prayer, talks, couple discussions, action planning, fellowship, and Holy Eucharist. This will be open to all married/soon-to-be-married couples. The main goals of this retreat is (1) to present some important areas of Christian marriage and family life, which form the foundation of life together as married couples, (2) to foster a better understanding and appreciation of God's plan for marriage and family, and (3) to provide an effective environment of prayer, learning and Christian fellowship, in which they can begin working on their marriage relationship together so that it may be founded more solidly on Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. This retreat will be held at the St Raphael parish hall **September 17-18**. For more information, you may contact: Rudy/Jane Javillo, 289-337-0831, Jon/Maria Angco, 647-886-9906, or Do/Elaine Siega, 647-521-5670.



**ATTENTION CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEMBERS** - our next General Meeting will be held on **Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>** in the Parish Centre @ 7:30 p.m. We will be

discussing our Year of Mercy projects such as praying for and visiting the sick and our upcoming social justice project for October namely the Baby Bottle campaign for Shifra Homes. All parishioners are welcome to join us and find out more about the CWL and our council's support for our parish community. For more information, please call Helen Sheehan @ 905-634-7481.

**ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS!** Starting saving your coins for the Change 4 life Baby Bottle Campaign for SHFIRA HOMES. During the month of October you will be asked by members of the Catholic Women's League to put your coins into plastic baby bottles for Shifra Homes a maternity residence for homeless young women. For more information you can visit [www.shifrahomes.com](http://www.shifrahomes.com)

**RETREAT:** There is a silent retreat for men and women at Manresa, Pickering, from Friday evening on **September 23 until lunchtime on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>**. The Spiritual Director will be Fr Michael Coutts S.J., and the topic is *"I called God 'Where are you?'"*. For more details contact Manresa: 905-839-2864, [pickmanresa@rogers.com](mailto:pickmanresa@rogers.com).



**BOOMERANG CARDS:** Bridge and euchre sessions will resume on **Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00 p.m. in the parish centre.

**FIFTEENTH ANNUAL VOCATIONS MASS:** All are invited to join in the celebration of vocations in the Diocese of Hamilton on **Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>** at 2:00 p.m. at St. Matthews Parish in Oakville. For more details please visit [www.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com)

**ARE YOU A CATECHIST?** If you pass on the faith in children's sacramental prep, RCIA, your own family, adult faith groups, a Catholic school, correspondence courses, marriage prep, or other parish groups... then YOU are a catechist! Join us **September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Notre Dame Convent**, 2:00 – 4:30 pm for our retreat **"Announcing the Mercy of God"**. For more info or to register visit [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) – Year of Mercy Events or by phone 905-528-7988 ext 2238. Registration is required.



**PARKING LOT PROCEDURE FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR:** Dear parishioners, the school year is here and we wanted to remind all concerned that we will continue the process to safeguard pedestrians as they make their way to the schoolyard during the 8:20-8:35 time frame (Mon. – Fri). You will again see pylons established at two points in the parking lot to create a safe zone for our students. **No cars may enter or leave this area between 8:20-8:35 a.m.** A Drop N Drive will again be established within the lot to permit students to walk into the Safe Zone. All of the pylons will be removed by 8:35 a.m. and the rear of the lot will be accessible throughout the remainder of the day. Thank you for your on-going support of this important safety item. *Mr. P Vigna, Principal, St. Raphael School*



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