

ST RAPHAEL PARISH COMMUNITY

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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

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

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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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, Sept. 18	Int. Lincoln Munshaw
Tuesday, Sept. 19	† Marianna Perrazzini
Wednesday, Sept 20	† John Prendergast
Thursday, Sept 21	Int. Derek Plach
Int. Pat Oliveira	Int. Douglas Quimno
† John McNeill	† Mary Germann
† Barbara Redmond	† Audrey Quinn
Friday, Sept 22	† Martin Perusini
Saturday, Sept 23	Int. Rita Silva
Int. Katie Heald	Int. Susz Truceovic
† Lynda Soper	† Emil Komac
† Marianne Nolan	† Barbara Redmond
Sunday, Sept 24, 11am	† Sarah Mtenga

65th 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 at 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.

PARISH PICNIC THIS WEEKEND: 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.



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 10, 2023

Envelopes (132)	\$3,092
Loose	\$163
Building Fund August (40)	\$785
Pre-Authorized Giving September (80)	\$8,196

Thank you for your generous support



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)

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. 16/17: **Blessing of all Students** and school bags. Please bring your 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. At all the weekend masses we will have special prayers and blessings for all who are part of our school community.

Sept 29: Friday **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."

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Just a reminder that the Children's Liturgy Program will start up again on Sunday September 24th at 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

SCARS AND WHOLENESS - STORIES ON RECONCILIATION, FAITH, AND INDIGENOUS VOICES:

Online Event: Sep 28, at 7pm presented by the Jesuits of Canada. Amidst pain and enduring scars faced by Indigenous like herself, Sr. Priscilla Solomon was at a crossroads in her 30s. While rooted in her Catholic faith, she was drawn to her Ojibway heritage. This journey became a dance of two spiritualities, enriching each other, leading to a deeper sense of wholeness. Today, she advocates for Indigenous rights and healing. Fr. Peter Bisson's clerical attire at an event stirred traumatic memories for Indigenous attendees. Amidst the discomfort, he found grace. This marked a journey towards reconciliation and partnership. Tune in to: * Hear Sr. Solomon and Fr. Bisson's stories * Explore the depth of Indigenous spirituality * Reflect on our commitment to the Catholic faith amidst injustice * Learn ways to authentically support Indigenous communities * Engage in a live Q&A. To register, visit:

<https://jesuits.ca/event/reconciliation-webinar-bisson-solomon/>

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.

CONVERSATIO CHRISTO: the St. Dominic Parish 9 am



Choir from the Pews is excited to invite you to their first Gregorian Chant concert **Conversatio Christo** on October 1 at 7pm at St. Dominic Parish, 2415 Rebecca Street, Oakville. **Conversatio Christo** is an opportunity to experience the power of Gregorian Chant – an ancient form of prayer called as "treasure of inestimable value". Donations will benefit CWL charitable initiatives, and our purpose is to spread devotion to the Holy Face – a return to Christ in a spirit of reverence and reparation. For tickets visit:

www.saintdominic.ca or www.conversatiochristo.com
Single ticket: \$25, two or more tickets: \$20 each, online streaming ticket: \$20 each. All are welcome!

BOOMERANG CARDS: Bridge and euchre sessions will resume on Mon, Sept 18 in the parish hall at 1:00 pm.



THE DECKERS CARD GROUP: Please join our card group "The Deckers" every Thursday from 1 – 4pm in the parish hall for an afternoon of Euchre and great company.

Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain, Gibraltar and Morocco. Fr. Wilson will be away along with 47 pilgrims from Sept 21 to October 4. Please do keep them in your prayers.

St. Raphael, the Archangel – Model of Prayer

St. Raphael helps us to understand the importance of prayer in our personal life and in the family. He helps the family of Tobit, restoring his eyesight. He helps Tobias on his journey and Sarah to find the right person to marry. As we celebrate the life and legacy of our Patron, lets us deepen our prayer life. We encourage everyone to make use of our redecorated Adoration Chapel for personal prayer and meditation.



Monday to Friday

8:15 am: Liturgy of the Hours

8:30 am: Holy Rosary

9:00 am: Holy Mass.

Please contact the office for the code to open the adoration chapel from 9 pm to 8 am.

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