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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

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM year in advance. Sunday

Mon - Fri 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

4:00 PM - 4:30 PM Saturday

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, every first and third Sunday at 1:00 PM
- · 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

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

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Archangel St. Raphael "God is my Healer"

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See the Book of Tobit, especially chapter 12

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Monday, September 19 at 9:00 a.m. + Daisy Howlader

Tuesday, September 20 at 9:00 a.m. + Rose & Stephen Joseph Zammit

Wednesday, September 21 at 9:00 a.m. + Joe Lawlor

Thursday, September 22 at 9:00 a.m. + Norma Barone; Ints. Katie Heald; Ints. Joan Pfister; Ints. Sylvia Gzik

Friday, September 23 at 9:00 a.m. + Antonietta Mauro

Saturday, September 24 at 5:00 p.m. + Mary Langford; + Philomenia Kelly; + Dudley Gale; + Katalin Farkas; + Victor Flus

Sunday, September 25

9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners 11:00 a.m. + Anne Mary Hoang Thi Hoe

Please pray for the following:

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

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 11th

\$ 5,261.00

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

ST. RAPHAEL FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS

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

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK will be offered at all weekend Masses on September 24/25.

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 29th. Each Mass will be followed by a small reception in the parish gathering area.

TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF THE LORD IN ORDINARY TIME

We hear a lot these days about the "new" evangelization. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, evangelization starts when we recognize and try to make concrete in our everyday lives our belief that the very nature of God is mercy, that Jesus Christ is the merciful face of the Father and that we need to become "merciful as Your Father is merciful". On the occasion of the feast day of St. Peter Claver S.J. who dedicated his life to the abused African slaves in seventeenth century Columbia, Pope Francis reflected on the theme of evangelization.

He said: "This man(Peter Claver) did not stroll along saying he evangelized: he did not reduce evangelism to a rote task, and even to a proselytizing; he proclaimed Jesus Christ with his actions, speaking to the slaves, living with them, living like them - and there are many like him in the Church – many people who annihilate themselves to proclaim Jesus Christ - and all of us, brothers and sisters, have an obligation to evangelize - and that does not mean a knock on the neighbor's door to say: 'Christ is risen!' - it is living the faith, talking about it with meekness, with love, with no desire to win an argument (It. convincere), but [to give it away] for free: giving away freely that, which God has given to me - that is what it means to evangelize. Look, the last thing you need to do is say something!"

"Begin to do, and he will see what you are doing and ask you about it; and when he asks you, then tell him. To evangelize is to give this testimony: I live the way I do, because I believe in Jesus Christ; I awaken in you a curiosity, so you ask me, 'But why are you doing these things?' The answer: 'Because I believe in Jesus Christ and preach Jesus Christ and not just with the Word' – you must proclaim the Word – but with your life."



BECOMING A ROMAN CATHOLIC: Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Classes are

every Wednesday beginning on **Wednesday**, **September 21**st at 7:00 p.m. and end on the Feast of Pentecost. For more information please speak to Fr. Frank or Fr. Francis. You may also contact the parish office at 905-637-2346.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Children's Liturgy program resumes this weekend, September 17th/18th at <u>all</u> the weekend masses, 5 pm on Saturday as well as 9 am and 11 am on Sunday. All children are welcome. Anyone wishing to help with this program, please call or email Charlie @ 905-681-6221 or bcarpenter2@cogeco.ca.



OCTOBER 7TH IS THE FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY. To highlight this devotion during the month of October, we will be inviting the **Grade Three student**

parishioners and their families (St. Raphael, St. Paul and Public Schools) to come to any one of the three weekend Masses on October 1st/2nd. We will have a **special blessing of rosaries** which will be given to the grade three children after the communion.



ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER

Sunday September 17/18

International Day of Peace. Pope

Francis writes: "Peace, justice and the

preservation of creation are three absolutely interconnected themes,... Laudato si #92 "no one can cultivate a sober and satisfying life without being at peace with him or herself. An adequate understanding of spirituality consists in filling out what we mean by peace, which is much more than the absence of war. Inner peace is closely related to care for ecology and for the common good because, lived out authentically, it is reflected in a balanced lifestyle together with a capacity for wonder which takes us to a deeper understanding of life." Laudato si #225

"Make Peace with Mother Nature, Our Home, the Earth"! Think about attending the **Burlington Eco Film Festival Presentation of "Flight of the Butterflies"** to take place on Thursday, September 22nd at The Burlington Central Library at 7pm. Cost is \$5 per person and doors are open at 6:30 pm. Learn about the amazing migration of the Monarch Butterflies and what you can do to support this very delicate creature that is part of God's Creation! Awaken your sense of awe and wonder in the world given to us by the Creator! Bring your whole family!



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:

Thank you for your generous support. The month of September collection raised \$1,204.00 for the needy in our community.

FEAST OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL: Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will gather for Mass on **Tuesday, September 27th** followed by a light reception in the parish entrance. All are welcome.



LET'S CELEBRATE ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

The Feast of St. Francis is celebrated on **Tuesday, October 4** at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. The annual **Blessing of the Animals** will

take place on **Saturday**, **October 1**st **at 2:00 p.m.** on the front lawn of the church. All are welcome to bring their pets for a special blessing!

There will also be a **Transitus of St. Francis** with the Third Order Franciscans (Mass with special prayers) on **Monday**, **October 3 at 7:00 p.m**.



"CHURCHES ON NEW STREET"

Jesus prayed for those God had given him (John 17: 6-26)

(1) We meet again at CRC - Christian Reform Church, 3422 New St. on

Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 7:30 p.m. (2) "Pot Luck" supper is at St. Raphael tentatively on November 3rd. (3) Remember the international week of prayer for Christian unity from January 18 to 25, 2017. Details to come.



BOOMERANG CARDS: Bridge and euchre sessions are held in the Parish Centre on Monday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. Come and join us for an afternoon of fun for only a toonie!

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.

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP UPDATE: We are currently awaiting the arrival of our sponsored Syrian Family. They are expected to arrive in the next two to eight weeks. Accommodations have been secured for October 1st. If you have any questions please contact Committee Chair, Bob Peeling, at 905-875-7483. We will continue to keep you updated. Please keep this family in your prayers as they prepare to begin their new life in Canada.



ATTENTION CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEMBERS - our next General Meeting will be held on **Monday, September 19**th 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.

"Bearing and raising a child is one of the most difficult and yet fulling endeavours for a mother. At Shifra Homes, we serve homeless, pregnant women between the ages of 16-27. Our maternity residence is the only one of its nature in all of Halton, and our necessity in the community is predicated on statistics that indicate there are over 200 teen pregnancies every year in the Halton Region. Our home accepts women anytime during their pregnancy and supports them for the subsequent months after the baby is born." states Nancy Romic, Executive Director. The Catholic Women's League is asking parishioners to please consider supporting Shifra Homes starting the weekend of October 1st & 2nd when our members will be handing out baby bottles. For more information on Shifra Homes you can go to the website www.shifrahomes.com or contact Helen Sheehan, President, CWL @ 905-634-7481.

KEYS TO LOVING RELATIONSHIPS: "Keys" is a ten week video-based program meant for anyone (married or single) who is looking for a more meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better "me" in all your relationships! The program runs Thursday evenings from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. **starting September 22**, at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W, Hamilton. The cost is \$45.00. For more information, please call the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249.

HEART TO HEART: You are invited to read Bishop Crosby's weekly letter to clergy and parishioners in the Diocese. Visit http://hamiltondiocese.com/heart-to-heart

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