

# 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

- 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*

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)



**Monday, September 26** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Joan Rocca

**Tuesday, September 27** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Aileen Maguire

**Wednesday, September 28** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Maxene Settle

**Thursday, September 29** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Jack Theurer; + John Schenck; + Rosa Subido;  
Ints. Steve & Arleen Gaspar

**Friday, September 30** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Blanche Blaikie

**Saturday, October 1** at 5:00 p.m.  
+ Bill Southon; + Louise Beaudoin;  
+ Theresa Ngo Thu Ha; + Julian & Ethelyn Gonsalves

**Sunday, October 2**  
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners  
11:00 a.m. + Wendy Kopulos

**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	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 18<sup>th</sup> \$ 4,743.00  
Debt Reduction \$ 914.00

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

**FEAST OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL:** Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will gather for Mass on **Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>** 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<sup>st</sup> 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.**

**TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF THE LORD IN ORDINARY TIME**

Pope Francis stated on the World Day of Prayer for Creation, **"The world's poor, though least responsible for climate change, are most vulnerable and already suffering its impact."**

With the recent popularity of those big jackpot lotteries, we've seen some people become rather wealthy overnight. Those of us who've never won the lottery often speculate about what we'd do if we won. How would our lives change? Would becoming rich alter our values? **Would we act differently if we suddenly had all the money we could want?**

Strangely enough, such questions seem to be behind the puzzling story in today's Gospel, where Jesus appears to praise an unjust steward, who squanders his master's money, then proceeds with more shady dealings to insure his own security.

Scripture scholars are not exactly sure what this story is meant to show, but one explanation may be that Jesus wanted us to have our priorities straight about the use of wealth. Those who would be disciples may have to use money for the sake of the Kingdom, but they must never be controlled by it. Detachment is the key. **The Kingdom must be our priority.**

Even if we never win the lottery, most of us are challenged in our use of money. We need it to insure security for ourselves and our families. We need it to further the ministries of our parishes and our Christian efforts at evangelization and education. Nevertheless, our priorities must be clear. The Kingdom calls us to be just stewards, always wary of being distracted by wealth and the need to acquire it. **Sharon Stone-Franciscan Soundbites**

**ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT: INFORMATION SESSION**

All parishioners are invited to an information session to be held **Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12 noon** (after the 11:00 a.m. Mass) in the church. You will be presented with a project update and given the opportunity to ask questions. We hope to see you there.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP in HEM - Home Eucharistic Ministry.**

What a rewarding ministry! The people we serve really appreciate it. Can you help? Once every four weeks on a Sunday would help us get Jesus to those who cannot come to Mass. To find out more, please call Wilma Malick 905-870-0641.

**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>.

**MASSES ON SEPTEMBER 29:** In honour of our Patron Saint, St. Raphael, there will be a morning Mass at 9:00 a.m. with the staff and students of St. Raphael school. There will also be an evening Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Each Mass on September 29<sup>th</sup> will be followed by a **small reception** in the parish gathering area. Parishioners are invited to bring breakfast sweets (muffins, croissants, etc.) to the morning reception and an evening treats (cookies, squares, etc.) to the evening reception.



**ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER  
National Tree Day: September 23**  
Pope Francis writes: **"The human family has received from the**

**Creator a common gift: Nature"** Trees play an important role in our life since they provide food for people and animals, they make the air more breathable by reducing particulate matter, as well as reducing the Greenhouse Effect. Trees' root systems help prevent soil erosion and water pollution and provide shade that cools water, benefitting certain species of fish. During the summer trees offer shade, which saves on air conditioning cost. Conifers insulate homes in the winter, reducing heating costs. Trees provide habitats for wildlife, but the most important fact about trees is *that they are the lungs of every single living creature in our common home, the Earth.* **Adopt a tree!** [treecanada.ca/en/programs/grow-clean-air/carbon-calculator/](http://treecanada.ca/en/programs/grow-clean-air/carbon-calculator/) As we enter this third week of the **Season of Creation**, we pray that the governments who are now gathered at the United Nations General Assembly remember this truth. This **Wednesday, September 21**, they are invited to formalize their commitments to addressing the climate crisis by ratifying the Paris Climate Agreement. Let's pray that **28 countries** ratify this historic agreement so that it can come into force.

In the backdrop of this global gathering, we remember our brothers and sisters in East Asia where Typhoon Meranti, the strongest storm of 2016, battered Taiwan and China earlier this week. At least 10 people were killed and thousands were displaced.

May the most vulnerable among us continue to motivate us to pray, reflect and act for climate justice for all.



**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.



**"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 on Friday, November 4th. (3) Remember the international week of prayer for Christian unity from January 18 to 25, 2017. Details to come.

**PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND: March 5 – 14, 2017**

(10 days) Under spiritual leadership of **Fr. Francis Salasias 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.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU:**

*The past eight years have been a great journey for me. I have built many wonderful friendships and made many lasting memories. My time at St. Raphael has been a blessing for me and my family.*

*To the whole Community of St. Raphael, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for all these years of support, prayers and encouragement during my work with our youth and a big thank you to all those that were with me helping during meetings, sacramental preparation and our youth bible camp.*

*God is good and his love and mercy is what make our St. Raphael Parish Community so special. Keep this spirit alive and share your gift with everyone. A strong community is the reflection of many gifts becoming one great blessing for everyone.*

*"Let yourselves be LOVED by Christ, he is a true friend that will not disappoint" Pope Francis to the Youth at WYD Poland 2016.*

*Thanks for all these years of blessings and God bless you always!*

*Cristian L*

**SHIFRA HOMES** - Executive Director of Shifra Homes, Nancy Romic shares the following information about a new program called "SEEDS OF HOPE". "Over the last two years we have expanded our program to create our Seeds of Hope program. Seeds of Hope allows us to continue to support our young families as they transition back into the community successfully and enables them to live independently with access to our resources. Our new program ensures our young mothers are working on schooling or their careers as they received additional support and it guarantees that these women and their children never return to homelessness." The Catholic Women's League will be asking parishioners to consider supporting Shifra Homes' Baby Bottle campaign. Starting the weekend of October 1st & 2nd, you will have the opportunity to support the work of Shifra Homes and pick up a baby bottle at the church doors. For the next four weeks, you are asked to fill up the baby bottle with loose change, or bills (tax receipts issued) and then return the filled bottle to the pick-up basket located in the Welcoming Area. Please return your baby bottle on any of the following weekends up to Nov. 6, 2016. Thank you!

**YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIM SUNDAY:** All are welcome to come to the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton for a Year of Mercy Pilgrimage and pass through the Doors of Mercy on **Sunday, October 16th**. The Doors of Mercy will open at 2:00 p.m. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:30 p.m., the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction will begin at 3:00 p.m. Pilgrims are welcome to stay for the 4:00p.m. Mass.

**RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup>:** Life Chain is also Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> and open to EVERYONE! Please join millions of people across North America as we take a stand for the unborn. BURLINGTON: Fairview and Maple, 2:30-3:30pm.

**Halton Alive Annual Fundraising Gala:** Friday, October 21st at the St. Joseph Banquet Centre in Oakville! The Silent Auction opens at 6pm! Hurry and purchase your tickets or sponsor a table at [www.haltonalive.com/gala](http://www.haltonalive.com/gala)



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