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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.

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

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

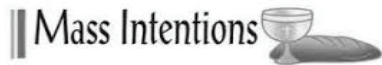
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Archangel St. Raphael "God is my Healer"

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
Catholics Come Home www.CatholicsComeHome.org Vocations www.HamiltonDiocese.org



Monday, September 5 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Michael Sharpe

Tuesday, September 6 at 9:00 a.m.
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Wednesday, September 7 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Ann MacDonald

Thursday, September 8 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Jack Theurer; + Elizabeth DeCiccio;
+ John Koritko; Ints. Olds-Woodcroft Families

Friday, September 9 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Peter Delorme

Saturday, September 10 at 5:00 p.m.
+ Diana Raposo; + Pauline Curran
+ Kees Wentges; Ints. Steven & Arleen Gaspar

Sunday, September 11
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners
11:00 a.m. + Irene Dimitroff

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	



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, August 28th \$ 4,893.00
Debt Reduction \$ 1,044.00

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING AT ST. RAPHAEL PARISH

Pre-Authorized Giving allows those who wish to have their monthly donations debited directly from their bank accounts. St. Raphael Parish has had this program in place since November 2015. Thank you to those who have already enrolled. If you are interested, please pick up a form in the parish entrance or contact the parish office. The monthly donation amount for August was \$ 4,303.00.

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-THIRD DAY OF THE LORD IN ORDINARY TIME

Years I ago I lived in Milwaukee for a while, and as I traveled back then through downtown and near Lake Michigan, I would pass a highway bridge, sitting all alone. There was no way to drive up on the bridge; no ramps had been built leading onto or away from it. There seemed to be no construction going on anywhere near the bridge. I often wondered about this strange sight. Had the bridge been completed before there was enough funding to build the connecting highways?

That story reminds me of today's Gospel: Jesus cautions his audience about the **cost of discipleship**. Jesus will embrace his cross completely, giving his all. We, his followers, must do the same. Jesus urges us to give our all, carrying our own cross and following after him. How does he drive home his point? Jesus uses a couple of down-to-earth examples: A builder must calculate the construction costs before beginning to build. A king must know if he can win a battle with the troops at his disposal. Jesus' stark conclusion: we cannot be his disciples without a total commitment.

I'm sure that bridge in downtown Milwaukee has since been completed. But how are you and I doing as we work on our lifelong project of Christian discipleship?
Fr. Greg Friedman OFM



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 late September and end in April. For more information please contact the parish office at 905-637-2346.



THE SEASON OF CREATION, runs between **September 1 and October 4, which is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**.

2.2 billion Christians are invited to pray and care for creation. September 1 was proclaimed as a day of prayer for creation by **Pope Francis for the Roman Catholic Church in 2015**. Many Christian churches have started celebrating the "Season of Creation" (also known as Creation Time) between that date and October 4. There will be a votive Mass offered at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Thursday, September 1st to begin this time of special prayer.



PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Please note that there will no longer be evening office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Reminder: the office will be CLOSED on Monday, September 5th for Labour Day.



ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER
International Car Free Day:
September 22nd. Pope Francis writes:

"Exposure to atmospheric pollutants produces a broad spectrum of health hazards, especially for the poor, and causes millions of premature deaths." Pollution is "caused by transport, industrial fumes, substances which contribute to the acidification of soil and water, fertilizers, insecticides, fungicides, herbicides and agro toxins in general." Laudato si #20

Ever since the first vehicle rolled onto the streets in 1886, the world has had a love-hate relationship with the motor car. Today, with over one billion motor vehicles on the roads around the globe, it sometimes seems as if we cannot escape the pollution, noise and danger that they produce. One day a year is set aside to try and avoiding using cars and cycling, walking or using public transport instead. **Car Free Day aims to take the heat off the planet for just one day** by encouraging people to be less dependent on their cars and try alternatives.

It's the time to go "Back to School"! We can take care of the air around us by **encouraging our children to bike and walk to school on a regular basis** rather than driving them. If you need to drive children to or from school, be sure to car pool with other parents. We can all do it this September!



SAVE THE DATE: All are invited to a Family Pasta Dinner on **Saturday, September 24th** at 6 p.m. in the Parish Centre. Stay tuned for details next week.

LADIES COFFEE MORNINGS will resume on **Wednesday, September 7th** at 9:30 a.m. in the St. Francis Room. Bring a friend! All ladies are welcome!

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP UPDATE: The Refugee Committee of St. Raphael Parish has recently been matched with a Syrian Family of three currently residing in Turkey. It is likely that the family will arrive in Canada in September or October. They are in need of short term accommodation on arrival. If you can help in this regard please contact Committee Chair, Bob Peeling, at 905-875-7483. We will continue to keep you updated.

A BIG THANK YOU: The ACCESSIBILITY FUND RAISING COMMITTEE would like to thank The CWL, The Tea Party, The Pizza/Ice Cream Event, The Plant Sale, The Parking Lot Sale/BBQ, The Friends / Family Event, The NHL, The Bottle Returns, and The Anonymous Parishioner for making the fundraiser events so successful. We have raised over \$9500. Also we would like to thank all those parishioners and friends that supported all these events. We could not have done it without you!

RETREAT –September 23-25, 2016: There is a silent retreat for men and women at Manresa, Pickering, from Friday evening on September 23 until lunchtime on Sunday 25th. The Spiritual Director will be Fr Michael Coutts S.J., and the topic is *"I called God 'Where are you?'"*. For more details, please contact Manresa at 905-839-2864 (office hours) or pickmanresa@rogers.com, or until 30 August, Jonathan Fowler at 905 634-0248.

BOOMERANG CARDS: Bridge and euchre sessions will resume on **Monday, September 12th** 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 18th, 2016** at 2:00 p.m. at St. Matthews Parish in Oakville. For more details please visit 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 17th 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 – Year of Mercy Events or by phone 905-528-7988 ext 2238 (Monica) There is no cost to attend but registration is required as space is limited.

THE PARABLES OF MERCY: A senior adult workshop series, 6 Wednesday afternoons starting **Sept. 28**, 1:30 – 3:30pm. Chancery Office, Hamilton. Facilitated by David Dayler. Cost: \$25 includes text. In this 6 session program, we will study many of those parables familiar to us. We will be invited to look at them in a new way, recognizing ourselves in the stories. In our personal reflections we will see the powerful force that is God's mercy, his fierce love for us & how God fills our hearts with unbridled pardon. Contact Monica at the Discipleship & Parish Life Office at 905-528-7988, x 2238 to **register by Sept. 21** or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com for more information.

FOUNDATIONS FOR MINISTRY PROGRAM 2016-17
The "Foundations for Ministry" Program is a course designed to offer lay Catholics the opportunity to learn more about the foundations of our Catholic faith: Church history, scripture, morality, sacraments and prayer. This foundation is useful to parishioners who serve in a variety of ministries. The course will be offered in Hamilton **starting Sept. 8 2016**. Contact Monica at the Discipleship & Parish Life Office at 905-528-7988, x 2238 or visit www.hamiltondiocese.com for registration forms.

DISCOVER JOSHUA – Video Presentation Teaching
The Book of Joshua begins with God choosing and blessing Joshua, to succeed the prophet and leader Moses. Discover Joshua, a faithful leader carrying out God's commands. Starts **Monday Sept. 12** at 7pm St. Patrick's School gym, 440 King St. E. at Victoria Ave., Hamilton. No cost / No registration. For information 905-522-9828 or parishoffice@stpatrickshamilton.ca

Polish Canadian Scouting Meetings/"Polskie Harcerstwo" (girl guides, brownies, scouts & cubs) begins on Saturday, September 17th from 9 a.m. until 11.15 a.m. at the Burlington Polish Hall at 2316 Fairview Street. Registration is at the same location on September 10th from 10am-12pm. We welcome any children from age 6 with Polish roots to join a fun, inspiring and challenging organization. For further information, please call Kasia at 905-574-3865 or Angela at 905-632-4597.

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