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He Lives!



Alleluia, Alleluia!!

Mass Intentions

(† = Deceased Intention; No Marking = Intentions of...;
Thx = Thanksgiving; Hlg = Healing)

Mon. Apr 21, 9am	Estrella Borja
Tue. Apr. 22, 9am	Thx.Hettiarachchi & Alles families
Wed Apr. 23, 9am	† Diane Dawson
Wed Apr. 23, 10:30am	St. Raphael School Mass
Students and Teachers of St. Raphael School	
Thu. Apr. 24, 8pm	Thx. Aidan Domingo
Harm Dewyk	† Mary Germann
† Merle Chenery	† Bill McCarthy
† Joseph Fiamelli	† Gail Wiederhold
Fri. Apr. 25, 9am	† Damien Hough
Sat Apr. 26, 8pm	Mary Nelufa De Silva
Niamh Byrne	Sam & Yvonne Bondi
Fr. Juvenal Merriell	Hlg. Christine Belch
† Laura Gorr	† Bill McCarthy
† Warren Reishus	† Joe Fiamelli
† Erminia DeMelo	
Sun. Apr. 27, 9am	For Our Parishioners
Sun. Apr. 27, 11am	† John & Censka Kosir

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

April 13, 2025

Envelopes (184)	\$4,244
Loose	\$1,103
Share Lent Collection (11)	\$1,442
Pre-Authorized Giving (\$

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FIRST COMMUNION: St. Raphael school and parish program students First Communion class celebration is on **Sunday, April 27 at 1pm** St. Paul school and parish program students First Communion class celebration is on **Sunday, May 4 at 1pm**. Please pray for all the children who will be receiving the Holy Eucharist for the first time.



CONFIRMATION: Our parish will celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation** for our students on **Saturday, May 3, at 9am** for St. Raphael School and parish program students and **11am** for St. Paul School students. We ask for your prayers for these students as they are confirmed.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Please note, the parish office will be closed for the Easter Holiday on **Mon. April 21**.

GRIEF MINISTRY – PILGRIMS

OF HOPE: Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? You are not alone! We will have an evening of hope and fellowship for all those in our parish who are grieving on **Saturday, April 26, at 6pm** in the parish hall. Please sign up in the lobby.



SUMMER BIBLE CAMP: The Summer Bible Camp at St. Raphael Parish is back again in July 2025. It is for children who will be **entering kindergarten in September 2025** up to **children entering Grade 6**. The camp runs from **July 7 to July 11, from 9:30am – 12:30pm**. Any students entering Grade 8 and up in September 2025 who would like to volunteer at the camp are also asked to register. Pick up the registration forms in the church lobby or download it from our website: <https://straphaels.ca/summer-bible-camp/> Bring completed forms and your payment (cash or cheque made out to St. Raphael Parish) to the parish office.

YOUTH LEADER TRAINING FOR VACATION

BIBLE SCHOOL: Our parish is blessed to have teens and young adults involved in the preparation and leadership of Vacation Bible School experiences. The Office for Youth Ministry and the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis warmly welcome all VBS youth leaders to a day of formation and training on **Saturday, May 3**. For more information, and to register please visit: <https://bit.ly/3RpDgcQ>

EARTH WEEK 2025: In his encyclical Laudato Si, Pope Francis said, "The external deserts in the world are growing because the internal deserts have become so vast... We all need an "ecological conversion - living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential: it is not an optional or secondary aspect of our Christian experience."

All faith communities are invited to be part of this movement and join with others across the country in **EARTH WEEK 2025** - Together for the Love of Creation. During the week of **April 20-27**, engage in a climate justice activity: praying, learning, acting. For more information visit:

<https://forthe love of creation.ca/forthe love of creation.ca>

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE:

We would like to renew our Hospitality Committee in this Jubilee Year of Pilgrims of Hope. Any parishioners who would like to join this Welcoming Ministry please contact the office. Members of the committee welcome all parishioners, new and long-time parishioners, and assist with the liturgical celebration as ushers and during the offertory collection. Thank you for your support in welcoming all parishioners in our Parish Community.





HVAC – RENOVATION FUND:

This year we are planning for the major renovation of the Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning System (HVAC). The current HVAC system is over 32 years old much in need of replacement.

The members of the building committee are in discussion and consultation to find a suitable system that will help to address our need for heat and air-conditioning of our church building. We have estimated that the total cost is over \$350,000. Thank you to those who have supported us with your donation. We still need to raise \$90,000 to meet our goal. We request your support for this project. Along with the renewed request for the **Building Fund envelopes**, please consider making a legacy donation towards the Parish Building Fund. For each contribution of over \$1000, a Legacy plate will be placed as a way for the parish to show gratitude for your support. We will keep the parish informed on the progress on the HVAC project.



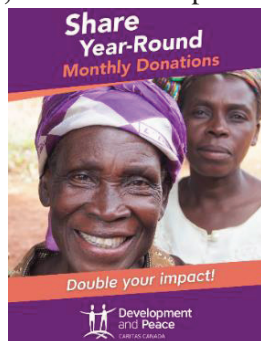
WALK FOR LIFE: Join Halton Alive on **Saturday, May 31** for the annual Walk for Life—a 5k walk to honour the 100,000 unborn lives lost to abortion each year and support life-

affirming outreach in our community. Enjoy a family-friendly morning filled with purpose, connection, and a delicious BBQ to follow! The walk begins at 9:30am at Burlington Christian Fellowship (2054 Mountainside Dr.). Can't attend in person? Walk in your own neighbourhood with friends! Register for free at www.haltonalive.ca/w4l and start fundraising. Every step makes a difference!

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT BY BECOMING A MONTHLY DONOR BY JUNE 8, 2025! Development and Peace — Caritas Canada offers you a simple, effective way to support its mission throughout the year: becoming a **Share Year-Round** monthly donor.

As a **Share Year-Round** donor, you support the pursuit of social justice and human dignity throughout the year and forge bonds of solidarity across borders. What's more, you automatically become a member of our movement, joining a community of committed people who share your values.

Sign up as a monthly donor (or increase your monthly donation if you are already one) **before June 8, 2025**, and your annual contributions (or increase thereof) will be **matched dollar for dollar!** So why not **double your impact today** by turning your one-off donation into a monthly gift at devp.org/shareyearround.



WEBINAR FOR CATECHISTS: SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR DIVERSE LEARNING NEEDS

Join us on **Tuesday, April 29**, (7:00pm – 8:30pm) for a conversation about the Church's call to hospitality and support of diverse learners in preparation for Sacraments of Initiation. Registration can be made here:

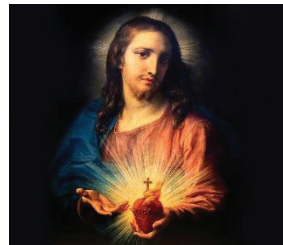
www.hamiltondiocese.com/events

NEW PARISH MINISTRY DIRECTORY 2025

As the part of the jubilee year of 2025, we have been working on the Parish Ministry Directory to help us to organize and support 40 different ministries. We request all the ministry co-ordinators to help us by sending your information about your ministry proposals and planning so we can promote and support your efforts. Please do send us the feedback from your members on how we can support your ministry.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – SACRED HEART ICON



The Knights of Columbus have the privilege to receive the Pilgrim Icon of Sacred of Heart Jesus from May 11 - 17. The Icon will be venerated on **Tuesday, May 13**, here at St. Raphael's parish.

We will begin the liturgy at 6 pm with a Solemn procession around

the church boundary while reciting the Holy Rosary, followed by the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Eucharist. We would like to invite all of you to join in the gracious time to pray together. All are welcome.

HAPPY EASTER

Thank you for helping with the Holy Thursday Soup Supper. The food we shared at this event was plentiful and very tasty. Thank you to all who shared and participated in this Holy Week Celebration.

We would like to thank everyone who helped to make our Triduum celebrations more beautiful, meaningful, and richer especially: Choir members, Altar servers, Eucharist Ministers, Lectors, Decorators, Sacristans, Stations of the Cross dramatization participants and organizers, all Ministry volunteers, and members our parish community. Thank you for your time and commitment. We also extend our Easter wishes to every member of our parish. Thank you for everything you are to us and for the blessing you all bring to our Parish Community of St. Raphael. May you and your families be filled with Easter Joy. Smiles.



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