

ST RAPHAEL PARISH COMMUNITY

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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

Served by the Holy Cross Fathers



Fr. Wilson Andrade C.S.C. - Pastor



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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 5:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Mon - Fri 9:00 AM

WEDDINGS

Please contact us at least one year in advance.

CONFESIONS

Saturday 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

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.

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, any weekend Mass.
- 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
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905.632.1424

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HOTLINE

905.681.6394


Mass Intentions

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

Mon. Dec 15, 9am	† Gabriele Fidanza
Mon. Dec 15, 7pm	<i>Simbang Gabi – 1st Mass</i>
Tue. Dec 16, 9am	† Sheila Correa
Tue. Dec 16, 7pm	<i>Simbang Gabi – 2nd Mass</i>
Wed Dec 17, 9am	† Jill Crossfield
Wed Dec 17, 7pm	<i>Simbang Gabi – 3rd Mass</i>
Thu. Dec 18, 9am	Hlg. Vizminda Parrecon
Victoria Ziemianin	Dominic Skicki
Joanna Skicki	Stan Skicki
† Jerome Benoza	† Betty Nedelko
Thu. Dec 18, 7pm	<i>Simbang Gabi – 4th Mass</i>
Fri. Dec 19, 9am	Maria Victoria del Prado
Fri. Dec 19, 7pm	<i>Simbang Gabi – 5th Mass</i>
Sat Dec 20, 5pm	Dave Pinheiro
Francis Foran	Nelson Pinheiro
Hlg. Rushil Saxena	† Frank Pulis Sr.
† Mary Anne Nealon	† Carol Roberto
Sat Dec 20, 7pm	<i>Simbang Gabi – 6th Mass</i>
Sun. Dec 21, 9am	For Our Parishioners
Sun. Dec 21, 11am	† Mary Germann
Sun. Dec 21, 7pm	<i>Simbang Gabi – 7th Mass</i>

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
December 7, 2025

Envelopes (136)	\$5,401
Loose	\$794

Thank you for your generous support

SIMBANG GABI ADVENT NOVENA MASS: As we prepare for Christmas you are all invited to attend Simbang Gabi – 9 Days of Advent Masses from **December 15 to 23**, at **7:00pm** at St. Raphael's Church. Fellowship and food to follow in the parish hall. For more information, please contact Myrla Dewyk at 905-634-5299 or Dolly Diaz at 437-499-0227.

PARISH RECOLLECTION DAY: On **Tuesday, December 16**, we would like to invite you to stop by the church for reconciliation. Priests will be available in the church for the sacrament of reconciliation from **10am to 12 noon** and **1pm to 6pm**.

ST. RAPHAEL PARISH RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP: St. Raphael Church operates a small shop selling religious items just off the main lobby of the church. Parishioners and visitors are welcome in the store after each weekend mass. Among the items for sale are rosaries, bibles, books, crucifixes, nativity scenes, advent candles, children's books, religious themed colouring books, bible scene puzzles, religious Christmas gifts, first communion gifts and gifts for confirmation. New inventory arriving in time for Christmas. Please note, **cash payments only**.

CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT SIGN-UP: There will be a Christmas Eve Pageant featuring the children of our parish at the Christmas Eve 5pm mass. We are asking families with children wishing to participate in the **Christmas Eve Pageant** to sign-up using the sheet in the parish lobby.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: The Enhancement Committee invites parishioners to bring in fresh flowers for Christmas to decorate our church. If you would like to remember a loved one, feel free to include a small card with their name on it. Please bring plants/flowers to the back of the church, behind the altar, no later than **Monday Dec. 22**, for the decoration team to place around the church for Christmas. Thank-you for your generosity.

THE HOLY MASS AND PRAYER FOR PEACE: On New Year's Eve, **December 31**, we welcome you to join in a Prayer for Peace. The Adoration Chapel and church will be open for personal prayer at 10:00pm. We will begin Holy Mass at 11:00pm followed by Prayers before the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction. Please come and join us with your fellow parishioners. Spread the word to your family and friends in and outside of the parish. All are Welcome!!

FESTIVAL OF FAMILIES POTLUCK DINNER & DANCE: On **December 31**, on the eve of the feast of Mary, the Mother of God, we invite you for a Potluck Family Dinner and Dance at 6:30pm in the Parish Centre. Let's celebrate our faith in our Christian Family. Please sign-up on the sheet at the back of the church after the weekend masses if you plan to come and to indicate what dish you will be bringing. All are welcome.

YEAR-END DONATIONS: Annual donations, or year-end donations must be received in our Parish Office on or before Wednesday, December 31, 2025, to be included on your 2025 Tax Receipt. Donations made on or after January 1 will be applied to your 2026 donations.

St. Raphael Parish is a federally registered Charitable Organisation with the Canada Revenue Agency. Donations made with offertory envelopes, pre-authorized giving or personal cheque qualify for a donation receipt.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER: Has your address, phone number, email address changed in the past year? If so, please be sure to notify the parish office either by phone or email or by filling out a parish registration form with your updated information. Thank you for helping to keep our parishioner database up-to-date.

HVAC RENOVATION FUND: Thank you to all those who donated to our HVAC project. It's not too late to donate. You can give using the **Building Collection Envelopes** in your 2025 envelope box, the special envelopes available in the parish lobby, or online through Canada Helps, all donations received will go into the HVAC fund:



<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/119110450RR0119-st-raphaels-parish/>

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING: Thank you for your generous support of our parish community. Please consider making your regular contributions to support the ongoing expenses for the Church and the many Ministries, through automatic bank withdrawal. Please find Pre-Authorized Giving Plan Forms by the welcome desk in the foyer. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the parish office. If you are already enrolled in our Pre-authorized Giving Plan and would like to increase your donations, please fill out a new form and check off the change to monthly donation box.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES: Boxed sets of 2026 Offering Envelopes are now available for pick up in the church entrance area close to the elevator. Please only begin using the *new* envelopes on January 1, 2026. Please note, some offertory envelope numbers have changed for the new year. Do not use envelopes from previous years in 2026. For those enrolled in **Pre-Authorized Giving** we have smaller boxes of envelopes containing only envelopes for the special collections during the year. If you are enrolled in the Pre-Authorized Giving please check for your name on a small blue envelope box, if you do not find your box, please contact the parish office.

ENHANCING SELF-ESTEEM: This program provides the opportunity to increase awareness of yourself and to learn specific skills for building a positive self-esteem. It can help you to feel stronger in all areas of your life. Issues covered during the course include taking responsibility for your own thoughts and feelings, positive ways to behave assertively and setting realistic goals for your future. The program will run **Tuesdays from Feb. 17 – April 21** from 7-9 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West Hamilton. Cost is \$35 for materials. Registration online can be found by going to hamiltondiocese.com and looking for the date under Upcoming Events, or by contacting Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com

SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Recollection Day (Confessions)

Tues, 16 December 10 AM – 12 noon & 1 – 6 PM

Christmas Eve Children's Mass with Pageant

Wednesday, 24 Dec 2025 - 5:00 PM

Christmas Eve Mass

Wednesday, 24 Dec 2025 - 9:00 PM

Midnight Mass

Thursday, 25 Dec 2025 - 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Mass

Thurs, 25 Dec 2025 – 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

Feast of the Holy Family Mass

Sat, Dec 27, 2025 – 5:00 PM

Sun, Dec 28, 2025 – 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Feast of Mary, the Mother of God, Mass

Wed, Dec 31, 2025 – 5:00 PM & 11:00 PM

Thurs, Jan 1, 2026 – 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

NEW SUNDAY MISSALS: If you would like your own copy of the 2025-2026 Sunday Missal, please pick one up in the church lobby after Mass (suggested donation \$5).

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, December 22: 9am – 4pm

Tuesday, December 23, 9am – noon

December 24 - 26: CLOSED

Saturday December 27: 3:30 – 6:30pm

Sunday, December 28: 9am – 1pm

Monday, December 29: 9am – 4pm

Tuesday, December 30: 9am – 4pm

December 31 – January 1: CLOSED

Friday, January 2: 9am – 4pm (normal hours resume)



MARRIAGE TIP: Marriage is a journey that two people undertake with a plan to navigate life together. When researchers investigate what makes the journey both long and happy, many things come into play, but a strong one is repeated by most: “I married my best friend.” It is good to ask yourself then, are you being a good friend to your spouse? Do you spend time together, share parts of your day, invite them to share in an event with you, watch a movie together, or even a series that can become together time? Do you call once in a while to say hello during the time you are not together and plan time for your spouse in your agenda – everyday? Friendships thrive and last in this kind of environment, so make friendship a foundation of your marriage.

(From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)



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