

# ST RAPHAEL PARISH COMMUNITY

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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

## CONFESSIONS

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.

## 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*

The Diocese of Hamilton [HamiltonDiocese.com](http://HamiltonDiocese.com) Holy Cross Vocations [www.holycrossvocationscanada.com](http://www.holycrossvocationscanada.com)  
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### 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**Monday, December 16** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Paul M. LaFontaine

**St. Raphael School Mass**  
**St. Paul School Mass 10:45am** at our Parish

**Tuesday, December 17** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ John, Martha & Dennis Keenan

**St. Paul & St. Raphael School Parents Mass 7pm**

**Wednesday, December 18** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Michael Austin

**Thursday, December 19** at 9:00 a.m.  
Mass Of Thanksgiving; Ints. Tom O'Neill;  
+ Halina McGregor; + Ian Perera; + Bill Jennings

**Friday, December 20** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Sean Browne

**Saturday, December 21** at 5:00 p.m.  
Ints. Charlie & David Kelner; + Kevin Zelowsky;  
+ Joe & Betty Nedelko; + Bulai Viorica;  
+ Kelly Anne McBane-Bertin; + Bill Jennings

**Sunday, December 22**  
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners  
11:00 a.m. + Chester & Sylvia Gzik

#### **Please pray for the following:**

John Scharer	Nicola Izzi	Barbara Kennedy
Mary Berry	Sarah Scharer	Maritza Garcia
Doug Pudsey	Jim Singer	Gonzalez
Peggy Evans	Elizabeth Talatala	Milan Heck
Jill Ascah	Asia Rae Landry	Helen Weppler
Lee Olds	Noah Landry	Jane Urquhart
Stephen Pustai	Alison Zierl	Laith Yousif
Michael Smart	Rosario Herve	Mary Lilly
Kyle Elliott	Jill Olds	Vincent Stanford
Karen Beeho	Joanne Pringle	Lucie Jennings
Pat Malcolm	Aileen Smith	Frank Clarke
Elizabeth Elder	Robert Connolly	Marie Bond
Michael Colameco	Jones Rodney	Sandra Beyer
Joseph & Madeleine	Barbara Fisher	Tony Hymes
Zucco	Laurie Suddaby	Helen Sheehan
Ron Robertson	Gary Olds	

#### **OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Sunday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> - Envelopes (274) \$7258.00  
- Loose \$627.00

**Thank you for your continued support!**

The **Third Sunday of Advent** repeats an Isaiah reading from earlier in the week, filled with promise, healing and a hope for our longing: "Then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing.... They will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee."

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**ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER**  
*Pope Francis writes: "A change in lifestyle could bring healthy pressure to bear on those who wield political, economic and social power. This is what consumer movements accomplish by boycotting certain products. They prove successful in changing the way businesses operate, forcing them to consider their environmental footprint and their patterns of production. When social pressure affects their earnings, businesses clearly have to find ways to produce differently. This shows us the great need for a sense of social responsibility on the part of consumers." Laudato Si # 206*

**Did you know? 13 million tonnes of plastic end up in the oceans every year. This Christmas, don't be part of the problem...#BeTheSolution**

The Perfect Christmas Gift: just a dream or an actual reality? It is not always easy to make or purchase the perfect gift; indeed, gifts are often left in the dustbin or not used at all, causing a waste of money and resources and more unwanted Stuff!!!

Remembering the **greatest gift of Christmas is Jesus**, will help us to appreciate the love of our families and friends. Spending time with our families and friends this Christmas in simple meal celebrations, and activities can be enjoyable, life affirming and fun. Whatever you do this Christmas, keep it simple and remember the many gifts that God has blessed us with in our lives! Peace and Joy to you and your family!

<https://newdream.org/resources/tips-15-tips-for-commercial-free-fun-filled-family-holidays>

<https://learn.eartheasy.com/guides/how-to-have-a-green-christmas/>

#### **IN OUR PARISH**

**JOURNEY OF FAITH:** Please join us every **Wednesday** from **7pm to 8pm** in our **Parish Centre** for our Journey of Faith sessions. On **December 18<sup>th</sup>**, come out to for a Pot Luck Christmas Dinner. All are welcome to attend.

#### **PLEASE NOTE BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS DEADLINES:**

Fri. December. 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 am for December 22<sup>nd</sup> bulletin.  
Wed. December 18<sup>th</sup> at 9 am for December 29<sup>th</sup> bulletin.  
Fri. December 27<sup>th</sup> at 9 am for January 5<sup>th</sup> bulletin.



**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** The decoration group invites parishioners to bring in **RED AND WHITE** poinsettias or flowers for Christmas to decorate our parish. 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 no later than **Mon. Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> before 12 noon** for the decoration group to place around the church for Christmas. Thank-you for your generosity.

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE:** Please keep the cancelled stamps from Christmas cards and letters you receive this Christmas for a D&P fundraiser. The stamps can be placed in the large envelope on the Social Justice Board in the Parish Foyer! Thank you and Merry Christmas!



**CHRISTIANS ON A JOURNEY:** Everyone is welcome to attend. For any questions, please call Wilma or Frank 905-870-0641.

**\*Mon. Jan. 19** starts the "World Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" times and places TBA

**\*Sun. Jan. 26 - 12:30pm** - Speaker on "From Refugee to Resettlement" - **Port Nelson** (3132 South Drive)

**2020 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** Please pick up your envelopes in the parish entrance, by the elevator, sorted alphabetically by last name. Please contact the office if you currently don't have envelopes but would like a box. Forms to enroll in our Pre-Authorized Giving Plan are also available. For assistance please contact the parish office.

**NEW SUNDAY MISSALS:** If you would like your own copy of the 2019-2020 Sunday Missal please purchase them in the Religious Article Store after Mass for \$5.



**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS:** the following are a few tips from the CWL to Keep Christ in Christmas. Send religious Christmas cards to family and friends that show the true meaning of Christmas (not those saying "Happy Holidays"); purchase religious stamps from Canada Post; hang a Christmas wreath on your front door. Its circular shape represents eternity, for it has no beginning and no end. From a Christian perspective, it represents an unending circle of life. When Christians hang a wreath on their door or in their window, it's an invitation for Christ to come into their home. The members of St. Raphael's Catholic Women's League council wish all our parishioners a blessed Christmas!



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** Need assistance? Interested in becoming a member? Call the SSVP HOTLINE 905 681 6394 (also listed on cover of the Parish Bulletin). For more information, see the SSVP bulletin board in the church foyer.



**WE NEED HELP TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY:** by bringing communion to people who are homebound or in long term care or in the hospital. What a beautiful, helpful and rewarding ministry! If you have about an hour or two every 4 weeks to give to this ministry, please call for information. We will help in every way we can, questions, training, etc. Please inquire, call Wilma 905-870-0641.

**2019 YEAR-END DONATIONS:** Parishioners and visitors who wish to make a year-end donation to St. Raphael parish for 2019 are encouraged to do so **by the end of 11am Mass on Sunday December 29<sup>th</sup>**. Donations received after Dec 31<sup>st</sup> at 10am will be receipted for 2020. As a registered charitable organization, the parish must comply with these CRA Guidelines. Your understanding and timely support is appreciated.

**SUNDAY FUNNY: A prospective husband in a book store asks:** "Do you have a book called, *Husband – the Master of the House?*"  
**Salesperson:** "Sir, fiction and comics are on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor!"



## ADVENT PENANCE CELEBRATION

Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm

## MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

**Christmas Eve: Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 pm (Family Mass with dramatization),  
8:00 pm, 10:00 pm

**Christmas Day: Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am, 10 am, 12 noon

Feast of the Holy Family

**Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am, 11:00 am

Feast of Mary Mother of God

**New Year Eve: Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

5:00 pm

**New Year's Day: Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

10:00 am

(along with Sundays, Christmas and the Feast of Mary mother of God (New Year's Mass) are Holy Days of obligation in Canada)

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

### FRIDAY NIGHT SUPPORT GROUP FOR PERSONS

**SEPARATED OR DIVORCED:** The Hamilton Diocesan Support Group meets the **1st and 3rd Friday of each month** and they can help! No need to register just come and join in at the **Chancery Office** (700 King St. W. Hamilton) from **7 – 9pm**. For more information call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. There is NO COST, but great learning, caring and support!

### 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HALTON CATHOLIC

**DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD:** This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the formation of the Halton Catholic District School Board (HCDSB). HCDSB invites all members of our parish community to join in the celebration of our journey in faith as a Catholic education community. There are a number of the events and activities planned to commemorate this milestone. For details, visit the HCDSB website at: <http://bit.ly/HCDSB50>

**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH:** Christmas is about more than gifts: it is the promise, through the birth of Jesus, of goodness and light coming into our lives. Do your children know this is the focus of Christmas? Advent and Christmas are perfect times to highlight the "reason for the season". Read stories about the Advent wreath so they understand what each candle symbolizes; read the Nativity story; adorned the tree with symbols of the faith; read family Advent reflections daily during Advent; attend Mass and reflect on the readings. Faith sets a foundation on which to stand and Christmas is a perfect time to bring Christ into your family activities!



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