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

Fr. Emmanuel Ralte C.S.C. - Associate Pastor



SPES UNICA

Catherine Osborne - Office Administrator

Ms. Maureen Lawlor - Office Assistant



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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

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| 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.

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.

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
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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions

(† = Deceased Intention; Int = Intentions of...;
Thx = Thanksgiving)

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| Monday, Dec. 18 | † Betty Nedelko |
| Tuesday, Dec. 19 | † Martin Perusini |
| Wednesday, Dec. 20 | † Bill & Lucie Jennings |
| Thursday, Dec. 21 | Int. Randy Sudds |
| Int. Danilo Lina | Int. Charlie & David Kelner |
| † Mary Germann | † Jean McPhail |
| † Gary Gzik | † James Jimbo Walsh |
| Friday, Dec. 22, 9am | Int. Maria Victoria Del Prado |
| Saturday, Dec. 23 | Int. Freiburger family |
| † Kevin Zelowsky | † Manuel & Mild Coimbra |
| † Martin Perusini | † Jim, Clinton & Christopher Cox |
| † Steve Recalis | † Jody Golini |
| Sunday, Dec 24, 11am | † Karl Plach |
| Sunday, Dec 24, 5pm | † Francis Onuska |
| Sunday, Dec 24, 8pm | † Peter Lavryssen |
| Sunday, Dec 24, 10pm | † Gary Gzik |
| Midnight Mass | Int. Montoya Family |

Please pray for:

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| Michelle Lockhart | Lori Stokes |
| Vincent Stanford | Janet Stokes |

Names on this list will remain for a period of four weeks to allow space for other names. Please phone the parish office before Tuesday morning to have a name added.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Dec 10, 2023

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| Envelopes (138) | \$5,313 |
| Loose | \$652 |
| Dec. 15 - Pre-Authorized Giving – (85) | \$8,997 |

Thank you for your generous support

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: The decoration group 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 **Saturday Dec. 3rd, before 12 noon** for the decoration group to place around the church for Christmas. Thank-you for your generosity.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A ROMAN CATHOLIC OR LEARNING MORE ABOUT YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH?



Then maybe the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the place for you. The RCIA journey introduces the beliefs and practices of the Roman Catholic Church through a series of prayerful reflections, video presentations, faith sharing and small group discussions designed to help participants to become full members of the Catholic Church. Classes (usually 75 minutes long) are paused for the Christmas break but will continue on **Wednesday, January 10 at 7:00pm** with the topic **“The Sacraments: Baptism & Confirmation”**. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact the parish office.

SIMBANG GOBI (ADVENT NOVENA MASS):



As we prepare for Christmas you are all invited to attend the: *Simbang Gabi* (Advent Novena Mass) daily starting Dec 16 at 5pm, Dec 17-22 at 7pm, Dec 23-24 at 5pm, at St. Raphael's Parish Church. Made possible through the dedication of: Fr. Wilson Andrade, our pastor, and

CFC - Handmaids of The Lord, - Hamilton-St. Catharines.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Just to let you know; there will NOT be a children's Liturgy on Dec. 24th at the 11 am mass, in preparation for the Children's Christmas Pageant taking place at 5 pm on the same day Dec. 24th. As well, to allow our volunteers to spend time with their family and friends, the Children's liturgy will take a break and resume on Sunday Jan. 8th at the 11 am mass. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Children's Liturgy!

STAMP PROJECT: In the past, St. Raphael Parish has supported the Development and Peace Stamp Project. to raise funds to support their ongoing Social Justice work. The Social Justice Committee is asking parishioners to save their cancelled stamps from Christmas Cards and any other mail. Please collect your stamps at home. We will notify you soon as to how we will collect the stamps from you! Thank you for your thoughtfulness and support of Development and Peace and their work in the world! Cecilia Racine and Lorene Dicorpo

2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Please pick up your envelopes in the parish entrance, by the elevator. Please note some envelope numbers have changed for the New Year to reduce waste. For assistance, please contact the office.

SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Simbang Gobi - Advent Novena Masses

Dec 16 at 5pm, Dec 17-22 at 7pm, Dec 23-24 at 5pm

Advent Penance Celebration

Wed, Dec 20 – 6:00 PM

Advent Reconciliation Day

Thu. Dec 21 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM (drop-in)

Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass

Sat, Dec 23 – 5:00 PM

Sun, Dec 24 – 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Christmas Eve Children's Mass with Pageant

Sun, 24 Dec - 5:00 PM

Christmas Eve Mass

Sun, 24 Dec - 8:00 PM & 10:00 PM

Midnight Mass

Mon, 25 Dec - 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Mass

Mon, 25 Dec - 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon

Feast of the Holy Family Mass

Sat, Dec 30 2023 – 5:00 PM

Sun, Dec 31 2023 – 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Feast of Mary the Mother of God Mass

Sun, Dec 31, 2023 – 5:00 PM

Mon, Jan 1, 2024 – 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

ADVENT WOMEN'S RETREAT: Thank you to all the women who attended our Advent Women's Retreat last Saturday. A special thank you to Katherine Stevenson for leading this beautiful and prayerful retreat for the women. Thank you to Victor and Father Wilson for arranging the delicious lunch.

NEW SUNDAY MISSALS: If you would like your own copy of the 2023-2024 Sunday Missal, please pick one up in the church lobby after Mass (suggested donation \$5).

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS DEADLINES: Mon. Dec. 18th at 9am for Dec. 31st bulletin, Thu. Dec. 28th at 9am for Jan. 7th bulletin.



HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:

Sat, Dec. 23: 3:30PM – 6:30 PM

Dec. 24 - 27: CLOSED

Thu Dec. 28:- Fri Dec. 29: 9AM – 4PM

Sat. Dec. 30: 3:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Dec. 31 - Jan 2: CLOSED

Wed, Jan 3: 9AM – 4 PM

Thursday, Jan 4: CLOSED

Friday, Jan 5: normal office hours resume

VOCATIONS MASS AND YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT –

JANUARY 5TH – HAMILTON: The Serra Club of Hamilton invites all parishioners to attend a Mass for vocations at 6:00pm. Following the Mass, Fr. Mark Morley invites young adults to attend a night of Adoration, fellowship and praise music in celebration of the Christmas Season. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:30pm), praise night and vocations talk (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Friday, January 5th at Annunciation of Our Lord (280 Limeridge Rd W, Hamilton, ON L9C 2V2). Co-sponsored by the Serra Club of Hamilton and the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THANK YOU:

The members of the St. Raphael Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul would once again like to thank the parishioners of the St. Raphael Parish for all the help they have provided financially and otherwise over the past year. We include in our gratitude the teachers, students, parents of St. Raphael and St. Paul schools, especially for their food drives which help to stock our pantry shelves and fill the hampers at Christmas. We also wish to thank Elizabeth Seton School for their help with Christmas hampers.

Thank you to the organizations within and outside our parish for their valuable assistance, especially the ever-faithful Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Women's League, and the Monday and Thursday card groups, and the help from the Tansley Woods United Church. These organizations have been especially supportive of our commitment to sending food and clothing to the Inuit Community of Whale Cove, as have been our parishioners.

And last, though not least, thank you to our ever-supportive priests, Father Wilson and Father Emmanuel, our Parish Office Administrator, Catherine Osborne, our office assistant, Maureen Lawlor, and to Scott Harrison and Steve Gaspar, all of whom are always willing to help in any way. It is due to all this wonderful support over the years that our SSVP Conference has been able to carry on with our work. This Christmas morning there will again be many happy faces around the Christmas trees and later around the Christmas dinner table due to your caring support.

God's Blessings to All!

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

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