

ST RAPHAEL PARISH COMMUNITY

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

Mon. Dec 22, 9am	David & Charlie Kelner
Mon. Dec 22, 7pm	Simbang Gobi – 8 th Mass
Tue. Dec 23, 9am	Maria Victoria del Prado
Tue. Dec 23, 7pm	Simbang Gobi – 9 th Mass
Wed Dec 24, 5pm	† Jim, Christopher & Clinton Cox
Wed Dec 24, 9pm	† Karl Plach
Thu. Dec 25, midnight	Reid & extended families
Thu. Dec 25, 9am	Maria Corazon Legaspi
Thu. Dec 25, 11am	† Joe & Betty Nedelko
Fri. Dec 26, 9am	Laura Mozina
Sat Dec 27, 5pm	Christine Majta
Hobbs, Whyte, Harrison & Wassink families	
Thx. Samson & Megan Imah & family	
† John Yurincich	† Donald Gravelle
† Luigi Gucciardi	† Ludwig & Stefanie Majta
† Paul & Margaret Yip	
Sun. Dec 28, 9am	For Our Parishioners
Sun. Dec 28, 11am	† Jim Cox

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

December 14, 2025

Envelopes (156)	\$5,309
Loose	\$1,133

Thank you for your generous support

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!!

THURSDAY MORNING LADIES' FRIENDSHIP CLUB: All ladies are welcome to join us in the St. Francis room, any Thursday after mass until 12 noon. We offer friendship, refreshments and companionship. Bring your stories, pictures and friends. Sponsored by St. Raphael's Catholic Women's League. Questions—call Charlie 905-681-6221. Note= no meeting on Christmas day or New Year's Day.

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DONATIONS BY CHEQUE:



Please make any cheque donations for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul to one or other of the two following names:

Society of St Vincent de Paul St Raphael's Conference

OR: ***SSVP St. Raphael's***

We hope this provides some clarification and we thank you for your continued generosity.

ADVENT BLESSINGS FROM ST. RAPHAEL'S LIFE TEAM: During Advent we hear of Elizabeth greeting Mary and the baby in her womb leaping for joy (Luke 1:39-45). May we reflect on the precious life in the womb as a gift from God. Consider a donation to support young vulnerable women by donating to pro-life charities such as Shifra homes: shifrahomes.com. Pray for the protection of the pre-born. Join our life team ministry in 2026.

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)



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.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY, SICILY, GREECE & TURKEY: Join Father Wilson from **May 20 – May 21, 2026**, for a 12-day pilgrimage from Rome to Athens, featuring a 7-night cruise onboard the Sun Princess. Stops include Naples, Capri, Crete, Ephesus, the house of Mary, Mykonos and Athens. **\$5290 per person**, double occupancy, incl. Toronto departure flights, and all taxes. For more information, please contact Halina at International Tours 647-294-4116 ext. 315 or email halina@ihtours.com

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**.

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).

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 monthly building fund, Saint Vincent de Paul collection and the annual Diocesan Special Collections. 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.

CHRISTMAS YOUNG ADULTS' NIGHT: During the Christmas Season, Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, January 3rd at Annunciation of Our Lord (280 Limeridge Road West, Hamilton)**. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/ For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

MERRY CHRISTMAS



On behalf of our parish staff, Fr. Emmanuel and myself, I want to wish you, your family and friends a joyful and Merry Christmas. As you enjoy the beauty of this season and celebrate the gift of our Savior may He fill you with Joy and surround you with Love. Our

Prayerful wishes to you all. We are so glad that you are able to join us to celebrate the birth of Christ. *Fr. Wilson*

SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

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

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.

THE REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL: is back with another year of enlightening films and meaningful dialogue! Our lineup for 2026 explores topics of housing insecurity, intellectual freedom, Indigenous rights, and ecological debt. Visit us online at hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/ to view our full event schedule, learn more about our films, and register for screenings. A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

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