

ST RAPHAEL PARISH COMMUNITY

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Feast of the Holy Family

Mass Intentions

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

Mon. Dec 29, 9am	Hlg. Arya Gill
Tue. Dec 30, 9am	Chris, Marion, Mario & Dilu
Wed Dec 31, 5pm	Thx. Justin Anthony Pillai & family
Wed Dec 31, 11pm	† John Spadoni
Thu. Jan 1, 9am	Souls in Purgatory
Thu. Jan 1, 11am	† Judith Vienna Reyes
Fri. Jan 2, 9am	† Laura Mozina
Fri. Jan 2, 6:30pm	† Tony Florio
Sat Jan 3, 5pm	† Patricia Gismondi
	† Paolo Salvatore Martire
Sun. Jan 4, 9am	† Manuel & Virginia Rodrigues
Sun. Jan 4, 11am	For Our Parishioners

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

December 15, 2025

Pre-Authorized Giving (96) \$9,740
Thank you for your generous support

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS THANK YOU: We would like to thank all parishioners who brought in flowers to our Parish for Christmas. The plants looked lovely and the church was radiant with the flowers arranged by the Enhancement Committee. Thank-you to everyone involved!



THANK YOU TO OUR MINISTRIES: On behalf of the pastoral team, we would like to thank *all the volunteers* who spent a lot of time in making this season of Christmas a joyful celebration. Thanks to all the *Lectors, Altar servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Ministers of Music, Liturgy Committee, Ushers, and Offertory Counters*. Each of your contributions has helped all of us to experience the joy of Christ's birth and made it a meaningful celebration for our community. We are indeed a vibrant and joyful community. Let us continue to share this joy with one another as we begin this New Year. May the choicest blessings come to all of you and to your families.

THANKSGIVING FOR OUR MINISTRIES: On behalf of the parish of St. Raphael we would like to offer thanksgiving for our volunteers in our many ministries for all their hard work throughout the entire year of 2025. Their dedication and commitment helped to build our loving community of faith.

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.

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 New Year's Day.



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.

CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT: Thank you to our volunteers who organized and directed the children for the Christmas Eve mass pageant. Thank you to all the children who took part in the pageant and helped our parishioners to visualize and hear the Nativity Story brought to life by our parish children. Thank you to the children's families for your support. It was a beautiful and moving part of our Christmas Eve liturgy.



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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNIVERSARY MASS:



SPECIAL MASS FRIDAY, JANUARY 9th at 6:00 PM presented by KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 5073 at ST. RAPHAEL. All Parishioners are most welcome

to attend this Mass on the occasion of the 65th Anniversary of Knights Council 5073. The Mass will include the Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon and be celebrated by His Excellency Auxiliary Bishop Lobsinger and previous St. Raphael Pastors.

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).

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**.

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: Thank you to all those who donated to our HVAC project. It's not too late to donate. You can give using the monthly **Building Collection Envelopes** in your donation 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/>



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.

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.

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Fr. Brian Cavanaugh, TOR

Grant us, O Lord:

The hope to envision new dreams;

The strength to rise above our limitations,

our fears and whatever holds us down;

The courage to stand on our own,

to stretch our imagination

and to experience being fully human, fully alive;

The faith to live our lives in your image and likeness.

Guide us, O Lord, this new year,

every way, every day. Amen.

HAPPY NEW YEAR: We wish you and your families a new year full of blessings, peace, joy and love.

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.

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.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, December 29: 9am – 4pm

Tuesday, December 30: 9am – 4pm

December 31 – January 1: CLOSED

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



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