## 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.

# SACRAMENTS BAPTISMS & BECOMING ROMAN CATHOLIC

- For newborns, any weekend Mass.
- For school aged children, after being catechized.
- For adults interested in becoming Roman Cathoic call the office for more information.

#### 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

#### **PARISH SCHOOLS**

- Assumption High School 905.634.1835
- St. Raphael's Elementary 905.637.3810
- St. Paul's Elementary 905.632.1424

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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

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Monday, December 5 at 9:00 a.m. Ints. John & Doris Zammit

**Tuesday, December 6** at 9:00 a.m. † Mary Germann

Wednesday, December 7 at 9:00 a.m. Ints. Frank & Marie Calzonetti

Thursday, December 8 at 9:00 a.m. Ints. Boden McDowell; Ints. Luc Plach; Ints. Max Wilson; † Anton & Emilia Mazan † Margaret Bailey; † Souls in Purgatory

Friday, December 9 at 9:00 a.m. † Tara Lynne Giuliani

Saturday, December 10 at 5:00 p.m. Ints. Margaret Hayes; † Celedonio Canillas; † Tito Canillas; †Victoriano Canillas: † Martin & Antonia Mazan; † Epifanio & Nora Braganza; † Frank Sicoli

#### Sunday, December 11

9:00 a.m. † Paul M. LaFontaine 11:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners

Please pray for:

Jeannine Bannan Christopher Ryan

Lee Olds Tom Olds

Rolando Mabalay Vincent Stanford Jean Damiani Archie Damiani

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.

In the **Second Sunday of Advent** we hear **Isaiah** write of peace and prosperity that will come when the "root of Jesse" blossoms. "Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them." **Matthew's Gospel** brings us the famous Advent reading of John the Baptist serving as a voice of one crying out in the desert, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

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#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

November 27

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ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER: Pope Francis writes: "The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family

together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change. The Creator does not abandon us; he never forsakes his loving plan or repents of having created us. Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home. Here I want to recognize, encourage and thank all those striving in countless ways to guarantee the protection of the home which we share. Particular appreciation is owed to those who tirelessly seek to resolve the tragic effects of environmental degradation on the lives of the world's poorest. Young people demand change. They wonder how anyone can claim to be building a better future without thinking of the environmental crisis and the sufferings of the excluded."Laudato si #13

It is now the Second Week of Advent and many of us are in the midst of Christmas preparations and shopping. Have you considered how you might celebrate a **Sustainable Christmas** this year? Here are some environmentally and sustainable Christmas gift idea.

\*Give a gift of a service to a family member, neighbour, or friend. Perhaps each family member could choose the name of someone in the family and think of some way that they could perform some small act of love or service. Make a coupon book that includes these acts of service.

\*Sustainable gift ideas for family, friends or neighbours: a night of free babysitting, shovelling a neighbour's snow for them, making a batch of homemade cookies, cake or candy, or sharing an at home movie night /games night together.

Gifts that are simple and given from the heart create memories that last and are meaningful. Try simplifying your gift giving. Gifts do not need to be bought but can be an act of love or service. Next week: more **Green Christmas Ideas!** 

CHRISTMAS EVE YOUTH PAGEANT: Please note that the SIGN UP for those children wishing to participate in this year's Christmas Eve Youth Mass (at 5 pm on Dec 24<sup>th</sup>) is this **Sunday**, at 12:15pm in the church. Children of all ages, wishing to be characters, readers or in the choir are welcome. No experience necessary, BUT participation in both rehearsals is mandatory. Rehearsals will be **Sunday**, **Dec 11** and 18 after the 11am masses and will take about 1 ½ hours. Contact Charlie @905-681-6221 or bcarpenter2@cogeco.ca

**2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** Please pick up your 2023 envelopes in the parish lobby, <u>by the elevator</u>. If you are unable to find your 2023 donation box, please phone the parish office and we will arrange a 2023 envelope box for you.

MINISTRIES AT ST. RAPHAEL PARISH: There are so many ministries here at St. Raphael Parish. If you'd like to be more involved in the life of the parish by joining one or more, please contact the parish office, 905-637-2346, <a href="mailto:straphaelburlington@hamiltondiocese.com">straphaelburlington@hamiltondiocese.com</a> and we will connect you with the ministry coordinator.

## **Pastoral Stewardship**

- 1. Holy Cross Fathers
- 2. Pastoral Staff
- 3. Finance Committee
- 4. Pastoral Council
- 5. Collection Counters
- 6. Building/Maintenance Committee
- 7. Social Media
- 8. Volunteers Screening Program
- 9. Fund Raising Group
- 10. Hall

### **Liturgical Life**

- 1. Liturgy Committee
- 2. Prayer Groups
- 3. Lectors
- 4. Eucharistic Ministers
- 5. Choir
- 6. Ministry to the sick/Homebound
- 7. Funeral Liturgy
- 8. Altar Servers
- 9. Ushers
- 10. St. Bro. Andre Healing Ministry

#### **Sacramental Formation**

- 1. Children's liturgy
- 2. Youth Group (12 to 19)
- 3. Young Adults (20-40)
- 4. Couples' Ministry
- 5. Baptism
- 6. RCIA Faith Formation
- 7. 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation/ Holy Communion
- 8. Confirmation
- 9. Vocation Promotion/Discernment
- 10. Grief: Funeral Luncheon

#### **Community Service**

- 1. St Raphael's School community
- 2. St. Paul School Community
- 3. Assumption School
- 4. Knight of Columbus
- 5. Catholic Women's league
- 6. Vincent De Paul
- 7. Development and Peace
- 8. Holy Cross Family Ministries Canada
- 9. Handmaids of the Lord
- 10. Social Activities

#### ADVENT PENANCE CELEBRATION

Wednesday, December 21st at 7 pm

## MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve: Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 5pm (Family Mass with dramatization), 8pm, 10pm

Midnight Mass, Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>
12am

Christmas Day: Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> 8:30am, 10am, 12 noon

### FEAST OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD

New Year Eve: Saturday, December 31st 5pm

New Year's Day: Sunday, January 1st 9am, 11am

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE RELIGIOUS ARTICLES STORE:** The Religious Articles Store is in need of volunteers to help run the store at the Saturday 5pm and Sunday 11am masses. If you are interested, contact Angie Lappin: 905-333-5718, <a href="mailto:chris.lappin@sympatico.ca">chris.lappin@sympatico.ca</a>

HOME EUCHARIST MINISTRY: "Service is the sign of true love. Those who love know how to serve others." - Pope Francis. Are you interested in participating in our Home Eucharist Ministry? We have a need for volunteers to serve our homebound, LTC and hospital parishioners by bringing Sunday communion. A Diocesan workshop will be offered this fall. For more information please contact: John Fauteux, tjfauteux@me.com, 905.635.2586 (h)

**FUNERAL LUNCHEON COMMITTEE:** The Funeral Luncheon Ministry would like to resume their service to the parishioners but is in need of volunteers. Positions for phoning, set-up, serving and cleanup need to be filled. If you can spare an hour to three hours, on occasion, please consider this ministry. For more details, please call Marlene Cox: 905-634-0733.

**THE REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL** is back for another year! The Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustice. Join us on December 15, 2022 at 7:00 PM for the holiday classic, *It's a Wonderful Life*, connecting to themes of community, dignity of the person, economic and housing insecurity. The screening will be hosted online. Grab your pajamas and some hot chocolate for this Christmas screening! R.S.V.P. and view our full schedule of events at <a href="https://www.reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com">www.reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com</a>.



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