

# ST RAPHAEL PARISH COMMUNITY

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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*

### *Served by the Holy Cross Fathers*



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



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

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Catherine Osborne - Office Administrator

Ms. Maureen Lawlor - Office Assistant

### 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

### WEDDINGS

Please contact us at least one year in advance.

### CONFESIONS

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](http://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

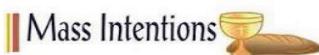
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### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HOTLINE

905.681.6394


**Mass Intentions**

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

Mon. Dec 8, 9am	† Hélène Fournier
Tue. Dec 9, 9am	† Tara Lynn Giuliani
Wed Dec 10, 9am	Boden MacDowell
Thu. Dec 11, 9am	Hlg. Vincent Stanford
Hlg. Vizminda Parrecon	Duncan Hannay
Maggie Kogut	Lidka Brzyski
Waldek Brzyski	† Paul M. LaFontaine
Fri. Dec 12, 9am	† Campo Elias Caycedo
Fri. Dec 12, 10am	St. Raphael School Mass
Sat Dec 13, 5pm	Tasha Giuliani
Madeline Pinheiro	Claire Poliziani
Lani Ruizon	Jonid Hamejaj
† Libby Hammond	† Souls in Purgatory
Sun. Dec 14, 9am	For Our Parishioners
Sun. Dec 14, 11am	† Theresama, Anthonypillai & Elisama Selathurai, & Mary Theresa Xavier

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**
*November 30, 2025*

Envelopes (136)	\$2,627
Loose	\$418

*Thank you for your generous support*

**GOOD SHEPHERD TREE OF HOPE:** WOW!! I'm so proud and grateful to be part of this generous and compassionate parish. Originally, I was skeptical of the number of gifts the Tree would generate this year, because there were so many worthy causes asking for money in our hallway, but you did it again; made my living room "bursting at the seams with gifts". On behalf of the recipients of these wonderful gifts, I THANK YOU! You have made many families from Hamilton and Halton have a great Christmas as they gather their Christmas food and presents from the Good Shepherd Christmas Store.

Thank you St. Raphael's Parish! Charlie Carpenter.



**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.


**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION:**

Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting donations after all Masses next weekend. SSVP envelopes are available at back of the church for those who would like income tax receipts at the end of the year.


**RETIRED CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEMBERS MEETING EVERY THURSDAY MORNING:**

Ladies meet every Thursday morning, sponsored by the Catholic Women's League. All senior ladies are invited to join us every Thursday morning in the **St. Francis Room** from **10 am until 12noon**. Come check us out. We will have refreshments and prayers for those in need. Bring your pictures, your stories and friends. Welcome all ladies. For information call Charlie @ 905-681-6221

**CHRISTMAS DINNER & MUSIC NIGHT:**

You are invited to the Young Adults' Christmas Music Night and Dinner on **Saturday, December 13, at 6:30pm**. Tickets: \$40, dress code: formal, cash bar. Let's prepare for the birth of our Lord with beautiful music and a formal dinner as a family in Christ.



**SIMBANG GABI ADVENT NOVENA MASS:** As we prepare for Christmas you are all invited to attend Simbang Gabi – 9 Days of Advent Masses from **December 15 to 23, at 7:00pm** at St. Raphael's Church. Fellowship and food to follow in the parish hall. If you would like to sponsor one evening, please contact Myrla Dewyk at 905-634-5299 or Dolly Diaz at 437-499-0227.

**PARISH RECOLLECTION DAY:** On **Tuesday, December 16**, we would like to invite you to stop by the church for reconciliation. Priests will be available in the church for the sacrament of reconciliation from **10am to 12 noon and 1pm to 6pm**.

**PARENTING TIP:** Christmas is a wonderful time of year! We see family, experience the joys of gift giving and receiving and have some time as a family just to be. It is however, more than any of these things, the celebration of the birth of Christ. In the hustle and bustle of the season we can forget to focus on this moment, where a child came into the world so that each of us could experience the profound gift of Salvation. This Christmas, enjoy all the fun stuff, but remember to focus, through stories, Mass, prayer and discussions, on the joy of Christ's birth and the real reason for the season. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

**CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT SIGN-UP:** There will be a Christmas Eve Pageant featuring the children of our parish at the Christmas Eve 5pm mass. We are asking families with children wishing to participate in the **Christmas Eve Pageant** to sign-up using the sheet in the parish lobby.

**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.

**DEVELOPMENT & PEACE STAMP PROJECT:** The Social Justice committee invites you to participate in the **Stamp Project** by bringing in your cancelled stamps from Christmas Cards and any other mail and placing them in the envelope on the Social Justice bulletin board. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and support to Development and Peace and their work in the world!



**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**.

**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 tax receipt. 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.

**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.

## SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

### **Recollection Day (Confessions)**

Tues, 16 December 10 AM – 12 noon & 1 – 6 PM

### **Christmas Eve Children's Mass with Pageant**

Wed, 24 Dec 2025 - 5:00 PM

### **Christmas Eve Mass**

Wed, 24 Dec 2025 - 9:00 PM

### **Midnight Mass**

Thurs, 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

**SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES:** Boxed sets of 2026 Offering Envelopes will be available for pick up the weekend of **December 14** for those who have requested. Please only begin using the *new* envelopes on January 1, 2026.

**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 **Building Collection Envelopes** in your 2025 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/>

**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.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** Children's Liturgy is offered on Sunday at 11am. All children aged 4 to 10 years are welcome. Anyone wishing to **volunteer** as a leader or help with this program as a student volunteer (community hours eligible), with this program, please call or email the parish office.



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