

# ST RAPHAEL PARISH COMMUNITY

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

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SPES UNICA

Catherine Osborne - Office Administrator

Ms. Maureen Lawlor - Office Assistant



<b>OFFICE HOURS</b>	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

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
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## 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

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

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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*

## Mass Intentions

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

Mon. Feb. 17, 9am	† Souls of the Pham Family
Tue. Feb. 18, 9am	† Peter Delorme
Wed. Feb. 19, 9am	† Rocco Romeo
Thu. Feb. 20, 9am	† Adelaida Caliao
† Eileen Trimble	† Natividad Laurente
† Mary Germann	† Brian McDeogh
† Joe D'Ettore	† Gerard Chun Taite
Fri Feb. 21, 9am	† Bernadita Pelesco
Sat Feb. 22, 5pm	Thx. Audrina & Tianna Alles
Patricia Cogswell	† Adolfo Couto
† Santos Family	† Tamara Holadyk-Nardini
† Yvonne Sterling	† Flora Pascucci
Sun. Feb. 23, 9am	† Catherine Carling
Sun. Feb. 23, 11am	For Our Parishioners

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

February 9, 2025

Envelopes (103)	\$2,419
Loose	\$781
Seminary Collection (5)	\$90

*Thank you for your generous support*

**RENOVATION FUND COLLECTION:** We would like to encourage everyone to support our Renovation Funds, please use the HVAC or the monthly Building fund envelopes.



### ST. RAPHAEL ANNUAL CHILLI CHALLENGE:

Come out for an evening of fellowship and fun on **Saturday, February 22, at 6pm**. Who will win the coveted Silver Spoon for the best chilli of 2025? Enter your chilli to win. Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. If you prefer not to compete, come out to sample the amazing creations entered by your fellow parishioners and cast your vote. Tables seat eight so please bring your family & friends. This event is BYOB, please bring the wine or beer you would like to have with your chilli. In lieu of selling tickets, we will be collecting donations at the door. Please sign up to be a chef or to attend, the sign-up sheet will be available after each weekend mass in the welcoming area.

**2024 TAX RECEIPTS:** Please pick up your 2024 tax receipt located in the parish lobby-, sorted alphabetically by last name. *Please double check your name and address to ensure you are taking the correct envelope.*

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP DUES 2025:

Thank you to the ladies who have paid their membership to St. Raphael's Catholic Women's League. We ask all women in the parish to consider becoming a member or renewing your membership by February 28. Fees for 2025 are \$40. Please use the blue envelope found in your church envelope box (please print your name on it) or use another envelope with your name and contact information. You can drop it in the collection basket or at the church office or e-transfer our treasurer at [bcarpenter2@cogeco.ca](mailto:bcarpenter2@cogeco.ca)

Your membership and support help the varied activities of the League at a parish and National level. Join Catholic women who are focused on faith, service and social justice. Come and get to know women in your parish and find out about our special events and activities. More information contact [leonyh87@gmail.com](mailto:leonyh87@gmail.com)

Next General Meeting Tues. March 4th at 7 pm



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TALK: On Thursday, February 27, Dr. Canella will share some of his learnings at a Knights of Columbus talk in the Parish Hall at 7:30pm.

Dr. Louis Canella is a retired psychiatrist who graduated from the University of Toronto School of Medicine. His book *All Creation, Loved into Existence*, explores his thoughts on the connection between the science of creation and religion. Louis is a valued member of the Knights of Columbus in Hamilton. At the talk, Louis will reflect on the positions of the state and medical associations when dealing with end of life, pregnancy, and sexuality in our daily lives from the point of view of a faithful Catholic and medical practitioner.

**JESUS THE GAME CHANGER: Season One: Wednesday Parish Hall from 7:00 to 8:30pm, February 19th to March 19th (5 Sessions, 2 Topics per session):** Jesus Christ has made an indelible mark on human history and he continues to do so through his followers. Yet many people do not realise that the values western democracies are built on originate in the life and teaching of Jesus. A discussion guide will be used alongside the Jesus the Game Changer DVD. In the DVD series, host Karl Faase travels to the UK, USA, India, Singapore and Australia interviewing over thirty authors, academics and modern-day game changers about how the life and teaching of Jesus changed the world and why it matters.

**JOYFUL EXPLORERS:** We are creating a youth group for children grade 2-7 and we need adult volunteers. Also, if you are in high school and would like volunteer hours. If you are interested, please email: [fiona\\_martin1@hotmail.com](mailto:fiona_martin1@hotmail.com)

**JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL, SPAIN, FRANCE, MONACO & ITALY:** Fr. Emmanuel will be leading a 16-day pilgrimage to Europe from October 2 – 17, 2025. This trip will include visits to Fatima, Lourdes, Santiago de Compostela, Assisi, Rome and the Vatican. For more information, please see the brochures in the parish lobby. To register contact QS Travel and Tours at 905-412-2242 or [group@qstours.com](mailto:group@qstours.com)

**HANDICRAFT HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS:** This weekend, **February 15-16**, we will welcome our special guest Jonelly from Sebastien Cardinal's team representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land. Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. May God Bless you for your generosity, for you help and for your prayers.



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You can visit and support us at [www.HolylandChristians.ca](http://www.HolylandChristians.ca)

#### OPENING THE HOLY DOOR: SPRING BOOK CLUB

The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites you to join us for a four-week virtual book club, exploring the new book by Joan Watson, *"Opening the Holy Door."* Tuesdays from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. March 18 - April 8. Together we will reflect on the beautiful images of mercy and hope found on the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, open to pilgrims and visitors throughout the Jubilee Year. Join us for this time of prayer and conversation, drawing into deeper fellowship during this Jubilee of Hope. Registration can be made here: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** The children are an important part of our church! If you are interested in volunteering with the children's liturgy at the Sunday 11am mass please contact [fiona\\_martin1@hotmail.com](mailto:fiona_martin1@hotmail.com) or text 647-801-0708.

**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH:** February is known as the month of love, but love needs to be part of our thinking 24/7! Love is an action word, so take some time to reflect on your contribution to your married relationship. Do you use kind words, compliment, apologize, when necessary, show love through action in what you do for your spouse, pray for your spouse daily and make the time to be together and share your day? These will all build love and keep it strong.

**PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. WILSON:** *"If you believe what you like in the Gospel, and reject what you don't like, it is not the Gospel you believe, but yourself."* (Augustine of Hippo)

<i>World Says</i>	<i>Jesus Said</i>
Follow your heart	Come, Follow me
Be true to yourself	Whoever wants to be my disciple, let them deny themselves and follow me.
Believe in yourself	Do not let your hearts be troubled, believe in God, and believe in me.
Live your Truth	I am the way, the truth and the life.
As long as you are happy	What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his soul.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS OF HOPE:** During Lent this year, the Liturgy Office invites all Liturgical Ministers to gather for a Lenten retreat on the theme of Liturgical Ministers of Hope. Saturday, March 22, 2025, Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph, ON, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or Saturday, March 29, 2025, St. Matthew Parish, Oakville, ON, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or Saturday, April 5, 2025, Annunciation of our Lord Parish, Hamilton, ON, 10:00 to 12:30 p.m.



**LIFE TALKS CONFERENCE:** Ticket sales have launched! Join us on **Saturday, March 29**, for Life Talks - a day of learning and community building among the pro-life movement in Southern Ontario. Life Talks equips Christians to know how to respond to life issues and live out their pro-life convictions. We encourage you to invite friends who also would be encouraged by Life Talks! Full details and tickets online at [www.haltionalive.ca/lifetalks](http://www.haltionalive.ca/lifetalks)



**OFFICE CLOSED:** Please note the parish office will be closed on Family Day, Monday, February 17. Happy Family Day!



**BOOMERANG CARDS:** There will be no Boomerang Cards on **Monday, February 17**, as the parish office and hall are closed for Family Day.



**A SPECIAL WELCOME to all new members of and visitors to St. Raphael Parish.** Please introduce yourselves to Father Wilson and Father Emmanuel.



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