

# ST RAPHAEL PARISH COMMUNITY

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*Served by the Holy Cross Fathers*



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<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

## 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

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HOTLINE

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. 24, 9am	Tara Edmonds
Tue. Feb. 25, 9am	† Hélène Fournier
Wed. Feb. 26, 9am	† Pasquale Biello
Thu. Feb. 27, 9am	Maria Mendoza
Isobel Mather	† Andy Buhel
† Natividad Laurente	Sister Ana Chan
Fri Feb. 28, 9am	† Adelaida Caliao Clarin
Sat Mar. 1, 5pm	Marlene Cox
Courtney Pinheiro	Thomas Pinheiro
† Rosina Stefano	† Joseph & Frank Gladwish
Sun. Mar. 2, 9am	† Pat McBride
Sun. Mar. 2, 11am	For Our Parishioners

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

February 16, 2025

Envelopes (58) \$1,805  
Loose \$320

*Thank you for your generous support*

#### Please pray for:

William McCarthy Rafael Tudares

*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.*

### 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 28th. 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 **Tuesday, 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.

### YOUTH GROUP (TEENAGERS 12 – 19):

We thank the youth group for taking leadership in active participation of the Mass on First Saturdays of the Month. They lead the Rosary at 4:30pm and participate in the liturgy as Lectors, Choir, and Ushers. After mass they join in Faith formation and youth activities. We encourage all the youth to register for the Youth Group. The youth group have created "Pilgrims of Hope" T-shirts, with beautiful original artwork for the Jubilee Year, available for purchase after the weekend masses.



**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.

**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)

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** On **March 5<sup>th</sup>**, Ash Wednesday, we will have the following Masses with the Distribution of Ashes:

**9am** at St. Raphael's Church

**10:30am** at Church with St. Raphael's School

**12 noon** at St. Raphael's Church

**1pm** at St. Paul's School

**7pm** at St. Raphael's Church

All are welcome. *Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat.*



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** every Friday evening during lent at **6:30pm** we will have the Stations of the Cross conducted by different ministries of our parish followed by Mass.

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

#### 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 - 2pm, 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/>

#### TRIP TO PERU; MACHU PICCHU & LAKE TITICACA:

Father Wilson will be leading a cultural discovery trip to Peru from September 14 – 23, 2025. SPACE IS LIMITED, please book soon. The activity level for this trip is a level 4 which means participants should be leading active lifestyles with walking, biking, and half- or full-day hikes, with 10,000 steps a day or more being a normal day. Please find all the details in the brochure in the parish lobby. For more information, please contact Michelle Matthews, 905-510-8853, [mimatthews@expediacruz.com](mailto:mimatthews@expediacruz.com)

#### 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)



#### Lent & Holy Week Schedule

##### FRIDAY EVENINGS

6 30pm - Stations of the Cross

7pm – Mass

##### PALM SUNDAY

Saturday, April 12, Mass at 5pm

Sunday April 13, Mass at 9am and 11am

##### HOLY THURSDAY – April 17

6pm – Soup Supper

8pm – Mass

##### GOOD FRIDAY – April 18

12 noon – Solemn Liturgy of the Word

3pm – Solemn Liturgy of the Word

8pm – Stations of the Cross Dramatization

##### HOLY SATURDAY – April 19

11am – Blessing of the Food

8pm – Easter Vigil

##### EASTER SUNDAY – April 20

Masses at 8:30am, 10am & 12 noon

**ENHANCING SELF-ESTEEM** - This program provides the opportunity to increase your self-awareness and to learn specific skills for building a positive self-esteem, which will assist you to feel stronger in all areas of your life. Issues covered during the course include taking responsibility for your own thoughts and feelings, positive ways to behave assertively and setting realistic goals for your future. The program will be offered from March 24 - June 9 (no sessions April 21 & May 19) and are held at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West Hamilton. Cost is \$35 for materials. To register go to [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) and look for the date under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or e-mail [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com)

**THE REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL** offers another crucial dialogue with *Resilient Genius* **February 25, 7–9pm**. The film gives voice to children and youth affected by war, conflict, and political unrest. Thirteen children and youth immerse us in memories of Syria, Ethiopia, Ukraine, Rwanda, Afghanistan and Iraq, reflecting on their lives before, during, and after experiences of violence. Their raw recollections, expressions of wisdom, and transformative acts provide a powerful call to action. Film Director Joanne Hodges and Rita Balla, Director, Diocesan Office for Refugees will provide further discussion following the film. The event will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/> 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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