

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
Catherine Osborne - Office Administrator
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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
<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.

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

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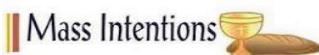
- For newborns, any weekend Mass.
- For school aged children, after being catechized.
- For adults interested in becoming Roman Catholic call the office for more information.

PARISH SCHOOLS

- Assumption High School
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- St. Raphael's Elementary
905.637.3810
- St. Paul's Elementary
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Mass Intentions

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

Mon. Jan 19, 9am	Hlg. Maria Couto Hlg. Zenen Diaz
Tue. Jan 20, 9am	† Departed souls of Peiris & Hettiarachchi families
Wed Jan 21, 9am	† Mary Germann
Thu. Jan 22, 9am	Fr. Wilson Andrade
Tom & Lee Olds	† Warren Chenery
† Andrew Tran, Vincent Vu & Maria Diep	
Fri. Jan 23, 9am	Huguette Galante
Sat Jan 24, 5pm	Merci Tiamson
Helen Chong Ping	Estrella Borja
Lizbeth Teodosio	Hlg. Mike & Mary Alice McKim
Sun. Jan 25, 9am	For Our Parishioners
Sun. Jan 25, 11am	† Bob Brechin

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS
January 11, 2026

Envelopes (185)	\$4,160
Loose	\$1,540

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R.C.I.A. INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE: Are you or is someone you know interested in exploring the Catholic Church as your church home? Have you been sitting in the pew next to your Catholic spouse for years wondering what you must do to become Catholic? Statistics show that most people respond to a personal invitation. So, this is that personal invitation and a challenge to all of you who might know someone who fits the categories above to consider joining the RCIA journey. Call the Parish Office to find out more!

RITE OF ENROLLMENT FOR CONFIRMATION:

 The Rite of Enrollment for all confirmation candidates is this weekend **January 17th/18th** at all our weekend mass. Please pray for all our confirmation candidates.

FIRST COMMUNION MEETING: There will be a parent's information session for the **grade 2 parents** on **January 19th & 20th** at **7pm** in the church. The Rite of Enrollment for grade 2 students will be held **Feb. 7th/8th** at all our weekend mass.



ST RAPHAEL PARISH BOOK CLUB
HOLY MOMENTS: Continuing the evening of **January 21st at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall**, session 2 of our St. Raphael Parish Book Club. Those joining will pick-up/receive a copy of **Holy Moments** and the weekly reading list. The club format will be 5 weekly, 90-minute sessions. The expectation is that you will read ahead of time what will be discussed. Yes, back to homework.

You have so much more to offer. You know it. You have sensed it for some time now. This sacred truth has been bubbling up in your soul. But you have never known quite what to do about it. All that is about to change.

Some ideas are so powerful that simply becoming aware of them, changes our lives forever.

Holy Moments is such an idea. It is profoundly simple, astonishingly practical, and once you discover it, your life will finally make sense. It's time to let Holy Moments show you what is possible. It's time to explore your soul-potential.

- Part One - Awakening
- Part Two – Holy Moments Explained
- Part Three – The Divine Plan
- Part Four – The Power of One Idea

To secure your copy of "Holy Moments", send an email to mcconn54@gmail.com

ST. RAPHAEL'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ALL PARISH WOMEN All women of the parish are warmly invited to attend a special gathering on **Tuesday January 20th, at 7pm** in the parish centre. Enjoy light refreshments and appetizers.



We are honoured to welcome **Teresa DiFalco**, Diocesan President of the Hamilton Diocesan council of the Catholic Women's League for a special presentation. Teresa will meet with women of our parish to share the mission and work of The Catholic Women's League and highlight the valued role of St. Raphael's parish plays within the Hamilton Diocese.

This gathering is a meaningful opportunity for the women of our parish. Your presence, faith, perspective and gifts are valued and needed. The gathering offers a welcoming space to connect with one another, to be inspired, and to reflect on how women of all ages contribute to the life, leadership and future of our parish, our diocese and our Church. Whether you are actively involved in the parish life or simply want to learn more, your participation matters.

We look forward to welcoming you to this important and engaging evening

Leony Hettinger, St. Raphael's Catholic Women's League

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.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: May we all come together and as such be in a small way an answer to Jesus's prayer (John 17:1-26). We invite and encourage others, who have not joined us in the past, to come and share this world-wide week of prayer with us, starting on Sunday January 18 at various churches in Burlington. Join the gathering at **St. Raphael's Parish on Tuesday, January 20th, at 7pm** (in the parish rectory)

FUNERAL MASS FOR AUDREY GRAD: A beloved long-time parishioner, Audrey Grad, has passed away. Her funeral mass will be on **Saturday, January 24th, at 10am**, with a reception to follow in the parish hall. Please pray that Audrey may rest in the peace of Christ and that her family and friends may be consoled in their faith in Christ.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD: The Diocese of Hamilton provides formation for Ministers of the Word to exercise a very important ministry at Mass. In this workshop, participants receive formation in *Liturgy and Ministry, Techniques to Proclaim the Word of God, and an opportunity to practice*. It is ideal for both parishioners new to this ministry or considering it, as well as a good refresher for experienced Ministers of the Word. There is always good participant sharing. Participation is limited to 75 people. The cost is \$35 and includes lunch. **Saturday, January 24th**, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown, ON, from 9:30 am to 3pm. Participants register through the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2025/12/minister-of-the-word-formation-workshop-4/>

THE WORD OF GOD SUNDAY: 25th JANUARY 2026
BIBLE PROJECT: Pope Francis established the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time as the Sunday of the Word of God to recall the Second Vatican Council's rediscovery of the Sacred Scripture for the life of the Church. The Theme for this Year of 2026 is "The word of Christ dwells among you" (Col 3:16).

We would like to invite you and encourage you to take up the challenge to **Read the Bible in 120 days**. It takes about 72 hours to read the entire Bible. We have a developed a program to read the Bible in 120 Days. You need to dedicate **30 minutes a day** or 4 hours a week. A form is available in the parish office. If you complete the Program, we will present you with an official Certificate.

YOUNG ADULT VALENTINE'S PARTY: CELEBRATING LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP! All young adults of our parish are invited to join the Young Adult Valentine's Party on **Saturday, February 14th at 6:30pm** in the parish hall. A fun social night for those aged 19-45 with dance lessons, DJ, games, snacks and cash bar. Stay tuned for more info and tickets!

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 and during the week after daily mass. Among the items for sale are rosaries, bibles, books, crucifixes, children's books, religious themed colouring books, bible scene puzzles, religious gifts, first communion gifts and gifts for confirmation. New inventory has just arrived. Please note, **cash payments only**.

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL Join the Reel Justice Film Festival **January 22nd, 7 – 9pm** for a screening of **PUSH**. Housing prices are skyrocketing in cities around the world. Incomes are not. **PUSH** examines our increasingly unliveable cities and an escalating crisis that has an effect on us all. Housing is not a commodity, it is a human right. The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule of events 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.

SHARE LENT WORKSHOP (ONLINE), FEBRUARY 5th: Join us! This workshop will give you the opportunity to discover our **Share Lent** campaign, [On Track for Justice](#). You will explore the work of our Brazilian partner *Justiça nos Trilhos* (Justice on the Rails) and deepen your understanding of Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, its mission, and its actions.

When: **Thursday, February 5th, from 7 - 8:30pm**
 Where: Online via Zoom. [register for workshop](#).

Information: Please contact our regional animator Daniela Salcedo at Daniela.Salcedo@devp.org

ALMOST SOLD OUT, BOOK NOW - PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY, SICILY, GREECE & TURKEY: Join Father Wilson from **May 20 – May 31, 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**. For more information, please contact Lin T. at International Tours 416-837-9306.



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