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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 year in advance.

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 vear 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

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See the Book of Tobit, especially chapter 12

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Mass Intentions

(† = Deceased Intention; Int = Intentions of...; Thx = Thanksgiving)

Mon. Jan 22, 9am	† Mary Kay Butler
Tue. Jan. 23, 9am	Thx Chris & Marion Hettiarachchi
Wed. Jan. 24, 9am	Int Fr. Emmanuel Ralte C.S.C.
Thu. Jan 25, 9am	Int Marcela & Uldarico Santos
Int Lee Olds	Int Francis Foran
† Andrew Tran	† Augusto Delos Angeles
† Vincent Vu	† Salvatore Mendola
Friday, Jan. 26, 9am	† Una Heald
Sat. Jan 27, 5pm	Thx Emilio Fernandez Jr.
Int Fr. Shajymon Mandapathikunnel Lucka	
† Carmella Moote	† Antonio Pepe
† Hugo Sly	† Joseph Gonsalves
† Laurent Delorme	
Sunday, Jan 28, 9am	For Our Parishioners
Sun. Jan 28, 11am	† Bob Brechin

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

January 14, 2024

Envelopes (155) \$3,426 Loose \$539 Pre-Authorized Giving January (85) \$8,907 Thank you for your generous support

Please pray for:

Vincent Stanford Janet Stokes
John Bate Gwen Bate
Sean Hayes Vincent Stanford
Tom Olds Lori Stokes

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.

THE PASTORAL PARISH IN THE MODERN

WORLD: The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis is happy to offer a three-workshop series entitled, *The Pastoral Parish in the Modern World*. This new handbook created by David Wells and Bill Huebsch provides a comprehensive outline of the new vocabulary of pastoral ministry, and how to enact it in your local setting. This workshop series is designed for anyone who is working or volunteering in parish life including pastoral teams, parish councils, and youth ministry leaders. Registration for this workshop series is now OPEN. You can register here: https://bit.ly/pastoralparish

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A ROMAN CATHOLIC OR LEARNING MORE ABOUT YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH?



Then maybe the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the place for you. The RCIA journey introduces the beliefs and practices of the Roman Catholic Church through a series of prayerful reflections,

video presentations, faith sharing and small group discussions designed to help participants to become full members of the Catholic Church. Classes (usually 75 minutes long) are paused for the Christmas break but will continue on **Wednesday**, **January 24 at 7:00pm** with the continuation of the topic "**Exploring the Sacred Liturgy**" All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact the parish office.

ST. RAPHAEL'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE GATHERING THIS WEEKEND (JANUARY 21ST 12:30

- 1:30PM): Come join our first gathering of the year in the St. Francis room. All women welcome.

Please note: membership due for 2024 (\$40) please put in envelope/ cheque to St. Raphael's Catholic Women's league or e- transfer to bcarpenter2@cogeco.ca
As a Catholic women's league member, you are part of an organization of women who act through prayer, faith development, ministry, service, education and advocacy on social justice issues. Join us today!

Cheer in the new year and talk about new activities. All women welcome. Leony Hettinger, president (289-795-1559)

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL kicks off the 2024 season on January 25, 2024 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM, with the film Gather, an intimate portrait of the movement among Indigenous communities to reclaim their spiritual, political, and cultural identities through food sovereignty. The dynamic duo of Kitty R Lynn Lickers and Dr. Adrianne Xavier from McMaster University's Indigenous Studies Department will be guest speakers for the evening. Educators in Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Indigenous Food Sovereignty, they also managed the Our Sustenance program, a sustainability and food sovereignty program in their community of Six Nations. The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register view our full schedule of events https://reeljustice.hamiltondiocese.com/ 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.

CHILI & SQUARE-DANCING AT PORT NELSON UNITED CHURCH: All are welcome for a fun evening of dining, square dancing and desserts!

DATE: Saturday January 27, at 5:00pm, dinner at 5:30, square dancing to follow and potluck desserts.

COST: \$15 per adult, children are free. Please bring your favourite homemade dessert per family.

A fun evening is planned for people of all ages. The Men in Aprons are working their magic with the snacks, chili and accompaniments. Following supper there will be the opportunity to try your hand at square dancing with professional caller Jimmy Lee. Desserts will be available after a few rounds of dancing. Punch, coffee, and tea will be available all evening. Bring your family, bring your neighbours, or come alone. Family style dining, no reserved seats. To purchase tickets, go online www.portnelson.ca
Don't want to square dance? Just come for a wonderful evening with friends, both old and new.

2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Please pick up your envelopes in the parish entrance, by the elevator. Please note some envelope numbers have changed for the New Year to reduce waste. Please refrain from using previous year's envelopes, many numbers have changed and your account may not be credited with your donation. For assistance, please contact the office.

The 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 21 at 2pm in St. Luke's Anglican Church on Ontario Street. This Sunday celebration will be followed by 4 nights of prayer times in some of our participating churches, i.e. Faith Christian Reformed church on Monday, Burlington Anglican Lutheran Church on Lakeshore, St. Raphael's Roman Catholic Church on New Street (Date: January 24 at 7pm) and St. Marina Coptic Church on Blair Road

May we honour Jesus with thankfulness in our hearts, and praise on our lips as He calls us together to pray with brothers and sisters worldwide for a world that so desperately needs to see His light, in us and through us.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING: Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in April 2024 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. For more information, please call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

HANDICRAFT HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS:



On the weekend of January 27-28, 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 your prayers for them. Please consider purchasing any of the unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem. The art pieces will be on display after every mass next weekend. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters Bethlehem. in May God Bless you for your generosity, for your help and for your prayers." Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted. You can visit and support www.HolvlandChristians.ca

THE WORD OF GOD SUNDAY: 21ST JANUARY 2024 BIBLE PROJECT

Pope Francis has 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 2024 is "Remain in my Word' (John 8:31).

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.**

YEAR OF MINISTRY: Sacrament of Baptism: During the Month of January, let us learn about Contemplative Prayer as we reflect on the Sacrament of Baptism. Today we will join in prayer for all the newly baptized in the church and reflect on our baptismal promises. Let us become the Beloved Children of God.

BUILDING/ MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE: We would like to invite all those who are interested and who have expertise in the Building and Construction work, to join our Building/Maintenance Committee for a meeting on Monday, January 22, at 7:00 pm. We will be discussing upcoming building projects and setting priorities for the ongoing maintenance of the church.

Thank you for your support and for use of your time and talent in taking care of the church building.

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