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OFFICE HOURS Mon-Fri 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Tues & Thurs 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Saturday 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon 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, every first and third Sunday at 1:00 PM
- 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 year 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

PARISH SCHOOLS

- Assumption High School 905.634.1835
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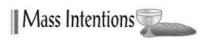
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See the Book of Tobit, especially chapter 12

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Monday, January 25 at 9:00 a.m. + Ann MacDonald

Tuesday, January 26 at 9:00 a.m. + Doug Ciceri Sr.

Wednesday, January 27 at 9:00 a.m. + Joe Lawlor

Thursday, January 28 at 9:00 a.m. + Gerald Louch + Norma Santucci;

+ Terry Evans; + Ints Fr. Bob Sims Ints. Stephen Kiley

Friday, January 29 at 9:00 a.m. + William Southon; Ints Pat Ogborn

Saturday, January 30 at 5:00 p.m. + Jim Keefe + Nelson Abdilla + Mildred Hoch; + Francisca Vallue Ints Rina Fowler

Sunday, January 31

9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners 11:00 a.m. + Marilyn Grob

Please pray for the following:

Maureen Fisher Molly Laporte
Isabelle Wild Nicola Izzi
Martin Dawson Sarah Scharer
John Scharer Vincent Stanford
Darryll Malley Jim Singer
Mary Berry Catherine Gee
Tim Baillargeon Arthur Vaz

Barbara Kennedy Maritza Garcia Gonzalez Michael Dowson Milan Heck Doug Pudsey

If you would like a loved one prayed for by the parish and included in the weekend Prayers of the Faithful, please call the Parish Office by Tuesday afternoon.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, January 17th \$ 4,942.00 Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (Jan 15) \$ 4,570.00

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.



WOMEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION

Our 6th Annual Women's Day of Reflection 'Nurturing the Nurturer' will be on **Saturday**, **February 6th** from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., St. Raphael's Parish Centre. Our theme this year is "The Fire in my Soul". Our keynote speaker is *Dr. Josie Lombardi*, a wife,

mother, teacher, theologian, author and a professor at St. Augustine's Seminary. Tickets are \$30 and are on sale after weekend Masses until January 31st. (\$20 for CWL members of St. Raphael) Please contact Charlotte Carpenter 905-681-6221 or bcarpenter2@cogeco.ca



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:

Thank you for your generous support. The month of January collection raised \$1327.00 for the needy in our community



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Since the month of September the Parish pastoral team, the Diocesan catechetical team, the teachers and parents of the students in St. Raphael, St. Paul and public schools have been preparing candidates for

the Sacrament of Confirmation in school, at home and in the Parish. The Parishioners of St. Raphael Parish have accepted to pray for these young men and women in the Rites of Acceptance, Enrolment and Commitment celebrated during Sunday Liturgies. The students have participated in three Parish evening preparation events. On Saturday January 30th Bishop Douglas Crosby **OMI** will preside at the **Sacrament of Confirmation** with the celebration of the Sealing of the Holy Spirit: 10:00 a.m. St. Raphael school and parish program / 2:00 p.m. St. Paul school and parish program. We pray that St. Raphael the Archangel will advocate for them in the presence of God during their journey of life, just as Raphael did for young Tobit. We pray that this concluding Rite of the Sacraments of Initiation will be the beginning of full participation in the life of the Church as a disciple of Jesus. I thank all those who have participated in the journey of faith of these young people to this point in their lives. May the young people continue to grow in age and wisdom before God and the Church and civic societies. Fr. Frank

ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT UPDATES

Our collection as of January 18th, 2016 is **\$45,671.00** towards our goal of \$425,000. Thank you for your donations!

SAVE YOUR TREASURES: *Spring cleaning???* Save all your treasures for our FIRST PARKING LOT SALE in May. Tables will be available for rent and there will be a BBQ as well. Do not throw out anything. You can turn your junk into someone else's treasure. More details to come.

FILL THE BINS BOTTLE DRIVE! Bring all your empty rinsed wine, liquor and beer bottles with you to church! (In a bag please) We are starting a bottle drive to collect extra towards our fund raising initiatives. Bins will be just inside the entrance doors to the church. The bins will be emptied every Sunday following the 11:00 a.m. mass. Should you have an abundance of empty beer bottles and/or cans as well, call to have them picked up. Please call Lesley or Jonathan at 905-637-0373. You can also send a text to 905-512-2477.

ACCESSIBILITY FUNDRAISER SUGGESTIONS

We welcome your ideas as to how we could meet our goal. Please call or email the fundraising committee at 905-634-0733, Marlene Cox or mic1@sympatico.ca

CELEBRATION OF PRIESTHOOD AND CONSECRATED LIFE DINNER 2016: Join the Serra Club of Hamilton in Celebrating 50 years of Service by Fr. Ciavarro, Fr. Curtin, Fr. Isabelle, Fr. Strohmeyer, Fr. Clarke SJ, Fr. Kelly CCSp, Fr. Wagner CSC, Fr. Wahl CR and Sr. Kerrigan CSJ on Tuesday April 26, 2016 at Liuna Station. Check http://celebrationprl.wix.com/dinner for details or contact Margaret Carreiro at 905-628-5682.



ALL MEN ARE INVITED: CATHOLIC MEN FRATERNAL NIGHT Monday, January 25, 2016 in the parish centre. Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm. St Raphael's Men's Group and The Knights of Columbus

#5073 have teamed up to invite all men to a Social Night. This is a great opportunity to meet and welcome the new priests from the Congregation of the Holy Cross. The Order is known for St. Brother Andre, Fr. Peyton and Notre Dame University. Topic of discussion "Are Sports Our New Religion?". Enjoy some snacks, pizza with hot coffee and cold pop. Email: hvalcheff@cogeco.ca



UPCOMING H.Y.P.E. EVENT: WINTER EVENING HIKE AND BONFIRE: Sunday, February 21, 2016, 6–8 p.m. Discover the magic of winter by

participating in this guided hike through the woods, under the light of the moon at the Royal Botanical Gardens. Capping it all off by a bonfire with a hot cup of cocoa. To register contact our Youth Minister, Cristian Lecanda: cala1271@gmail.com



the next General meeting for the Catholic Women's league will be held on **Tuesday**, **January 26**th @ 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Centre. We hope to see many of you there.

For more info, contact Helen Sheehan @ 905-634-7481.

CULTIVATING AND CARING FOR CREATION: PAPAL TEACHING

"LAUDATO SI', mi' Signore"- "Praise be to you, my Lord". The following statements are from greenspiritty.com short video clip which you can find on youtube program five: **Human Ecology**. "The **Church** has a responsibility towards creation and she must assert this responsibility in the public sphere. In doing so, she must defend not only earth, water and air gifts of creation that belong to everyone. She must above all protect mankind from self-destruction. There is a need for what might be called a human ecology, correctly understood". Pope Benedict XVI, 2009. "Without a clear defense of human life from conception until natural death: without a defense of the family founded on marriage between a man and a woman; without an authentic defense of the excluded and marginalized by society not overlooking in this context, those who have lost everything in natural calamities, we will never be able to speak of authentic protection of the environment." Pope Benedict XVI, 2011. "People are disposed of, as if they were trash. This "culture of waste" tends to become the common mentality that infects everyone. Human life, the person is no longer perceived as a primary value to be respected and protected, especially if poor or disabled, if not yet useful such as the unborn child-or no longer needed- such as the elderly." Pope Francis, 2013

BOOMERANG CARDS: Bridge and euchre sessions are held in the Parish Centre on **Monday afternoons** at 1:00 p.m. Join us for an afternoon of fun for only a toonie.

CANADIAN TIRE CASH: In an effort towards purchasing items needed when the Refugee family relocate, we are asking people to pop any Canadian Tire money in the boxes designated "Canadian Tire CASH" located in the main entrance of the church and the entrance to the left of the Altar close to New Street. No amount is too little... as you get it in your pocket or purse, leave it there and bring it with you to church. We will gladly use it for this important endeavour.

36TH ANNUAL ST. RAPHAEL MEN'S RETREAT: Please consider this an invitation to join a weekend of spiritual renewal at "Manresa", the Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, 2325 Liverpool Road, Pickering, ON. from Friday, February 19th -21st, 2016. The theme this year is "The Visions of God given to Ezekiel – What insights are there for us?" presented by the Jesuit Theologians. The retreat begins Friday at 7:15 p.m. and closes Sunday with lunch at 12:30 p.m. It is a SILENT retreat and it is a graced period in our faith history where we reflect on what is important in our lives. Above all, it is a time to develop our relationship with God who loves us very much, just the way we are. Everyone must have a reservation for this weekend. Please call Stephen Pustai at 905-639-6428, Steve Gaspar at 905-632-7953 or Leo Blain at 905-517-1039. Suggested offering is \$175 which includes accommodation, meals, retreat program and spiritual direction. See the brochure on our bulletin board or visit www.manresa-canada.ca

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - MARCH 4, 2016

Ladies...please join us to share in this worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year. The prayer service this year was written by the women of Cuba and the theme is: Receive Children. Receive Me. Services will be held on Friday, March 4, 2016 at Wellington Square United Church, 2121 Caroline Street @ 1:30 p.m. and for the evening service at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 3455 Lakeshore Road @ 7:00 p.m. For more information, call Helen @ 905-634-7481.

EVENING FOR COUPLES: Please join us for an Evening For Couples Event on **January 27**th at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Stoney Creek beginning at 6 pm.. in the Parish Hall. The topic being presented is "To Love is a Decision" and will provide couples with skills to grow in their love for each other. Tickets are \$35 per couple and include dinner and the presentation. Call the parish office (905-643-1637) for further information or tickets.

Did you know that the Knights of Columbus Hall is available for celebrations, meetings, socials and more? Call 289-260-7352 for more information or visit our website www.kofc5073.ca

DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN: The Discalced Carmelite Sisters from Mount Carmel in St. Agatha invite all women interested in religious life to join them for a day of prayer, teaching, and discernment on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at their monastery. For more information and registrations please visit www.HamiltonVocations.com

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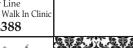
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