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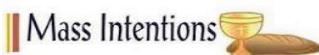
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Epiphany of the Lord



**The Wise
Still Seek Him.**


Mass Intentions

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

Mon. Jan 5, 9am	† Glenn Akeson
Tue. Jan 6, 9am	Cindy, Mario, Diul & Ash
Wed Jan 7, 9am	† Dion Alampi
Thu. Jan 8, 9am	Thx. Harm & Myrla Dewyk
Dolores Winder	† Tom Giesler
† Irene Riley	† Dr. Jay Jay Weiler
Fri. Jan 9, 9am	† Clinton Cox
Sat Jan 10, 5pm	† Bertha Fonseka
† Nancy Notarianni	† Flora Pascucci
† Patricia Gismondi	
Sun. Jan 11, 9am	† Manuel & Virginia Rodrigues
Sun. Jan 11, 11am	For Our Parishioners

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS
December 21, 2025

Envelopes (163)	\$6,519
Loose	\$916

December 25, 2025

Envelopes (207)	\$11,647
Loose	\$4,717

December 28, 2025

Envelopes (131)	\$4,539
Loose	\$766

Thank you for your generous support

FESTIVAL OF FAMILIES POTLUCK DINNER & DANCE: Thank you to all the volunteers who made the Festival of Families Dinner and Dance such a wonderful event. Many thanks to our parishioners and their families for coming out to celebrate.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DONATIONS BY CHEQUE:

Please make any cheque donations for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul to one or other of the two following names:

Society of St Vincent de Paul St Raphael's Conference

OR: *SSVP St. Raphael's*

We hope this provides some clarification and we thank you for your continued generosity.



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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNIVERSARY MASS:

 SPECIAL MASS FRIDAY, JANUARY 9th at 6:00pm presented by KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 5073 at ST. RAPHAEL. All Parishioners are most welcome to attend this Mass celebrating the 65th Anniversary of Knights Council 5073. The Mass will include the Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon and be celebrated by His Excellency Auxiliary Bishop Lobsinger and previous St. Raphael Pastors.

ST. RAPHAEL'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: MEMBERSHIP AND NEW YEAR MEETING: All women welcome to our first meeting of the year on **January 20, at 7pm** in the **Parish Centre**. Refresh and Renew. Join us for speaker Teresa Di Falco, Hamilton Diocese President. Come enjoy light refreshments and appetizers as we renew and refresh with activities / events for the year. Come learn about the benefits of being a member and get to know women of faith, service and social justice. Membership fee \$40 / year. Please pay using the blue envelopes in your donation box including name / phone number or renew by email with an e transfer to bcarpenter2@cogeco.ca Look forward to having you join us in 2026.



HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE: We would like to renew our Hospitality Committee in this Jubilee Year of Pilgrims of Hope. Any parishioners who would like to join this Welcoming Ministry please contact the office. Members of the committee welcome all parishioners, new and long-time parishioners, and assist with the liturgical celebration as ushers and during the offertory collection. Thank you for your support in welcoming all parishioners in our Parish Community.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING: Thank you for your generous support of our parish community. Please consider making your regular contributions to support the ongoing expenses for the Church and the many Ministries, through automatic bank withdrawal. Please find Pre-Authorized Giving Plan Forms by the welcome desk in the foyer. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the parish office. If you are already enrolled in our Pre-authorized Giving Plan and would like to increase your donations, please fill out a new form and check off the change to monthly donation box.

NEW SUNDAY MISSALS: If you would like your own copy of the 2025-2026 Sunday Missal, please pick one up in the church lobby after Mass (suggested donation \$5).

SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Boxed sets of 2026 Offertory Envelopes are now available for pick up in the church entrance area close to the elevator. For those enrolled in **Pre-Authorized Giving** we have smaller boxes of envelopes containing only envelopes for the monthly building fund, Saint Vincent de Paul collection and the annual Diocesan Special Collections. If you are enrolled in the Pre-Authorized Giving please check for your name on a small blue envelope box, if you do not find your box, please contact the parish office.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER: Has your address, phone number, email address changed in the past year? If so, please be sure to notify the parish office either by phone or email or by filling out a parish registration form with your updated information. Thank you for helping to keep our parishioner database up-to-date.

THE REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL: is back with another year of enlightening films and meaningful dialogue! Our lineup for 2026 explores topics of housing insecurity, intellectual freedom, Indigenous rights, and ecological debt. Visit us online at hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/ to view our full event schedule, learn more about our films, and register for screenings. 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.

RESTART: Refresh, Renew, Revive Support Group
Struggling after divorce or separation? Join us for learning, support and fun on Friday evenings. It is held the 2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month. These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Register here: <https://sites.google.com/view/hamilton-restart/home> anytime the week of the session, or contact Sarah at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. We look forward to seeing you!

PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS: Please join this small group every Friday, after the 9am Mass, in the St. Anthony Room. We pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet for the intentions of our priests and vocations to the priesthood. For more information contact Sylvia at 905-632-4862.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY, SICILY, GREECE & TURKEY: Join Father Wilson from **May 20 – May 21, 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 Halina at International Tours 647-294-4116 ext. 315 or email halina@ihtours.com

ST. RAPHAEL PARISH A HOME OF PRAYER St. Raphael's Church is blessed to have a Perpetual **Adoration Chapel** for prayer and reflection. We encourage everyone to use the chapel for prayer, adoration and reflection. Daily prayer begins at 8:15am with the Liturgy of the Hours followed by the rosary in the church at 8:30am. The door to enter the Adoration Chapel unlocks at 6:30am and locks at 9:00pm. If you would like to access the chapel after hours, please contact the parish office to register.

HVAC RENOVATION FUND: Thank you to all those who donated to our HVAC project. It's not too late to donate. You can give using the monthly **Building Collection Envelopes** in your donation envelope box, the special envelopes available in the parish lobby, or online through Canada Helps, all donations received will go into the HVAC fund: https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/119110450RR011_9-st-raphaels-parish/



THE CREIGHTON MODEL FERTILITYCARE SYSTEM: INSPIRED BY FAITH, GROUNDED IN SCIENCE: Did you know that women and couples can use the Creighton Model FertilityCare System of fertility appreciation for a variety of reasons? Couple can use the knowledge of their times of fertility and infertility to prayerfully discern planning their family, with a high degree of accuracy, and can use the wisdom of SPICE, unique to the Creighton Model, to grow in total intimacy in their marriage. Women at any age, from menarche to menopause, can use the knowledge of their cycle function to understand their fertility as a gift and monitor a key vital sign of health. Doctors trained in NaProTECHNOLOGY, a cooperative reproductive health science, use the Creighton charting to evaluate, diagnose, and treat reproductive health concerns such as PMS, PCOS, infertility, and other conditions. It is all done with one-on-one support and in line with the teachings of the Catholic Church.

To find out how to #startwiththechart contact Sylvia at sylvia@fertilitycare.ca or visit www.fertilitycare.ca

ENHANCING SELF-ESTEEM: This program provides the opportunity to increase awareness of yourself and to learn specific skills for building a positive self-esteem. It can help 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 run **Tuesdays from Feb. 17 – April 21** from 7-9 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West Hamilton. Cost is \$35 for materials. Registration online can be found by going to hamiltondiocese.com and looking for the date under Upcoming Events, or by contacting Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com



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