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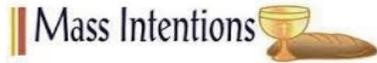
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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Monday, January 7 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Harm & Myrta Dewyk
Feast of Andre

Tuesday, January 8 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Dion Alampi

Wednesday, January 9 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Clinton Cox

Thursday, January 10 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Mass of Thanksgiving; + Delio Iacobelli;
+ Jason LaFontaine; + Al McGreeghan;
+ Maureen Childerhose; + Ben MacDougall

Friday, January 11 at 9:00
+ Jason LaFontaine

Saturday, January 12 at 5:00 p.m.
+ Elvira Pinilla; + Jim Fitz Patrick;
+ Brenda Undseth; + Epifanio Braganza;
+ Jason LaFontaine; + Maureen Childerhose

Sunday, January 13
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners
11:00 a.m. + Charles Wheeler Sr.

Please pray for the following:

John Scharer	Molly Laporte	Barbara Kennedy
Mary Berry	Nicola Izzi	Maritza Garcia
Doug Pudsey	Sarah Scharer	Gonzalez
Frances Wentges	Jim Singer	Milan Heck
Peggy Evans	Elizabeth Talatala	Helen Weppler
Jill Ascah	Asia Rae Landry	Jane Urquhart
Lee Olds	Noah Landry	Laith Yousif
Stephen Pustai	Sr. Rosalie Siegler	Mary Lilly
Michael Smart	Alison Zierl	Vincent Stanford
Kyle Elliott	Sarah LaFontaine	Bill & Lucie
Karen Beeho	Rosario Herve	Jennings
Harvey & Pat	Jill Olds	Paul La Fontaine
Malcolm	Joanne Pringle	Frank Clarke
Elizabeth Elder	Cathy Moore	Coral King
Michael Calameco		

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, Dec 23 th	- envelope (239)	\$10,750.00
	- loose	\$887.00
Christmas Dec. 25 th	- envelope (319)	\$13,913.00
	- loose	\$3,755.00

Thank you for your continued support!

Sunday is the celebration around the world of the **Epiphany of the Lord**. The light has come into the darkness of the world and our salvation was made known to the Gentiles. The Prophet **Isaiah** offers us a vibrant image of hope and fulfillment: "Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you." **Matthew's Gospel** brings us the story of the Magi and their encounter with Herod on the way to "do homage" to the newborn King of the Jews. "And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was."

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ST RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER
Pope Francis writes: "Everything is connected. Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined

to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society". Laudato Si' #91

Happy New Year! As we begin this New Year, our thoughts turn to making New Year's Resolutions. Hopefully you have included a few **Green New Years** Resolutions on your list! This week the Green Corner features **Recycling Ideas** to assist you!

Did you Know? Recycling one ton of old paper saves 17 trees; 2 barrels of oil (enough to run an average car for 1,260 miles); 4,100 kilowatts of energy (enough power for the average home for 6 months); 3.2 cubic yards of landfill space; 7,000 gallons of water; and 60 pounds of air pollution.

Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to power a television for three hours.

RECYCLE TODAY FOR TOMORROW! HELPFUL HINTS

• **Buy recycled products.** If we want recycling to work, we must support manufacturers who use recycled materials in their products (post-consumer recycled content) -- whether in the products themselves or the packages they come in. Favour products with a high recycled content, even if they cost a little more. Look to buy more durable, less toxic products with less packaging that can be recycled. Also, buy only what you need and use what you buy.

• **Use Common Services:** for example, using the library instead of buying books, or renting tools instead of buying them.

• **Think Recycle! Think Green!**

Note: Put your Christmas tree and evergreens to the curb to be recycled this week!



THANK YOU TO OUR MINISTRIES: On behalf of the pastoral team, we would like to thank *all the volunteers* who spent a lot of time in making this season of Christmas, a joyful celebration. Thanks to all the *Readers, Altar servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, all the Choirs, Decorating Committee, Ushers, and Offertory Counters.* A special thanks to *all the participants, their families and the co-ordinators* who took part in the Christmas Story play and the dramatization of the gospel for the 5 pm Christmas Eve Eucharistic celebration.

Each of your contributions has helped all of us to experience the joy of Christ's birth and made it a meaningful celebration for our community. We are indeed a vibrant and joyful community. Let us continue to share this joy with one another.

THANK YOU: The Decoration Committee would like to thank all parishioners who brought in flowers to our Parish for Christmas in memory of a loved one. The plants looked lovely and the church was radiant with the flowers arranged by the Decorating Committee. Thank-you to everyone involved!

IN OUR PARISH



BOOMERANG CARDS: Bridge and euchre games will resume on **Mon. Jan. 7th** at 1:00pm in the Parish Centre for a toonie.



CHRISTIAN MOVIE NIGHT: Every first Monday of the month. Join us on **January 7th** at **7 pm** in the **Parish Centre** to view **"God's Not Dead"** on **Jan 7, 2019**. Rated PG. Based on a

true story, College philosophy professor Mr. Radisson's curriculum is challenged by his new student, Josh, who believes God exists.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: Please join us on **Wed. Jan. 9th** from **7pm to 8pm** in the **Parish Centre** to deepen your understand of the Sacraments. This week's topic is an introduction to the Sacraments.



2019 WORLD WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: South Burlington

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church & Address</u>
Sun. Jan. 13	7 PM	Port Nelson United 3132 South Drive
Mon. Jan. 14	7 PM	St. Raphael Catholic 4072 New Street
Tues. Jan. 15	11 AM	Appleby United 4407 Spruce Avenue
Wed. Jan 16	7 PM	New Street CRC 3416 New Street
Thurs. Jan. 17	7 PM	Holy Cross Lutheran 3455 Lakeshore Rd
Fri. Jan 18	7 PM	Knox Presbyterian 461 Elizabeth Street

Regular Monthly prayer time – Every Second Monday of the Month.

Mon. Feb 11	7:30pm	New Street CRC 3416 New Street
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Hope to see you there. For questions, please call Frank and Wilma 905-870-0641



ST. RAPHAEL'S 3RD ANNUAL CHILLI CHALLENGE: on **January 19th**, who will have the best chilli this year? Enter your chilli to win. There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize to win. If you do not want to enter a chilli come out and be a judge and taste them all. Buns butter and salad will be served with your chilli dinner. Tickets are **\$10 for adults** and **\$25 for a family**. Please bring your own beer, wine, pop to this event. Please sign up to enter your chilli at the table where the tickets are being sold. Everything will be explained there. For further questions please email Renata at galwayrenata@gmail.com or call 905-637-2457. Tables seat eight so please ask family & friends.

TRIP TO INDIA!!! We are in the stage of planning a trip to India. If you would like to make this once in a lifetime trip, that you always wanted, please talk to Fr. Francis. The trip has very limited seats.



WOMEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION: FEBRUARY 2nd 2019. Mark your calendars ladies for our annual Women's Day at St. Raphael's Parish.

Treat yourself to a beautiful day in sharing of our faith, and connecting with other women. Our theme is Journey to Holiness. Tickets will be on sale starting the weekend of January 12/13th. Any questions please call Leony Hettinger (289-795-1559) More information to follow. Save the date, you won't want to miss it!

ST. RAPHAEL SOCIAL JUSTICE AND CARE OF CREATION COMMITTEE: works to promote the Gospel message of justice for all, at home and abroad, as well as Pope Francis' advocacy of stewardship of creation. Interested? Please join us **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, at 7pm in the St. Francis Room**. For more info call Lorene at 905 631 6407.

2019 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. For assistance please contact the office.



ATTENTION CWL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:

The fee for 2019 is \$30.00. Due to a printing error, the offertory envelopes show the previous fee. Please put your name; address; telephone number and email on the envelope. All women registering before February 28 will be entered in a draw to win a \$30.00 restaurant gift card. For more info call Charlie at 905-681-6221.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: presents **"The Best of Broadway"** on **Sun. January. 20th, from 2 pm - 4:30 pm** at **The Burlington Performing Arts Centre**. **\$45** per ticket. Reserve your seat by calling the box office at 905-681-6000 or on line at www.burlingtonpac.ca



DAY OF PRAYER: CHALLENGE OF OUR DAY "PUTTING GOD FIRST" at St.

Chatherine of Siena Parish (Corpus Christi Site – 1694 Upper James Street) on **Jan. 11**, Starting at 9 am with a mass flowed by fellowship (muffins and coffee/ tea). This prayer day is devoted to: silence, prayer, meditation and the word of God. The presenters are Sr. Elaine Arsenault SSS and Rita Carriere.

To register email: ssspertshire@sympatico.ca or call 905-388-3966. Please bring a bag lunch and coffee mug as well as a suggested offering of \$25.00.

VOCATIONS: "On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

To join Holy cross Fathers please talk to Fr. Francis or visit www.holycrossvocationscanada.com.

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