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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
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.

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 www.TheCatholicCemeteries.ca

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 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
905.632.1424

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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

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Monday, March 12 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Sylvia Castellano

Tuesday, March 13 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Nicolo Cancetta Spagnolo

Wednesday, March 14 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. John Kosir Jr.

Thursday, March 15 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Huguette Galante; + Shirley Bannan;
+ Cora Erb; + Bernard LeGree;
+ Jeff Beagan

Friday, March 16 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Harold Mollon

Saturday, March 17 at 5:00 p.m.
Ints. Nora & Liam Mullin; Ints. Tony Tigani;
+ Jacinta Aguila; + Douglas Cox; + Brenda Undseth

Sunday, March 18
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners
11:00 a.m. + Clinton Cox

Please pray for the following:

John Scharer	Molly Laporte	Barbara Kennedy
Mary Berry	Nicola Izzi	Maritza Garcia
Doug Pudsey	Sarah Scharer	Gonzalez
Rosy Santos Perez	Vincent Stanford	Michael Dowson
John O'Boyle	Jim Singer	Milan Heck
Frances Wentges	Elizabeth Talatala	Helen Weppeler
Peggy Evans	Shelly Sterling	Jane Urquhart
Jill Ascah	Asia Rae Landry	Laith Yousif
Lee Olds	Noah Landry	Michael Colameco
Stephen Pustai	Rozalia Bereznay	Maria Szkitalinski
Michael Smart	Sr. Rosalie Siegler	Mary Lilly
Denise Brooke	Clive Ottaway	Bill & Lucie Jennings

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 a.m.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, March 4th \$5747.00

Thank you for your continued support!

On the **Fourth Sunday of Lent** we read Jesus' words to Nicodemus in the **Fourth Gospel**. Jesus will be lifted up on the cross to heal us from the power of sin and death. This gospel, which is written like a trial, tells us the verdict. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."

*"Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's **Online Ministries** web site:
<http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>
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ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER

Pope Francis writes: "The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change."
Laudato Si' #13

But as Pope Francis reminds us, "it is often a woman, full of faith and hope, who restores strength to people and guides them along the paths of hope" (General Audience, 25 January 2017). This includes promoting social structures that support the health and well-being of all people. "The presence of women in a domestic setting turns out to be so necessary for the transmission to future generations of solid moral principles and the very transmission of the faith."

Did you know that a peace agreement is 35% more likely to last at least 15 years if women help build it? By adopting effective community-based and non-violent approaches and by forming networks that cross political, religious and ethnic boundaries, women transform peace and reconciliation processes. [Development & Peace 2017].

Women manage a broad range of consumption and production decisions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. As farmers and foresters, they pull carbon out of the atmosphere and sequester it in soils and vegetation. Through cooperative and future-oriented approaches to leadership, as well as a tendency to manage risk more conservatively than men do, they contribute powerfully to social resilience and can help societies adapt to climate change. Increasingly, women are acting directly on climate change as policymakers and negotiators.

IN OUR PARISH

THE SECULAR FRANCISCANS OF BURLINGTON: and area will be gathering at St. Raphael's parish this Sunday, **March 11th, from 2 to 4 pm**. The gathering will be in the St. Francis room. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

SUPPORT OF CONSCIENCE RIGHTS OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS: Please consider signing a petition to send to our MPP to stand up for protection of conscience rights of doctors, nurses and other health providers to not be required to make a referral for assisted suicide/ euthanasia. We are all encouraged to write our MPP and Senate to speak up about this important issue and provide good palliative care and mental health services instead of assisted suicide. **The petition will be available in welcoming area for collection of signatures over the next two weekends.** Please call Leony Hettinger, Co-President, CWL for more info.

SOUP SUPPER: We will be having a soup supper before Mass on Holy **Thursday, March 29th at 6:30 pm in the parish centre**. If you would like to provide a soup for this supper, please add your name to the sign up sheet in the welcoming area.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Please join us every **Friday at 7 pm** for the Stations of the Cross conducted by different ministries of our parish.

March 16th - Prayer Groups

March 23rd - Justice and Peace Committee

On **Good Friday** we will have the dramatization of the stations at **8 pm**.



CHRISTIANS ON A JOURNEY: Please join us for the following events:

Mon, Mar 12, 7:30PM – Prayer Meeting, St. Raphael

Sun, Mar 25, 7PM – Tenebrae Service, Port Nelson United, 3132 South Dr.

Fri, Mar 30, 8PM – Live Stations of the Cross, St. Raphael

Mon, Apr 9 – Regular Monthly Prayer Meeting Cancelled

Sun, Apr 29, 7PM – Taize Service, Port Nelson United
Please call Wilma or Frank Malick for info 905-870-0641.

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY PROGRAM: wishes all the families, leaders and helpers a safe and happy March Break.

LENTEN MISSION: We will have a visiting priest doing a Lenten mission in our parish on **March 13th**. The evening will start at **6:30 pm** with reciting of the rosary and we will have praise and worship, healing service and Preaching by Fr. Vettiyankal. Please mark your calendars and be available to experience the healing of God through this day. Fr. Vettiyangal is a priest from India and comes with 25 years of preaching retreats to various communities in different countries. I am hoping to have a full church.

CWL LENTEN PROJECT – Please donate the following items to **Canadian Food For Children during Lent:** iodized salt, shoes, peanut butter, soap and flour. The CWL Provincial Directive is to help the homeless; both at home and abroad. There are so many who need our help! Dr. Simone reminds us that St. Francis of Assisi said *"Let us give alms because these cleanse our souls from the stain of sin. Men lose all the material things they leave behind them in this world, but they carry with them the reward of their charity and the alms they give"*. Kindly place your donations near the stairs that lead to the parish office.

SOCIAL JUSTICE: Christ, the Holy Gardener, would tend the tree of peace with patience and love. But Christ was also a man of action and radical justice. "Love your enemies! Turn the other cheek! Don't count the other's sins! All challenge the logic of violence which stands in the way of peaceful dialogue."



60th ANNIVERSARY MASS: for our parish to celebrate our 60th anniversary of being a parish. The Mass will be on **June 3rd at 11 am**. There will be a parish BBQ & games at the park after the Mass.



MARCH BREAK OFFICE HOURS: The parish office will be closed Thurs. March 15th and Fri. March 16th. *Have a fun & safe March Break!*

Easter Mass Times

Parish Lenten Reconciliation

Tuesday March 27, 2018

7:00 pm

Holy Thursday

Thursday March 29, 2018

6:00 pm – Soup Supper

8:00 pm – Mass

Good Friday

Friday March 30, 2018

3:00 pm – Liturgy of Lord's Passion

8:00 pm – Stations of the Cross Dramatization

Easter Vigil

Saturday March 31, 2018

11:00 am – Blessing of the Food Basket

8:00 pm – Vigil Mass

Easter Day

Sunday April 1, 2018

8:30 am, 10:00 am, 12 noon

IN OUR COMMUNITY

THE 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN: On Tuesday, **March 13th** Monsignor Murray Kroetsch will offer a Mass in support of the 40 Days for Life Lenten campaign being held in Oakville. The Mass will be at **St. Dominic's Parish** (2415 Rebecca Street) at **7 pm**. This is a great Lenten opportunity, allowing all to unite in prayer for the cause of life. Please join us in prayer.

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE'S MINISTRY TO THE NEEDY: Please attend this fundraiser dinner on **March 17th following 5pm Mass (St. Paul Parish, 2265 Headon Road)**. There will be music by Paul O'Connor and a guest speaker, Sal Badali, from Dr. Simone's Canadian Food for Children. Tickets are **\$15 for adults, \$7 for kids under 12 and \$40 for a family of 4** (2 adults & 2 children). For more information call Trudy at 905-336-5343.



CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY: on **March 18th** at **St. Thomas Parish** (715 Centre Rd., Waterdown). A three-course **Irish Dinner at 6 pm** (doors open at 5:30 pm). **Live Irish Dancing & Celtic Music** by "Failte" at **7 pm**.

Cash bar! Dinner Tickets must be purchased in advance. If you are interested in coming for the show and grabbing a pint we only ask a \$10 cover. Pricing: Dinner & Concert - \$25; Show only - \$10. To reserve your tickets or for more information contact jpeter@hamiltondiocese.com; or call 905 689 4857;

SUNDAY FUNNY:

TEACHER: How old is your father?

CHILD: He is 6 years.

TEACHER: What? How is this possible?

CHILD: He became a father only when I was born.

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