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Served by the Holy Cross Fathers



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Fr. Wilson Andrade C.S.C. - Pastor

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SPES UNICA

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
		<i>closed on Statutory Holidays</i>

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
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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 Catholic 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 www.TheCatholicCemeteries.ca

PARISH SCHOOLS

- Assumption High School
905.634.1835
- St. Raphael's Elementary
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- St. Paul's Elementary
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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HOTLINE
905.681.6394

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

The Diocese of Hamilton HamiltonDiocese.com Catholics Come Home www.CatholicsComeHome.org
Vocations www.HamiltonVocations.com

Mass Intentions 

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

Mon Mar 16, 9am	Thx. Arleen Gaspar
Tue Mar 17, 9am	† Leslie & Ethel Peiris and dearly departed
Wed Mar 18, 9am	† Allison Kosnick
Thu Mar 19, 9am	Chris Noon
† Henry Lelievre	† Rebecca Demesa Silvano
† Rachael Scoccia	† Souls in Purgatory
Thu Mar 19, 7pm	Thx. Maria & Allen Ma
Fri Mar 20, 9am	Hlg. Elisha & Jeevan De Silva
Fri Mar 20, 6:30pm	Thx. Lapastora Fam., † Amalia, † Ildefonso Sr., † Afonso † Albino, † Jolly, † Adelaida Clarin, † Zosimo Sr. Clarin, † Godofredo Manigque
Sat Mar 21, 5pm	† Mary Germann
† Rosina Biello	† Giuseppe Pascucci
† Robert Kadlec	† Audrey Grad
Sun Mar 22, 9am	† Violeta Aguila
Sun Mar 22, 11am	For Our Parishioners

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

March 8, 2026

Envelopes (145) \$3,145
Loose \$1,185

Thank you for your generous support

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: every Friday evening during lent at 6:30pm we will have the stations of the cross conducted by different ministries of our parish, followed by mass.



Mar 20 Development & Peace and SSVF
Mar 27 Home Eucharistic Ministers and Knights of Columbus



THANKSGIVING MASS IN HONOUR OF ST. JOSEPH: We invite all of you to join us on **Thursday, March 19th**, at 7:00pm for a special mass to honour St. Joseph, patron saint of Canada, on the Feast of St. Joseph. May St. Joseph intercede for all families.

FATHER WILSON AWAY: Please note, Father Wilson will be on the Raise the Roof Jamaica Mission trip until March 23rd. Father Emmanuel will be looking after the needs of the parish during this time.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE — ON TRACK FOR JUSTICE — FROM FATHER TO DAUGHTER:



Lives in the village of Piquiá de Baixo in Brazil began being disrupted in the 1980s, with the arrival of several polluting industries in their backyard. The villagers formed an association to defend their rights. Flavia's father started the fight, and she picked up the torch. Last year, after a 20year struggle, 312 families affected by industrial pollution moved to the new, cleaner, safer village of Piquiá da Conquista. The support of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's partner, **Justiça nos Trilhos (JnT)**, made this relocation possible for 1,300 people. Learn more about JnT's in our [Mini-magazine](#) and meet Flavia and her daughter Aylla by watching their testimonies at devp.org/lenf.

PILGRIMAGE TO MONTREAL AND QUEBEC: Join Father Wilson on a 4-day pilgrimage from **July 24 – 27**, for the 150th Anniversary celebration of the Feast of St. Anne de Beaupre. Father Wilson will con-celebrate the Sunday Mass celebration. Stops include St. Joseph's Oratory, Mary Queen of Peace, Cap-de-la-Madeleine. Price ranges from \$695 - \$985 (based on occupancy) and includes coach travel from St. Raphael Church, 3 nights' accommodation, 3 breakfasts and 1 dinner. For more information, please contact Lin T. at International Tours 416-837-9306.

MIRACLE OF THE SUN IN FATIMA: PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE, SPAIN PORTUGAL: Join Father Wilson from **Oct 02 - 14, 2026**, for a 13-day pilgrimage from the Notre Dame Cathedral, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Chapel, St. Vincent De Paul Church, Basilicas in Lourdes, Zaragoza, Madrid, Avila, Burgos, Santiago De Compostela, and Fatima. Price: **\$5,340 per person**. For more information, please contact Lin T. at International Tours 416-837-9306 or at <https://www.ihtours.com/tour/pilgrimage-to-france-spain-portugal-11/>



SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL BOOK SALE: SSVF is hosting a book sale on **April 18th and 19th**. We would appreciate donations of any gently used fiction,



non-fiction, and children's books. Please drop your books off in the white box in the foyer of the church. Mark the dates on your calendar to get your books for your summer reading.

SOUP SUPPER: We will be having a soup supper before Mass on Holy **Thursday, April 2nd at 6:00pm 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 parish lobby.



HVAC PROJECT UPDATE – TREE REMOVAL:

Thanks to your continuous support to our parish community. We are happy to announce that the condenser unit for the Air Conditioning System is ready and will be installed by the end of March. For this installation, there is a need to remove trees that are too close to the AC unit which are also affecting the church roof and shingles. We plan to replant more trees at the east side of the Church. If you have more questions about this project, please contact the office or email Fr. Wilson at wandrade@hamiltondiocese.com

EMPTY ALCOHOL BOTTLE DONATIONS FOR

SSVP: St. Raphael Parish will stop the collection of empty wine, beer and liquor bottles to raise funds for our Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. The collection of items in this area violates the

Ontario Fire Code. If you would still like to give to the SSVP please donate with cash or a cheque made out to **Society of St. Vincent de Paul St. Raphael's Conference OR SSVP St. Raphael's.**

DONATIONS TO CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN/DR. SIMONE:

St. Raphael Parish will be discontinuing the collection of donations for the **Canadian Food For Children** Charity in our stairwell close to the Adoration Chapel because it violates the Ontario Fire Safety Code. If you have a donation for this charity, please contact Myrla at 905-634-5299 or Sylvia at 905-220-5652 to arrange a time for them to meet you at the church to collect your donation, thank you for your understanding.

LIFE TALKS CONFERENCE:

Register now! Life Talks is an annual event hosted by your local pro-life organization, Halton Alive. Life Talks equips you to understand pressing life issues in Canada through a faith-based lens and empowers you to live out your pro-life convictions with love and compassion. This year we'll be tackling issues such as IVF, euthanasia for mental illness, abortion and men, and more. Invite a friend and join others at Life Talks on **Saturday, March 28.** Visit www.haltonalive.ca/lifetalks to register and learn about the speakers and topics.



YOUNG ADULTS' LENT RETREAT: *Interior Peace: Finding God in the Tension of Modern Life* Modern life rarely slows down, We live with constant noise, endless demands, and a quiet tension that settles deep in the heart. This Lenten retreat invites young adults to step out of that pressure for one full day and rediscover the peace that comes from being rooted in God. This one-day retreat for young adults takes place at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Waterdown on **Saturday, March 21, from 9am to 7pm.** For more information or to purchase a \$20 ticket, visit: cyacommunity.ca/lent-retreat-2026

St. Raphael Parish Holy Week Schedule**Parish Reconciliation – Tuesday, March 31**

10:00am – 12 noon and 5:00 – 7:00pm

Tenebrae – Wednesday, April 1

7:00pm – Psalm and candle service

Holy Thursday - Thursday April 2

5:30pm – Soup Supper

8:00pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday - Friday April 3

12 noon – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

3:00 pm - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

8:00 pm - Stations of the Cross Dramatization

Holy Saturday - Saturday April 4

11:00 am – Blessing of Food Basket

8:00 pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday Mass - Sunday April 5

9:00am, 11:00am

LENTEN FILM SCREENING: Triumph of the Heart: The Passion of St. Maximilian Kolbe - Register now for a special Lenten screening of the acclaimed film TRIUMPH OF THE HEART - THE PASSION OF ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE on **Wednesday, March 25**, at Ancaster Memorial Arts Centre, Peller Hall (Theatre). Advance tickets only. Triumph of the Heart is a feature film about St. Maximilian Kolbe and his companions' triumph over the darkness of Auschwitz. Suggested PG13. Tickets \$16.95 and all proceeds go to "Restoring the Beauty of St. Ann" Ancaster Campaign. Visit dunnmedia.ca/triumph to register. Limited number of complimentary tickets for clergy and students. More about the movie at triumphoftheheart.com. For any other inquiries, please contact us at: production.dunnmedia@gmail.com.

PARENTING TIP: Parenting is a profound vocation, one that requires great stamina and loads of love. Fortunately, God has provided parents with both! Character is at the forefront of all parenting because our kids are watching more than listening! The task of parents, once they bring life into this world, is to center themselves on guiding their child(ren) to maturity. It is a job that requires ongoing learning, teaching and always witnessing to our faith. No one has a greater influence on a child than their parents. Embrace your vocation with dedication and perseverance. Ask God for guidance and support and be confident that your children, by observing you, will learn to be wonderful, faith filled adults whose lives will be find joy and success! (Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

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