

# ST RAPHAEL PARISH COMMUNITY

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SPES UNICA

<b>OFFICE HOURS</b>	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

## WEDDINGS

Please contact us at least one year in advance.

## 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.

## 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](http://www.TheCatholicCemeteries.ca)

## 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.

## PARISH SCHOOLS

- Assumption High School  
905.634.1835
- St. Raphael's Elementary  
905.637.3810
- St. Paul's Elementary  
905.632.1424

## 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*

## Mass Intentions

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

Mon. Mar 17, 9am	† Dr. Eric Cogswell
Tue. Mar 18, 9am	Arleen Gaspar
Wed. Mar. 19, 9am	† Adelaida Caliao Clarin
Thu. Mar 20, 9am	† Diane Dawson
† Bill McCarthy	† Mary Germann
† William Matthew	† Andrew Tran
† Vincent Vu	† Joe Fiamelli
Fri Mar 21, 9am	† Adelaida Caliao Clarin
Fri Mar 21, 6:30pm	Curtin Family
Sat Mar 22, 5pm	Hlg. Neil & Riky McNeill
† Robert Kadleck	† Giuseppe Pascucci
† Madeline Beverly	† Anthony Caputo
† Souls in Purgatory	† Dec'd Mem. of Klech Family
Sun. Mar 23, 9am	† Manuel & Francisca Rodrigues
Sun. Mar 23, 11am	For Our Parishioners

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

March 9, 2025

Envelopes (173) \$3,835  
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#### Please pray for:

Vincent Stanford Rafael Tudares

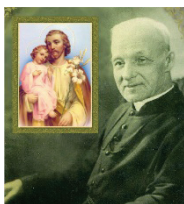
*Names on this list will remain for a period of four weeks to allow space for other names. Please phone the parish office before Tuesday morning to have a name added.*

**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.  
Friday March 21 – SSVP & Development & Peace  
Friday March 28 – Teen Youth Group  
Friday April 4 – CWL  
Friday April 11 – Home Eucharistic Ministers



#### Novena to St. Joseph and Thanksgiving

**Mass in Honour of St. Joseph:** Thank you for joining us for the 10 days of daily Novena Prayer as reflect on the Life of St. Joseph, patron of Canada. We invite all of you to join in On March 19, at 6pm for a Thanksgiving Mass in honor of St. Joseph and dedicate all families under patronage of St. Joseph. May St. Joseph Intercede for all families.



#### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE LENTEN ALMS:

During this Lent we are encouraged to pray, fast and give alms. St. Raphael's Catholic Women's League are asking parishioners to contribute to a collection of food for Dr. Simone's charity Canadian Food for

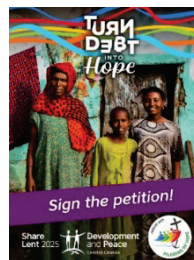
Children. Mother Teresa gave this organization their mission of helping the poorest of the poor in the world. Please consider donating peanut butter, canned fish and pasta sauce and drop in the box in the lobby next to the St. Anthony statue. Thank you for helping the poor this Lent.

**JESUS THE GAME CHANGER: Season One: Wednesday Parish Hall from 7:00 to 8:30pm, February 19th to March 19th (5 Sessions, 2 Topics per session):** Our sessions consist of two short video presentations led by Theology and Religious Scholars sharing their insights on how the teachings of Jesus so profoundly impacted human history and our Christian values. The video portion will be followed by small group discussions. All sessions are held on Wednesday evening starting at 7:00pm and running for 90 minutes

Wednesday March 19: **Leadership, Education and Health**  
Wednesday March 26: **Wealth and Reason and Science**

**JOYFUL EXPLORERS:** We are creating a youth group for children grade 2-7 and we need adult volunteers. Also, if you are in high school and would like volunteer hours. If you are interested, please email: [fiona\\_martin1@hotmail.com](mailto:fiona_martin1@hotmail.com)

#### A SIGNATURE TO TURN DEBT INTO HOPE



This weekend and for the next few weeks we invite you to sign the global **Turn Debt into Hope** campaign petition that calls for an end to unjust debt. With inequalities widening as rich countries continue enriching themselves by exploiting the resources of the poorest countries, we respond to Pope Francis's call:

"In the spirit of this Jubilee Year, I urge the international community to work towards forgiving foreign debt in recognition of the ecological debt existing between the North and the South of this world. This is an appeal for solidarity, but above all for justice." (Message for the World Day of Peace, January 1, 2025)

Help us reach the Canadian goal of 100,000 signatures, which will feed into the global goal of 10 million signatures. **Sign now at [devp.org/debt](http://devp.org/debt).** Thank you for your solidarity! For more information, contact Cecilia Racine, [cecilia\\_racine@hotmail.com](mailto:cecilia_racine@hotmail.com)

**RENOVATION FUND COLLECTION:** We would like to encourage everyone to support our Renovation Funds, please use the HVAC or the monthly Building fund envelopes.

**TRIP TO PERU; MACHU PICCHU & LAKE TITICACA:** Father Wilson will be leading a cultural discovery trip to Peru from September 14 – 23, 2025. SPACE IS LIMITED, please book soon. Please find all the details in the brochure in the parish lobby. For more information, please contact Michelle Matthews, 905-510-8853, [mimathews@expediacruz.com](mailto:mimathews@expediacruz.com)

**LIFE TALKS CONFERENCE:** Ticket sales have launched! Join us on **Saturday, March 29**, for Life Talks - a day of learning and community building among the pro-life movement in Southern Ontario. Life Talks equips Christians to know how to respond to life issues and live out their pro-life convictions. We encourage you to invite friends who also would be encouraged by Life Talks! Full details and tickets online at [www.haltontolive.ca/lifetalks](http://www.haltontolive.ca/lifetalks)



### Lent & Holy Week Schedule

#### FRIDAY EVENINGS

6 30pm - Stations of the Cross  
7pm – Mass

#### DAY OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday, April 10

#### PALM SUNDAY

Saturday, April 12, Mass at 5pm  
Sunday April 13, Mass at 9am & 11am

#### TENEBRAE – April 17

7pm - Evening service

#### HOLY THURSDAY – April 17

6pm – Soup Supper  
8pm – Mass

#### GOOD FRIDAY – April 18

12 noon – Solemn Liturgy of the Word  
3pm – Solemn Liturgy of the Word  
8pm – Stations of the Cross Dramatization

#### HOLY SATURDAY – April 19

11am – Blessing of the Food  
8pm – Easter Vigil

#### EASTER SUNDAY – April 20

Mass at 9am & 11am

**HOME EUCHARIST MINISTRY:** “Service is the sign of true love. Those who love know how to serve others.” - Pope Francis. Are you interested in participating in our Home Eucharist Ministry? We have a need for volunteers to serve our homebound, LTC and hospital parishioners by bringing Sunday communion. For more information please contact: John Fauteux, [tjfauteux@me.com](mailto:tjfauteux@me.com), 905.635.2586 (h)

## 2025 JUBILEE YEAR OF PILGRIMS OF HOPE

During this Jubilee year of Pilgrims of Hope, we dedicate this liturgical year to the Theological virtue of Hope. We encourage everyone to read and reflect upon the letter of Pope Francis called: “Hope does not disappoint us”.



As a parish family, let us reflect on the virtue of Hope as we focus on Scripture, Sacraments and Service.

**Scripture:** is a place where we listen to the Word of God, as the Psalmist proclaims: “We hope in the Lord.” This year we plan to read and reflect on the Scriptures through the Bible project. Through reading the Word of God, we listen to God and find hope in God’s plan in each one of us. We encourage all



the liturgical ministers to take active participation, proclaim and practice through prayer and reflection. We encourage all prayer ministries in the parish, school and family life. Let the Word of God is passage of hope for us.

**Sacraments:** These are the signs of the grace of God. We thank and encourage all who are involved in the faith formation in the parish and school to help others to fully participate in the life of the church. We celebrate and promote our School Community, and those who are involved in the sacraments of Initiation, those who help with the Youth and Young Adults, RCIA and faith formation programs. We encourage others to join in these ministries. We promote the sacraments of healing – Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick where we receive the sanctifying grace of healing and peace. We support those who are called to married life, single life and pray for the vocation to priesthood and religious life



**Service:** Our ministry is a way to express God’s hope to others. With our many



charitable organizations such as the Society of St. Vincent De Paul, Development and Peace, Knights of Columbus, Catholic Women’s League, Handmaids of the Lord, those individuals visiting Hospitals, Nursing homes, schools, caring for the elderly and less privileged ones, let’s bring hope to all. Let our charitable actions be the sign of hope in a world of despair, distress and darkness. Let the light of Christ shine through us to all, that all may come to know and believe Jesus Christ, the Hope of the world.



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