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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
905.634.1835
- St. Raphael's Elementary
905.637.3810
- St. Paul's Elementary
905.632.1424

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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 Holy Cross Vocations www.holycrossvocationscanada.com
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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



Monday, March 18 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, March 19 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Santo Domenca Spagnolo

Wednesday, March 20 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Souls In Purgatory

Thursday, March 21 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Joan Pfister; + Robert Konentis;
+ Chester & Sylvia Gzik; + San Giuseppe;
+ Gerard Fleming; + Ann Tremblay

Friday, March 22
9:00 am Ints. Eva Guzik & Family
7:00 pm + Gilberto Velasquez

Saturday, March 23 at 5:00 p.m.
+ Chomyshyn & Boulais Family;
+ Joe Lawlor; + Mary Whittle;
+ Irene & Allan Brooksbank

Sunday, March 24
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners
11:00 a.m. + Norma Clarke

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 Weppeler
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 LaFontaine
Malcolm	Joanne Pringle	Frank Clarke
Elizabeth Elder	Cathy Moore	Coral King
Michael Colameco	Aileen Smith	Christina Sobral

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, March 10 th	- Envelopes (212)	\$4202.00
	- Holy Cross Formation (94)	\$1593.00
	- Loose	\$490.00

Thank you for your continued support!

For the **Second Sunday of Lent** we read of how God made a covenant with Abraham. In **Luke's gospel** we witness how Jesus showed his disciples his glory, to prepare them for what is to come. A voice from a cloud said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." All we need to do for the journey ahead is to listen to him

University's **Online Ministries** web site:

<http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>
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ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER

March 22nd is World Water Day 2019,
theme: "Leaving no one behind -UN-"

Pope Francis writes: "This vision of "might is right" has engendered immense inequality, injustice and acts of violence against the majority of humanity, since resources end up in the hands of the first comer or the most powerful: the winner takes all." *Laudato Si* #82

World Water Day is about taking action to tackle the water crisis. Today, 1.8 billion people use a source of drinking water contaminated with feces, putting them at risk of contracting cholera, dysentery, typhoid and polio. In theory, of course, nature-based solutions are the obvious answer to problems in nature. The UN advises planting more trees, restoring wetlands, and reconnecting rivers to floodplain.

Did you know? *Today, billions of people are still living without safe water in their households, schools workplaces, farms and factories and are struggling to survive and thrive.

*Marginalized groups: women, children, refugees, indigenous peoples, disabled people and many others are often overlooked, and sometimes face discrimination, as they try to access and manage the safe water they need.

*There are currently 75 long-term drinking water advisories affecting more than **50 Indigenous communities** across the country, according to Indigenous Services Canada. Aug 26, 2018

*Water is a human right. We encourage you to watch this video.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K_VcGFkiSbs

Please Remember: St. Raphael Parish is a Bottled Water Free Parish!

IN OUR PARISH

THE SEASON OF LENT

What can I do this season of Lent? Lent is a season of grace. Lent presents the perfect opportunity for us to take the next step toward becoming the person that we are created to be. Let us take this time to renew the relationships with God and with one another. Let us not allow it to pass by.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Every Friday evening during Lent, we have stations of the cross at 7 pm followed by Mass.

Lenten Missions Presented by Fr. Francis

March 20th 7 pm - Sin and Mercy

March 27th 7 pm - Forgiveness: a necessity for healing

SIN AND MERCY: Have you ever failed to meet the mark? Have you ever failed to achieve what you should have achieved? For sure all of us have experienced or continue to experience these things in our life. The Greek word for "sin" used by St. Paul is "hamartia," which means, "to miss the mark." There is a very real sense in which sin is "missing," or not meeting, the expectations God has set up. But we are not without help, the mercy of God always reaches us, when we are not able to make it on our own. Please join us on **Wed. March 20th at 7 pm** in the church, as we explore more about "Sin and Mercy".



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: during lent on Friday evening at 7 pm we will have the stations conducted by different ministries of our parish.

March 22nd – The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

March 29th – Justice and Peace Committee

April 5th – Catholic Women's League

April 12th – Prayer Groups/Knights of Columbus

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



LADIES: The next CWL general meeting will be held on **Mon. March 18th** in the **parish center** at **7:15 pm**. Our guest speaker, Krista Craig, Stewardship Coordinator for Good Shepherd, will be sharing their future plans and services they offer with a special emphasis on their women's ministry. All are welcome! Did you know your council has donated over \$7,000 these past few years? For more information, please call Helen @ 905-634-7481.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: We will have First Reconciliation in our church on Sunday **March 24th** at **1 pm** for all grade 2 students who will celebrate their first communion this year at our parish.

CONFIRMATION CLASS: Our 3rd confirmation class will take place on **Monday April 1st** at **7 pm** in the **parish centre**. We ask **all grade 7 students** being confirmed, to attend.



DEVELOPMENT & PEACE: Nigeria.

Violent oppression by an oil company forced the Umuechem community to abandon their homes. D&P's local partner Social Action is supporting the community's legal action against the oil company.



TOYS, TOYS: CWL Lenten project. We are requesting donations of simple toys such as balls, dolls, hula-hoops, colouring books, etc. for children who do not have any. These toys

should be simple toys without mechanical parts or requiring batteries. Donations are going to Canadian Food For Children. Drop off your donations until the end of March and place them in the Welcoming area in the designated tote. For more info, call Helen at 905-634-7481.

DAY TRIP: St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto organized by St. Raphael CWL. Lunch at Fran's Restaurant on Tues. **June 18**. ALL ARE INVITED!! The day will begin with departure from St. Raphael's church at **9:15 am** on a Funtreck Tours bus; tour the newly renovated cathedral; Mass; lunch and return at approx. 3:45 pm. The cost per person for transportation is **\$33** (taxes included). **Lunch at Fran's is individual pay**. We need to fill the bus and prepay the full amount **by April 15th**; so make your reservation soon for this enjoyable day trip! For more information or to make reservations, please contact Marie Gailing at 905-639-5504.



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

IN OUR COMMUNITY



THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON: 'One Heart, One Soul' kickoff is March 25. The One Heart, One Soul Campaign for the Diocese

of Hamilton is about to reach high gear! The 14 Pilot Wave Parishes have been busy planning the projects of theirs that will benefit from the campaign, and a public **kickoff Mass** will be held at **noon** on **Monday, March 25**, Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King**. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Douglas Crosby and followed by a reception at the Cathedral.

The Pilot Wave Parishes will be holding kickoffs for their own efforts in April. Three additional waves over the next two years will allow every Parish in the Diocese to participate. Most of the funds from the three-year campaign will go to Parish projects, with a special emphasis on the Parishes most in need. A number of diocesan ministries will benefit as well.

A series of Frequently Asked Questions about the campaign can be found on the campaign website – www.oneheartonesoul.ca.



**March 6 - April 14
(8am - 8pm)**

Save Lives! Join the peaceful, prayer vigil. Choose an hour & pray as a family this Lent! Near the Oakville-Trafalgar Hospital (Vigil site: Proudfoot Trail & Dundas St). Register at: 40daysforlife.com/Oakville or Contact:

40daysforlife.oakville@gmail.com

CROSS OF VICTORY PILGRIMAGE PASTA DINNER:

You are invited to a fundraising Pasta Dinner on Saturday, **March 30** at **6 pm** in **St. John's the Baptist parish hall, Burlington**. Tickets (A: \$12, Child under 10: \$6) will be on sale after weekend Masses March 16/17, 23/24 (Mass times: Sat. 5pm, Sun. 9 & 11am). For more info contact Christl at 905-639-5949. The Walking Pilgrimage to the Marytr's Shrine in Midland takes place August 3-10. Participants pray for an end to abortion along the way.

CAN YOU HELP BIRTHRIGHT HAMILTON?: Imagine being pregnant unexpectedly. Imagine not knowing where to turn for help. Imagine knowing there is somewhere to go for support and care. Well, there is such a place for those facing an unplanned pregnancy, Birthright, and we need volunteers to be sure we are there whenever someone reaches out for help. We provide a bridge over the gap between those first days of fear and the ultimate joy at the birth of a child. Our presence, along with free pregnancy tests, counselling and many other services, help those facing a pregnancy say "yes" to life. Can you help us reach out to them in their time of need by becoming a volunteer? If so, please call Birthright at 905 527-3677 and ask for Eva. Birthright Hamilton will hold a training session for new volunteers on Wednesday, April 17.

SUNDAY FUNNY: "Well Pat," said the doctor. "I can't quite diagnose your case. I think it must be the drink." "Sure, that's all right, doctor," said Pat. "I know how you feel, I'll come back when you're sober."



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