

# ST RAPHAEL PARISH COMMUNITY

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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

### WEDDINGS

Please contact us at least one year in advance.

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM  
or by appointment

### 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.

### PRAYER BEFORE WEEKDAY MASS

8:00 AM in the Adoration Chapel  
8:30 AM Rosary in the church

### 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)

### 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, 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

### 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](http://HamiltonDiocese.com) Holy Cross Vocations [www.holycrossvocationscanada.com](http://www.holycrossvocationscanada.com)  
Catholics Come Home [www.CatholicsComeHome.org](http://www.CatholicsComeHome.org) Vocations [www.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com)

## FOURTH DAY OF THE LORD IN LENT SERVING IN THE REIGN OF GOD



**Monday, March 27** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Lucinda Madeira

**Tuesday, March 28** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Santo & Domenica Spagnolo

**Wednesday, March 29** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ John Mathews

**Thursday, March 30** at 9:00 a.m.  
Ints. Lynda Roy; + Mary Gates;  
+ Isabella Cali; + Anneliese Pompетки

**Friday, March 31** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Irene Surette

**Saturday, April 1** at 5:00 p.m.  
Ints. Dennis Roy; + Clinton Cox; + Anne Bottos;  
+ Mary Oravec; + Marie Margot Marx

**Sunday, April 2**  
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners  
11:00 a.m. + Emeteria Felisco

### **Please pray for the following:**

Isabelle Wild	Molly Laporte	Barbara Kennedy
John Scharer	Nicola Izzi	Maritza Garcia
Mary Berry	Sarah Scharer	Gonzalez
Doug Pudsey	Vincent Stanford	Michael Dowson
Rosy Santos Perez	Jim Singer	Milan Heck
John O'Boyle	Catherine Gee	Helen Wepler
Frances Wentges	Elizabeth Talatala	Jane Urquhart
Diane Svazas	Maria Szkitalinski	Laith Yousif
Peggy Evans	Irene Groves	Michael Colameco
Jill Ascah		

*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 19<sup>th</sup> \$ 4,612.00

*Thank you for your continued support!*

### **PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING AT ST. RAPHAEL PARISH**

We currently have 44 parishioners/families enrolled! If you are interested in this method of giving, please pick up a form in the parish entrance or the parish office.  
*The monthly collection for March was \$4,931.00.*

**LENTEN PROJECT** - The Catholic Women's League is supporting Dr. Simone's "**Canadian Food for Children**" charity. We are asking for donations of underwear, both tops and pants, for **children**, ages 1 to 12 years of age. They must be new and still in packages. For the **mothers**, we are requesting sewing kits or sewing utensils such as thread, needles, scissors, etc. They don't need to be new. Please place your donations into the box in the Welcoming Area until March 25/26. For more info, contact Helen @ 905-634-7481 or [thesheehanes@gmail.com](mailto:thesheehanes@gmail.com)

## FOURTH DAY OF THE LORD IN LENT FOLLOWING CHRIST TO THE CROSS AND RESURRECTION

### **Open our eyes to the need to serve passionately**

We continue during this fourth week of Lent on our journey of following Christ to the Cross and Resurrection. In the fourth Sunday Scripture readings, we are met with the question of who is worthy in God's eyes. Based on false expectations the Israelites never thought David would be chosen king. But, **God wanted David to be the leader to serve his people.** Jesus healed the man born blind as a sign for the Pharisees blinded by their pride and failure to respect the blind man. May the mercy of Jesus Christ **open our eyes to the need to serve passionately and see people and situations as Christ sees them.** *Fr. Frank*



### **THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF MARY** [Saturday March 25] **Lent 2017,**

through The Development and Peace Share Lent Campaign, **we focus on the plight of refugee women and women who are marginalized,** especially those in the developing world and those in the

many war torn areas around the world such as Syria and Sudan. It is good for us to remember that **Mary the Mother of Jesus was also a political refugee and a marginalized woman.** She knew the fear and danger of being an unmarried pregnant woman of the Third World. Mary experienced the terror of having to flee her home as the danger of a powerful ruling government threatened the safety of her child, husband and herself. Mary was the mother of a condemned political prisoner who was tortured and murdered by cruel political leaders. Mary is a strong advocate and intercessor for us with God and his Son Jesus. Let us continue to be inspired by **Mary's faithfulness to God's plans for her in her life and pray for her intercession for peace in our world and the lives of the many women who are suffering today!** Who is a woman that has inspired you in your life, a woman whose courage and honesty that you admire? Perhaps you might write her a note or call her and express your gratitude for the inspiration that she has given you!

**SOLIDARITY SUNDAY:** Next **Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**, is the Fifth Sunday of Lent, Solidarity Sunday, when the annual **Share Lent collection** for DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE will be held. Your generous solidarity is vital to the mission of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE and our ability to help, respect, and promote the poor. You are encouraged to use your Share Lent envelopes found in your envelope box or those located in the parish entrance. *Please make cheques payable to St. Raphael's Parish.* Thank you for your support! Learn more at [www.dev.org](http://www.dev.org)

**REMINDER TO PARENTS:** First Reconciliation for grade 2 students takes place on **Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:30 p.m. in the Church.**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Each Friday during Lent we will have the Stations of the Cross in the Church following the 9:00 a.m. Mass and in the evening at 7:00 p.m.



**ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER**  
Pope Francis writes: "*Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change.*"

*We lack an awareness of our common origin, of our mutual belonging, and of a future to be shared with everyone. This basic awareness would enable the development of new convictions, attitudes and forms of life. A great cultural, spiritual and educational challenge stands before us, and it will demand that we set out on the long path of renewal.*" Laudato si #202 Hannan Halima of Syria, who is featured on our Development and Peace calendar this week says this: "I dream of seeing women able to choose the lifestyle that they want without anyone else interfering in their choice or preventing them from doing whatever they want. I dream that the concept that a woman must have a man or a husband to be secure will change. I dream that girls will have better opportunities for education, study and work, and be able to live in safety. **I hope that everyone knows that there are women who are suffering from injustice and I hope that everyone is talking about coming to their aid to help them overcome injustice and poverty.**"

**ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME:** a dialogue guide for Pope Francis' encyclical letter *Laudato Si'*. Fr. Frank and Cecilia Racine will guide a discussion in the St. Francis room on Mondays. **Two last sessions: March 27 and April 3 at 1:30 p.m.- 3 p.m.**



**MARCH 1 - APRIL 9 (8am to 8pm)**

Join this peaceful, and effective International Prayer Movement. You make a difference - Choose a prayer time from 8am to 8pm. Visit: [www.40daysforlife.com/Oakville](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Oakville)

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Saturdays @ 10am & Sundays @ 3pm - Hour of Group Prayer (Oakville Hospital) **April 9<sup>th</sup> at 3pm** - Final Day Group Prayer outside the Oakville Hospital.

**SHARE LENT 2017: Women are creating a future filled with hope in Syria**

This week, open your heart to the reality of women living in a country at war. Listen to the voice of Hannan, a Syrian woman who tells us how our partner's training centres are helping to change the female workforce and the financial autonomy of women in her region. "Through the training course, I personally evolved a lot as a person. Today, I dream of teaching sewing and running a learning centre." Thanks to your support during Share Lent this year, 280 Syrians will have access to an 11-week training course in sewing and psychosocial services!

**Next week is Solidarity Sunday and the Share Lent collection will take place. Please, be generous!**

**KNITTING GROUP:** St. Anthony's Room - **Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** after the 9:00 mass. All who crochet or knit are welcome. If you need a pattern, needles, yarn, help with a pattern, join us. We only meet when the need arises. Work at home at your leisure. Call Rose Hughes for more info 905-633-8455.

**SEDER SUPPER [JEWISH PASSOVER] Tuesday, April 11.**



I invite you to participate in this ritual and festive meal as a special way of understanding and experiencing the annual memorial of the **Exodus**, which is part of the history of Salvation we share with our Jewish

brothers and sisters. This is the meal which Jesus celebrated at what we call the **Last Supper**. We need you to **sign up for this celebration**, since there are many details we must prepare for those who will share in the symbolic aspects of the meal. The sign-up sheet is located in the parish entrance. The supper will take place in the Parish Centre, beginning at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please ask me. *Fr. Frank*

**HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 13:** There are two events on this evening: **Soup Supper beginning at 6:30 p.m.** [make a soup to share with about ten people] and then stay for the **Holy Thursday Liturgy beginning at 8:00 p.m.** which includes washing of the feet [bring a towel if you would like a foot washed] and a special blessing and mandating of all parish ministries.

**FOUNDERS DAY MASS:** Come join with the Knights of Columbus at a Mass being held at **St. Raphael Parish on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.** Refreshments and cake will be served after the mass. **ALL ARE WELCOME. Non-perishable food items will be collected at the mass.**

**DISCOVER SERRA!** Serra is a Catholic organization which prays for, supports and fosters Vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Members of SERRA CLUB of HALTON cordially invite you to attend an information meeting **Saturday, April 1st** at St. Paul the Apostle, 2265 Headon Road. We begin with 9 o'clock Mass, followed by breakfast. Although this event is free, please let us know if you plan to attend by contacting Sidonia Polivka at 905 637-3061 or [sidoniap12@gmail.com](mailto:sidoniap12@gmail.com).

**BURLINGTON BUS TO DIOCESAN YOUTH RALLY:** St. Paul the Apostle Parish is organizing a bus for the upcoming Diocesan Youth Rally to be held **Sat. June 3rd** at Camp Brebeuf. We invite students in Gr. 7-12, from all Burlington parishes to join our group. The bus departs from St. Paul Parish (2265 Headon Rd) at 8:30 am and returns at approx. 9:30 pm. The cost is \$30/student and includes rally registration fee, transportation, lunch and dinner. There are some spaces for chaperones. If you are interested in joining please contact Arden Ouellette or Jenny Norman at [burlingtonbusyouthrally@gmail.com](mailto:burlingtonbusyouthrally@gmail.com) or call the parish 905-332-5115.

**WALK FOR LIFE:** Join Halton Alive on **Saturday, May 20th** for our annual Walk for Life! **\*NEW\*** Create a Team! Gather your family and friends to raise funds together and challenge another church or group! Prizes for the top team and individual fundraisers! Enjoy a new flat, tricycle friendly route, with a BBQ lunch, face painting and lawn games to follow. Register as an individual OR a team online today at [haltonalive.com/w4l](http://haltonalive.com/w4l) or contact our office at (905) 632 3232.



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