ST RAPHAEL PARISH COMMUNITY

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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



Served by the Holy Cross Fathers

Fr. Francis Salasiar C.S.C. – Pastor Catherine Osborne - Office Administrator Ms. Maureen Lawlor - Office Assistant



OFFICE HOURS Mon-Fri

 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 Sunday Mon - Fri

Fri 9:00 AM

5:00 PM

9:00 AM & 11:00 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.

SACRAMENTS BAPTISMS & BECOMING ROMAN CATHOLIC

- For newborns, any weekend Mass.
- For school aged children, after being catechized.
- For adults interested in becoming Roman Cathoic 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.

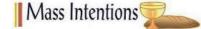
FUNERALS

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 905.637.3810
- St. Paul's Elementary 905.632.1424
- ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HOTLINE 905.681.6394

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



Monday, March 28 - 9:00 am + Lise Southon

Tuesday, March 29 - 9:00 am + John the Baptist Quang

Wednesday, March 30 - 9:00 am Ints. Sandorfi Family

Thursday, March 31 - 9:00 am + Leslie Valin; + Norah Clift; + Joseph Febo; + Marta Corttnil; + Jim Cox; + Frank Pulis

> Friday, April 1 9:00 am + Anna Donnelly 6:30 pm + Cenka Kosir

Saturday, April 2 - 5:00 pm

Ints. Harm & Myrla Dewyk (Thanksgiving); Ints. Zosita Maniggue & family (Thanksgiving); Ints. Adele Simpson; + Gordon Rapson; + Gerry Kennedy; + Gorofredo Manigque

Sunday, April 3

9:00 am + Jose & Margarida Rodrigues 11:00 am - For Our Parishioners

Please prav for:

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Jasmine Leigh Emma Goodale Vanessa Rodrigues Albert Rodrigues John Scharer Doug Pudsey Peggy Evans Lee Olds Stephen Pustai Michael Smart Kyle Elliott Heather Allen Maritza Garcia Gonzalez Tom Olds

Joseph & Madeleine James Cook Zucco Sarah Scharer Elizabeth Talatala Asia Rae Landry Noah Landry Alison Zierl Rosario Herve Jill Olds Joanne Pringle Robert Connelly Jones Rodney Barbara Fisher Laurie Suddaby Christopher Ryan

Milan Heck Frank Sicoli Rolando Mabalay Helen Weppler Jane Urguhart Laith Yousif Mary Lilly Vincent Stanford Marie Bond Ron Robertson Gary Olds Helen Sheehan Nicola Izzi John Bate

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 morning.

For the **Fourth Sunday of Lent** we read the powerful story of the Prodigal Son from Luke's Gospel. The younger son, who asks for his inheritance and spends it all, returns and asks to be a servant at his father's house. Instead he is welcomed home with open arms by his father who is filled with compassion, runs to his son and forgives him. The older son is jealous and will not share in the happiness but the father says to, "celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."

Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's Online Ministries web site: onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Prayer/ Used with permission.



ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER: Pope Francis writes: "A very solid scientific consensus indicates that we are presently witnessing a disturbing

warming of the climatic system." Laudato Si #23. World Meteorological Day continues.

*Storms and floods: As our climate warms, more evaporation leads to more moisture in the atmosphere and rainfall intensifies. We're experiencing stronger winds, higher storm surges and record rainfalls; in addition, during hurricane season, we expect to see a higher frequency of Category 4s and 5s, becoming more destructive and costly. Scientists are confident that rising sea levels are leading to higher storm surges and more floods.

*Snow and frigid weather: There is more moisture in a warmer atmosphere, which can lead to record snowfalls. When the temperatures fall below freezing, snowfall can break records. Scientists are studying a possible connection between a warming Arctic and cold spells in Eastern North America. Is the rapidly warming Arctic weakening the jet stream and allowing frigid polar air to travel farther south?

What can we do? We can reduce our carbon emissions, stop using plastic bags and water bottles, cease purchasing fast fashion, and shop local. Before your buy anything ask yourself, do I need it or do I want it? Remember that God gave us the Earth as "Our Common Home" and it is our obligation to care for its well-being and for all living creatures.

We invite you to look at this infographic: http://blogs.edf.org/climate411/files/2017/03/EDF_Huma nsClimateChangeInfographic.pdf

We invite you to visit this website during Lent: https://atlanticmidwest.org/posts/lent-and-laudato-si

IN OUR PARISH



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

March 20, 2022

Envelopes (102)	
Loose	

\$9098 \$166

Thank you for your continued support!



JOURNEY OF FAITH: Please join us each Wednesday for our Journey of Faith Sessions. This week's topic will be *Morality* and Ethics on March 30, from 7 – 8pm in

the parish centre. For more information, please phone the parish office at 905-637-2346.

FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS:

St. Raphael School & Parish Program – April 24, 1pm

St. Paul School & Parish Program – May 1, 1pm

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATIONS:

St. Raphael School & Parish Program – April 23, 2pm

St. Paul School & Parish Program – April 30, 2pm

Lent Schedule

MASS & STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Fridays at 6:30pm we will have a Mass followed by the Stations of the Cross conducted by different ministries of our parish. *Friday, April 1* – Development & Peace *Friday, April 8* – Communion Ministers

Holy Week Schedule

Parish Reconciliation – Wednesday, April 13 7:00pm – Reconciliation Service

Holy Thursday – *Thursday, April 14* 8:00pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday – *Friday, April 15* 11:00 am – Good Friday Liturgy 3:00 pm - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday – Saturday, April 16 11:00 am – Blessing of Food Basket 8:00 pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday Mass – Sunday, April 17 8:30am, 10:00am, 12 noon

ALTAR SERVERS: The Altar Server Ministry is in need of new servers. Registration forms are now available online or at the parish office. Servers choose their preferred mass time and are asked to assist at special celebrations and masses throughout the year. Students in Grade 4 and up are welcome to register to volunteer with this ministry. New servers will have an opportunity to be trained and shadow serve before officially starting. Please consider assisting at the Table of the Lord as this is an important and rewarding ministry. For further information visit the parish website or contact the parish office at: straphaelburlington@hamiltondiocese.com



ST. RAPHAEL ANNUAL CHILLI CHALLENGE: Come out for an evening of fellowship and fun on **Saturday, April 23 at**

6pm. Who will win the coveted Silver Spoon for the best chilli of 2022? Enter your chilli to win. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. If you prefer not to compete, come out to sample the amazing creations entered by your fellow parishioners and cast your vote. Please bring your own beer, wine, spirits, and soft drinks to this event. Tables seat eight so please bring your family & friends. Tickets are **\$10 per person, children under 12** and **Chefs' tickets** are **free**. Tickets will be available after each mass in the welcoming area starting next weekend. Call the parish office for more information or email: <u>Straphaelburlington@hamiltondiocese.com</u> or



attend!

PARISH BREAKFAST: Please join us for a parish breakfast on **Sunday, May 1, following** the **9am** and **11am** masses. All are welcome to

SHOW YOUR FACES (IF YOU'RE COMFORTABLE): At

long last, permission has been granted to resume maskless attendance at Mass and other gatherings in the church. Wearing or not wearing a mask is at your discretion. As a community, we should respect the decisions of *both* those who opt to shed their face coverings *and* those who choose to keep them for a while longer. Ministers of Communion (clergy and laypersons alike) are asked by the Diocese to continue sanitizing their hands and donning a mask or face-shield before distributing. This is out of respect for the comfort of those choosing to remain masked.

2022 ENVELOPES: Please pick up your 2022 donation envelopes in the parish entrance, <u>by the elevator</u>.

IN OUR COMMUNITY



STANDING UP TO CORPORATE POWER IN HONDURAS: The *People and Planet First* campaign is about helping communities stand up to corporate power. In Honduras, as in much of the Global South, corporations often threaten and criminalize activists who speak up against their abuses. The Lenca Indigenous leader Víctor

Vásquez was imprisoned for fighting the corporate takeover of his people's ancestral territory. Development and Peace's partner, the Honduran Centre for the Promotion of Community Development (CEHPRODEC), helped free him from jail. Another partner, Caritas Choluteca, trains and accompanies community leaders in advocating for policies that respect human rights and the environment. Recently, they got mayoral election candidates to undertake to declare the municipality of Orocuina a mining-free zone if elected. Read more about these people's victories in our Minimagazine at <u>devp.org/lent/resources</u>.

HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN UKRAINE: Parishioners wishing to make a donation to help our brothers and sisters suffering through the Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis can do so by mailing a cheque to Knights of Columbus Halton Columbus Charities noted "Ukraine Relief" 4072 New Street Burlington L7L 1S9 (St. Raphael). Halton Columbus Charities, the registered charity of Knights of Columbus Council 5073 (St John, St. Patrick, St. Raphael parishes) will forward all donations to Knights of Columbus which will distribute the funds to Knights of Columbus Councils in Poland and Ukraine so they can supply medical aid, critical supplies, and shelter to Ukrainians. Knights of Columbus worldwide are providing millions of dollars in Ukraine relief without any fees. You will receive a charitable donation receipt. Parishioners wanting to make an online donation can do so through Development & Peace at:

https://www.devp.org/en/wp press release/solidarityprayers-and-support-for-ukraine-development-and-peacejoins-relief-efforts/ or by calling 1-888-664-3387. A charitable donation receipt will come automatically via email once you have made your donation.



