

# ST RAPHAEL PARISH COMMUNITY

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

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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

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

## PARISH SCHOOLS

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

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Vocations [www.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com)

**Mass Intentions** 

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

Mon Mar 30, 9am	Thx. Harm & Myrla Dewyk
Tue Mar 31, 9am	† Roger Chambers
Wed Apr 1, 9am	† Francisca Rodrigues & † Maria da Luz Furtado
PLEASE NOTE, no morning mass on Holy Thursday	
Thu Apr 2, 8pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri Apr 3, noon & 3pm	Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Fri Apr 3, 8pm	Stations of the Cross Drama
Sat Apr 4, 8pm	Easter Vigil
Sun Apr 5, 9am	† Margarida & † José Rodrigues
Sun Apr 5, 11am	For Our Parishioners

**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS**

March 22, 2026

Envelopes (149)	\$2,999
Loose	\$932
Share Lent Collection (68)	\$1,638
Pre-Authorized Giving (100)	\$9,888

*Thank you for your generous support*



**SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL BOOK SALE: SSVp** is hosting a book sale on April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. 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.



**JUSTICE FOR MIGRANT WORKERS PRESENTATION, APRIL 7<sup>th</sup> AT 7PM IN PARISH CENTRE:**



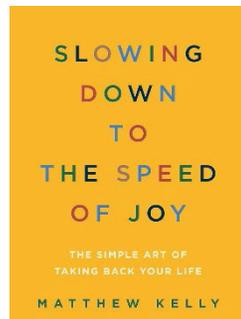
Join the Catholic Women's League for a special presentation on Temporary Foreign Workers and injustices faced in Canada. Become aware of the reality of migrant workers and learn more about the impact of the work of Development and Peace. Be informed and learn about efforts to improve. All welcome

Catholic Women's meeting to follow. Any questions call Leony at 289-556- 6916

**SOUP SUPPER:** We will be having a soup supper before Mass on Holy **Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**ST RAPHAEL PARISH BOOK CLUB - SLOWING DOWN TO THE SPEED OF JOY:**

Beginning the evening of **April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall,** our St. Raphael Parish Book Club will begin our third book. Those joining will pick-up/receive a copy of *Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy* and the weekly reading list. The club format will be 5 weekly 90 minute sessions. The expectation is that you will read ahead the material that will be discussed. Yes, back to homework.



*Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy* is a deeply personal book. By revealing his own vulnerabilities, Matthew Kelly provides us with the practical insights and timeless wisdom necessary to banish busy and urgent from our own lives. The faster you go the more likely you are to crash. Are you feeling anxious, overwhelmed, discouraged, exhausted, stressed, inadequate and resentful from time to time? The speed and busyness of our lives stand in direct opposition to what we say matters most. It's time for a new strategy. It's time to embrace the speed of joy.

- Week 1 - THE JAR OF LIFE Pick up your book and the group explores the Prologue
- Week 2 - Beyond the Joyless Urgency (Pages 1-25)
- Week 3 - Human Flourishing (Pages 27-64)
- Week 4 - The One Thing Pages (65-101)
- Week 5 - The Secret of Life Pages (103-149)

**THANK YOU FOR GIVING FROM THE HEART TO SHARE LENT 2026!** Development and Peace — Caritas



Canada thanks you for supporting the *On Track for Justice* campaign with your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity, **our parish collected \$1,638.** This sum will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East.

If you have not yet had a chance to give, you can still place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory or donate online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give). Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

**FLOWERS FOR EASTER:** The Decoration Committee invites you to bring in flowers/plants for the Easter Season. A variety of flowers are appreciated, preferably some that would last well into the Easter season. If you would like to remember a loved one, feel free to include a small card with their name on it. Please bring the flowers to the back of the church starting *Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> to Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>,* before 12 noon. Thank-you.



**PILGRIMAGE TO MONTREAL AND QUEBEC:** Join Father Wilson on a 4-day pilgrimage from **July 24 – 27**, for the 150<sup>th</sup> 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, and some meals. 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 2 - 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/>

**HELP NOT HARM: TAKE ACTION TO SUPPORT BILL C-218:** Write your Member of Parliament Today! You're invited to visit [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](http://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) where you can e-mail your Member of Parliament (MP), asking for their support of Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act), which would amend the Criminal Code to prevent Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) from being provided when mental illness is the sole underlying condition. Without this change, MAiD will be available for those suffering from mental illness alone beginning in March 2027.

As Catholics and Canadians, we are called to offer care, hope, and protection — not death — to those who are suffering and most vulnerable. Visit [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](http://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.

**PARENTING TIP:** Easter is a special season for the Church, where we remember Jesus' suffering, but rejoice in his resurrection and the hope it brings to each one of us. When we read simple versions of the Easter story, we offer children a beautiful understanding of what Easter is all about. They will see the Paschal candle at the Church, which is lit at the Easter Vigil Mass, so explain that it represents the light and hope Christ brought to the world. Remind them that Easter eggs (even when chocolate!) are meant to represent new life, just as the resurrection brings new life to all. All of this will help them to understand the liturgical celebrations you attend together and to know how much God loves them.

**2026 SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** Many parishioners have not yet picked up their boxed sets of 2026 Offertory Envelopes. Please come to pick up your box in the church lobby area just outside the priests' vesting room.

**THE YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI:** The Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed this to be the "Year of St. Francis of Assisi," a special Jubilee in celebration of the 800<sup>th</sup> year since the holy death of St. Francis. The Diocese of Hamilton has put together a special webpage in celebration of this moment of faith. Join us in prayer and contemplation as we turn our hearts towards this saint of simplicity, peace, and joyful discipleship. All resources for adults and young people can be found here: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/year-of-st-francis-of-assisi/>.

*Please pray for:*

Nicola Izzi

*If you would like a loved one prayed for by the parish please call the Parish Office by Tuesday morning.*

**WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027:** The young people of the world have begun their preparations to meet with the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV at the 41<sup>st</sup> International Celebration of World Youth Day, Seoul, South Korea. To learn more about this pilgrimage of faith, visit: <https://wydseoul.org/en>. Join us in praying for all young people discerning their participation from our Diocese.

**PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS:** Please join this small group every Friday, after the 9am Mass, in the St. Anthony Room. We pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet for the intentions of our priests and vocations to the priesthood. For more information contact Sylvia at 905-220-5652.

**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**

PLEASE NOTE: no morning mass on Holy Thursday

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

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