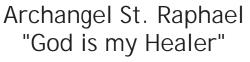
ST RAPHAEL PARISH COMMUNITY TOGETHER IN GOD'S REIGN

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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. Frank Wagner, C.S.C. - Pastor

Fr. Francis Salasiar, C.S.C. - Associate Pastor

Mrs. Rosanne Nusca - Office Manager Ms. Maureen Lawlor - Office Assistant

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 Sunday Mon - Fri 5:00 PM 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

4:00 PM - 4:30 PM Saturday

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, every first and third Sunday at 1:00 PM
- · 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 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM vear 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

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FIRST DAY OF THE LORD IN LENT SERVING IN THE REIGN OF GOD



Monday, March 6 at 9:00 a.m. Ints. Susan Heald

Tuesday, March 7 at 9:00 a.m. + Lily McNamara

Wednesday, March 8 at 9:00 a.m. + Darryll Malley

Thursday, March 9 at 9:00 a.m. Ints. Emily Heald; Ints. Sharon Carron; + Lucy Adams; + Santo & Domenica Spagnolo

> Friday, March 10 at 9:00 a.m. + Clinton Cox

Saturday, March 11 at 5:00 p.m. Ints. Paul, Joseph & Helen O'Sullivan + Frances Osbaldeston; + Frank Zupet; + Fr. Sean O'Sullivan

Sunday, March 12

9:00 a.m. + Joyce Carlin 11:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners

Please pray for the following:

Isabelle Wild
John Scharer
Mary Berry
Doug Pudsey
Rosy Santos Perez
John O'Boyle
Frances Wentges
Diane Svazas
Peggy Evans
Jill Ascah

Molly Laporte Nicola Izzi Sarah Scharer Vincent Stanford Jim Singer Catherine Gee Elizabeth Talatala Maria Szkitalinski Irene Groves Barbara Kennedy Maritza Garcia Gonzalez Michael Dowson Milan Heck Helen Weppler Jane Urquhart Laith Yousif Michael Colameco

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 COLLECTIONSunday, February 26th\$ 5,034.00

Thank you for your continued support!

LENTEN PROJECT - The Catholic Women's League will be supporting *Dr. Simone's* "Canadian Food for Children" charity. From March 4/5 to March 25/26 week-ends, we are asking our parishioners to donate for the children, ages 1 to 12 years of age - underwear, both tops and pants. 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. For more info, contact Helen @ 905-634-7481 or thesheehanes@gmail.com

LENTEN BOOKLETS: You are encouraged to pick up *"Living Lent with Love" by Pope Francis,* located in the parish entrance. A \$2.00 donation is suggested to cover the costs of the booklets

FIRST DAY OF THE LORD IN LENT LISTEN TO GOD'S CALL TO SERVE OBEDIENTLY

On this first Day of the Lord in the Lenten season, St. Matthew's gospel presents Jesus being taunted by the devil in three stylized temptations. He responded to these classic trials (and others during His life) by obediently listening to the Hebrew Scriptures. The struggles and trials we face in life often are accompanied by the temptation to close our minds and hearts to God's Word. This Lenten season is the time for us to listen obediently to the Word of God and seek grace to reject what tempts us to abandon or ignore God's Word. We turn our hearts to Jesus who teaches us how to face our temptations and encourages to be inspired by His teachings in the Bible. During this Lenten season, let us follow Christ to the Cross and Resurrection [the Paschal Mystery] by listening to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in our everyday activities. Fr. Frank



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 <u>and</u> in the evening at 7:00 p.m.

ACCESSIBILITY GRANT: Our project to enable and foster accessibility is going quite well and a lot of people have been actively contributing towards it. In this process of enhancing our finance, we did approach the Government for a grant under the accessibility funding scheme and we are glad to announce that we were approved for \$ 50,000. We thank the Government officials, especially those who wrote supporting letters, (Eleanor McMahon, MPP, Karina Gould, MP, and Tricia Pokorny, Chair of the Burlington Accessibility Advisory Committee) as well as the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We have collected to date \$347,000 towards our total project cost of \$578,000. Thank you for your continued support. If you have not made any commitment so far please make a prayerful consideration.

PILGRIMAGE: I will be away from Mar 05 to Mar 14 on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land along with 26 other members, most of whom are our parishioners. We request all our parishioners for your prayerful support as we travel, for our safety. We will offer a prayer for all of you, and for your intentions, as we walk the places where Jesus walked and reflect on the journey of Jesus. *Fr. Francis.*



ST RAPHAEL'S FIRST CHILI CHALLENGE: SATURDAY, **MARCH 25TH**. Get your money ready... tickets go on sale starting March 5th. Tables of 8. Tickets are \$10.00 per adult

and \$5.00 per child. If you wish to enter your chili to have a chance to win a prize please contact Renata @ 905-637-2457 or <u>galwayrenata@gmail.com</u>. The event is licensed to bring your wine or beer, glasses will be available. Join us for a night of delicious food and lots of fun!



DON'T FORGET TO "**SPRING FORWARD**" next **Sunday, March 12**th by setting your clocks one hour ahead.



ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER March 8th is International Women's Day: Women at the Heart of Change *"As far as personal rights are*

concerned, there is an urgent need to achieve real equality in every area: equal pay for equal work, protection for working mothers, fairness in career advancements, equality of spouses with regard to family rights and the recognition of everything that is part of the rights and duties of citizens in a democratic State. This is a matter of justice but also of necessity." Saint John Paul Second, Letter to Women, June 29, 1995

Did you know? "Water-related issues are the number one cause of school dropout for girls in Sub-Saharan Africa." "In sub-Saharan Africa, women spend 40 billion hours a year just hauling water." (<u>http://water.cc</u>) This Lent, Development and Peace will be joining its voice to that of Pope Francis, who in his video message of May 3rd, 2016, invited us to pray with him "*that in all countries of the world, women may be honoured, respected and valued for their essential contribution to society.*"

Let this year's Development and Peace Campaign material inspire all of us to share the joy of the Gospel and to make God's Reign present in our world! Please take time this week to familiarize yourself with the plight of women refugees in our world, especially those of Syria, by checking out Amnesty International: <u>www.amnesty.org</u>



Women keep the land in their hearts in Paraguay

Supporting women is a priority for Development and Peace – Caritas Canada. For this year's Share Lent campaign, we invite you to listen to the voices of women who are working to build the world of tomorrow — Women at the heart of change. You will find testimonials from the four corners of the globe inside our Mini-magazine, distributed in church next weekend.

Our first testimonial is from Marta and Silvia, two women from Paraguay who are members of an Indigenous women's farming association supported by Development and Peace – Caritas Canada. "*I wish that there was land for everyone, that women were free [and] that they had the freedom to organize and defend their rights,*" Silvia tells us. Women have always been at the heart of our organization! Did you know that in 1979, Development and Peace led a campaign to support the Grandmothers of Plaza de Mayo, in Argentina, whose children and grandchildren disappeared under the military dictatorship?

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 March 13**, **20**, **27**, **and April 3 at 1:30 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. <u>or</u> 7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.** Please email Cecilia at cecilia_racine@hotmail.com or talk to Fr. Frank if you plan to participate.



PARI SH BREAKFAST: A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus and everyone who helped them host a delicious parish breakfast last Sunday. The Knights of Columbus have generously donated the proceeds of this

event, as well as the 50/50 draw, to our accessibility project. Thank you!!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: If you are interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in faith or obtaining exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. For more information contact Rocco at 905 637 1220 or 905 464 0562.

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP UPDATE: It has been five months since Marwan, Yasmeen and Mohamed arrived in Canada. Marwan and Yasmeen continue to attend daily English classes and Mohamed is enjoying the interaction with other children in daycare. At our Parish Breakfast this past Sunday, Marwan and Yasmeen thanked the community of St. Raphael for helping them and expressed their love of Burlington. Thank you for welcoming them on Sunday and for your continued support.

TOGETHER IN FAITH: We are distinctly together in faith. Our Catholic education system is designed to offer an inclusive learning environment, fostering spirituality to produce top academic and community-minded graduates. Our educational mission is the transmission of knowledge and the formation of the whole person: body, mind and spirit. Visit <u>www.togetherinfaith.ca</u> and sign up to support Catholic Education in Ontario.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: March 1 - April 9 (8am to 8pm)

Pray as a family this Lent. Join this peaceful, and effective International Prayer Movement. Our prayer community has helped to save 12,668 women's lives. You make a difference - Choose a prayer time from 8am to 8pm. Visit: www.40daysforlife.com/Oakville Email:

40daysforlife.oakville@gmail.com MARK YOUR

CALENDARS: Saturdays @ 10am & Sundays @ 3pm -Hour of Group Prayer (Oakville Hospital) March 20th at 7pm - Mass for Life with Bishop Miehm at St. Dominic's (Oakville) April 9th at 3pm - Final Day Group Prayer outside the Oakville Hospital.

COME AND SEE RETREAT: Men interested in the vocation to the priesthood are invited to the Come and See Retreat at St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto on the **weekend of March 17 - 19**. This is a unique opportunity to spend time with those studying for the priesthood, hear their stories, and pray for your vocation. More details at <u>www.HamiltonVocations.com</u>

The Serra Club of Hamilton celebrates the **14th Annual Priesthood & Consecrated Life** dinner on **Thursday**, **May 11, 2017**. For details refer to

<u>www.celebrationprl.wixsite.com/dinner</u> or email <u>celebrationprl@gmail.com</u> or call Margaret 905-628-5682

