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<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

## WEDDINGS

Please contact us at least one year in advance.

## 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.

## 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)

## 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.

## PARISH SCHOOLS

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

## Mass Intentions

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

Mon. Mar 10, 9am	Emily Heald
Tue. Mar 11, 9am	Therese Benoza
Wed. Mar. 12, 9am	† Adelaida Caljao Clarin
Thu. Mar 13, 9am	Riky & Neil McNeil
† Bill McCarthy	† Adelaida Caljao Clarin
† Tony Nusca	† Maureen Anne Cicinelli
Fri Mar 14, 9am	Robert Megaffin
Fri Mar 14, 6:30pm	† Curtin & Ryan Families
Sat Mar 15, 5pm	Joseph Garribo
Hlg. Nigel Hutchins	Hayden Pinheiro
† Maxwell Isaacs	† David Murphy
† Denise Sylvester	† Harv Malcolm
† Souls in Purgatory	
Sun. Mar 16, 9am	For Our Parishioners
Sun. Mar 16, 11am	† Bernice Theurer

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

March 2, 2025

Envelopes (141) \$6,560  
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### Please pray for:

Vincent Stanford Rafael Tudares

*Names on this list will remain for a period of four weeks to allow space for other names. Please phone the parish office before Tuesday morning to have a name added.*

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS: every Friday** evening during lent at **6:30pm** we will have the Stations of the Cross conducted by different ministries of our parish followed by Mass.  
Friday March 7 – Young Adults' Group  
Friday March 14 – Music Ministry  
Friday March 21 – SSVP & Development & Peace  
Friday March 28 – Teen Youth Group  
Friday April 4 – CWL  
Friday April 11 – Home Eucharistic Ministers



**RENOVATION FUND COLLECTION:** We would like to encourage everyone to support our Renovation Funds, please use the HVAC or the monthly Building fund envelopes.



## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE LENTEN ALMS:

During this Lent we are encouraged to pray, fast and give alms. St. Raphael's Catholic Women's League are asking parishioners to contribute to a collection of food for Dr. Simone's charity Canadian Food for

Children. Mother Teresa gave this organization their mission of helping the poorest of the poor in the world. Please consider donating peanut butter, canned fish and pasta sauce and drop in the box in the lobby next to the St. Anthony statue. Thank you for helping the poor this Lent.

## JESUS THE GAME CHANGER: Season One: Wednesday Parish Hall from 7:00 to 8:30pm, February 19th to March 19th (5 Sessions, 2 Topics per session):

Our sessions consist of two short video presentations led by Theology and Religious Scholars sharing their insights on how the teachings of Jesus so profoundly impacted human history and our Christian values. The video portion will be followed by small group discussions. All sessions are held on Wednesday evening starting at 7:00pm and running for 90 minutes

Wednesday March 12: **Democracy and Care**

Wednesday March 19: **Leadership and Education and Health**

Wednesday March 26<sup>th</sup>: **Wealth and Reason and Science**

**JOYFUL EXPLORERS:** We are creating a youth group for children grade 2-7 and we need adult volunteers. Also, if you are in high school and would like volunteer hours. If you are interested, please email: [fiona.martin1@hotmail.com](mailto:fiona.martin1@hotmail.com)

## TRIP TO PERU; MACHU PICCHU & LAKE TITICACA:

Father Wilson will be leading a cultural discovery trip to Peru from September 14 – 23, 2025. SPACE IS LIMITED, please book soon. The activity level for this trip is a level 4 which means participants should be leading active lifestyles with walking, biking, and half- or full-day hikes, with 10,000 steps a day or more being a normal day. Please find all the details in the brochure in the parish lobby. For more information, please contact Michelle Matthews, 905-510-8853, [mimatthews@expediacruz.com](mailto:mimatthews@expediacruz.com)

## LIFE TALKS CONFERENCE:

Ticket sales have launched! Join us on **Saturday, March 29**, for Life Talks - a day of learning and community building among the pro-life movement in Southern Ontario. Life Talks equips Christians to know how to respond to life issues and live out their pro-life convictions. We encourage you to invite friends who also would be encouraged by Life Talks! Full details and tickets online at [www.haltalive.ca/lifetalks](http://www.haltalive.ca/lifetalks)



**LENTEN REFLECTIONS FROM POPE FRANCIS:**

Lent is a time to deepen our spiritual lives. Here are five tips from his homilies to reflect on this year

“Lent is the right time to make room for the Word of God. It is the time to turn off the television and open the Bible. It is the time to disconnect from your cellphone and connect to the Gospel.”

“Our earthly possession will prove useless, dust that scatters, but the love we share — in our families, at work, in the church and in the world — will save us, for it will endure forever.”

“If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew.”

“A right relationship with people consists in gratefully recognizing their value... Each life that we encounter is a gift deserving acceptance, respect and love.”

“We chase a thousand things that seem necessary and in reality, are not. How good it would be for us to get rid of so many superfluous realities, to rediscover what matters, to find the faces of those around us!”

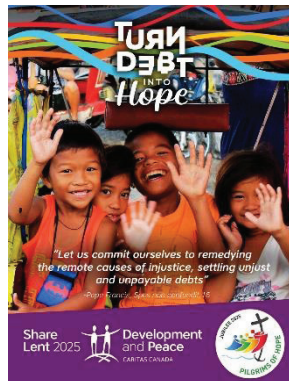
Reflection from Pope Francis

**THIS LENT, TURN DEBT INTO HOPE:**

2025 is a Jubilee year. A year in which Pope Francis invites us to “*forgive the debts* of countries that will never be able to repay them.” (*Spes non confundit*, 16). Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is responding to this call through the global *Turn Debt into Hope* campaign. Here are a few ways you can join us:

1. Donating online at [devp.org/give](https://devp.org/give) or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on April 6, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 79 projects in 34 countries around the world!
2. Get the Mini-magazine and follow the Solidarity Calendar with your family. Discover all the resources at [devp.org/len/resources](https://devp.org/len/resources).

For more information, contact Cecilia Racine, [cecilia\\_racine@hotmail.com](mailto:cecilia_racine@hotmail.com)



**WHEN LIFE CHANGES** – Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person’s presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? You are not alone! The Hamilton Diocese is offering our six-week grief program from **April 23 to May 28**. The program runs from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in Hamilton. To register Visit:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2025/02/when-life-changes-grief-relief-2/>

**Lent & Holy Week Schedule****FRIDAY EVENINGS**

6 30pm - Stations of the Cross

7pm – Mass

**PALM SUNDAY**

Saturday, April 12, Mass at 5pm

Sunday April 13, Mass at 9am and 11am

**HOLY THURSDAY – April 17**

6pm – Soup Supper

8pm – Mass

**GOOD FRIDAY – April 18**

12 noon – Solemn Liturgy of the Word

3pm – Solemn Liturgy of the Word

8pm – Stations of the Cross Dramatization

**HOLY SATURDAY – April 19**

11am – Blessing of the Food

8pm – Easter Vigil

**EASTER SUNDAY – April 20**

Masses at 8:30am, 10am & 12 noon

**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH #147** March is the start of Lent, a time when we reflect on our faith and our commitment to living as we are called to as disciples of Jesus. It is a perfect time to discuss as a couple how your marriage, considered both a Sacrament and Vocation by the Church, is fulfilling its mandate to be the visible sign of God’s invisible love. Do you strive always to treat each other as God loves, in total self-giving, with mercy and forgiveness acting as strong pillars of your marriage? This Lent, make your Lenten journey a time to pray together and to work as a couple to strengthen one of the most important parts of your life, your marriage. (Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

**OPENING THE HOLY DOOR: SPRING BOOK CLUB**

The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites you to join us for a four-week virtual book club, exploring the new book by Joan Watson, “*Opening the Holy Door*.” Tuesdays from 1 – 2:00pm, **March 18 - April 8**. Together we will reflect on the beautiful images of mercy and hope found on the Holy Door of St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome, open to pilgrims and visitors throughout the Jubilee Year. Join us for this time of prayer and conversation, drawing into deeper fellowship during this Jubilee of Hope. Registration can be made here: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>

**YOUTH GROUP (TEENAGERS 12 – 19):** We thank the youth group for taking leadership in active participation of the Mass on First Saturdays of the Month. They lead the Rosary at 4:30pm and participate in the liturgy as Lectors, Choir, and Ushers. After mass they join in Faith formation and youth activities. We encourage all the youth to register for the Youth Group.



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