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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

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.

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

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
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Archangel St. Raphael "God is my Healer"

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See the Book of Tobit, especially chapter 12

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE
SERVING IN THE REIGN OF GOD**



Monday, May 8 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Erin Fisher

Tuesday, May 9 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Sylvia Gzik

Wednesday, May 10 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Marcel Laurin

Thursday, May 11 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Tanseng Jamisola; + Carol Baff;
+ Otto Schlumpf; + Bernice Thomas;
Ints. Maureen DeSouza

Friday, May 12 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Sylvia Gzik

Saturday, May 13 at 5:00 p.m.
+ Rudolph Gomes; + Brendan Kosnick;
+ Oma Mia; + Clinton Cox

Sunday, May 14
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners
11:00 a.m. + Mauro, Beatriz & Adelfa Santos

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 Weppler
Frances Wentges	Elizabeth Talatala	Jane Urquhart
Diane Svazas	Maria Szkitalinski	Laith Yousif
Peggy Evans	Irene Groves	Michael Colameco
Sr. Rosalie Siegler	Rose Hughes	Rita Waters
Jill Ascah	Noel Shanks	

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.

**THE VICTORIOUS SERVANT OF GOD REIGNS
[Fourth Sunday of Eastertide]
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Christ the Victorious Servant is the Good Shepherd
Shepherds have always known that their sheep recognize their familiar voices. Sheep won't follow a stranger's command. Mothers have always known that their newborn infants show a preference for their gentle voices. A study by Canadian and Chinese researchers show that babies in the womb can also recognize their mother's voices. When the fetuses heard their mom's voice their heart rates quickened. Unfamiliar voices had the opposite effect. Researchers concluded that the fetus' heart rate decelerated because they were busy listening closely to an unfamiliar voice and were trying to recognize it. For the faithful it is the same. Listening to God's voice within us is reassuring. We know right from wrong; when an evil voice calls us, we may be tempted, but we don't follow it. God's true voice makes our hearts quicken, and we want to follow his command.

THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH: All are invited to an **illustrated presentation** of this opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Church through its two thousand years. Frank Mallick will be the presenter. **Wednesday, May 10:** *The First Millenium* and **Wednesday, May 17:** *The Second Millenium* from 7-8:30 p.m. in our worship space.



A SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS to all the students of St. Paul School and the Parish Program who received First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 30th.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED: Children in grades 3 and up are invited to sign up to become altar servers. Servers are needed especially for the 11am Mass. Anyone interested in becoming an altar server is asked to please email Gabriella at straphaelchurch3@gmail.com or leave their contact information at the church office.

FUNERAL SERVERS MINISTRY: We are looking to add more members to our Funeral Servers Ministry Team. Both men and women are welcome. The funeral ministers assist our priests at Funeral Masses arriving a half hour before with preparation and serving on the altar during the Mass. Your support and service are appreciated. To express your interest, please contact Jerry Ponikvar @ 905-333-5813 or ponikvarjg@gmail.com

GARDENING SEASON has arrived with the great Spring weather. **We need volunteers** to help maintain the flower gardens which surround our buildings. Please contact Fr. Frank to offer your service for this pleasant [with some perspiration] task. Many hands will help us to take care of the beautiful plants which God's good Earth and human cooperation provide.

WEEKLY BULLETIN: *HELP SAVE PAPER!* If you would like to receive the weekly bulletin via e-mail, please send your request to bulletin@straphaels.ca Thank you!



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, April 30th \$ 5,634.00

Thank you for your continued support!

PARISH BREAKFAST: Join your fellow parishioners for a delicious breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus on **Sunday, May 7th** after the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses in the Parish Centre. Tickets are on sale after Mass or at the door. (\$8/adult, \$4/child under 12, free for children 5 and under) *We welcome and congratulate all the First Communion Students and their families at this breakfast!*

2017 BIBLE CAMP: July 10 – 14, 2017, for children from J.K. to Grade 6. Registration forms are available in the parish entrance, at the schools and on our parish website: www.straphaels.ca. Students in grade 7 and up who would like to help are asked to speak with Fr. Francis.



ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER

The Month of May has traditionally been dedicated to Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

Mary was a disciple of Jesus and a prophetic woman to all! Pope Francis writes: *"Mary, the Mother who cared for Jesus, now cares with maternal affection and pain for this wounded world. Just as her pierced heart mourned the death of Jesus, so now she grieves for the sufferings of the crucified poor and for the creatures of this world laid waste by human power. Completely transfigured, she now lives with Jesus, and all creatures sing of her fairness."* Laudato Si' # 241 In Laudato si, Pope Francis reminds us; *"All it takes is one good person to restore hope."* (LS #71) Pope Francis gives us the example of two women who have been signs of hope in our world with regard to restoring our hope in humanity's ability to care for our Common Home.

Rachel Carson author of *Silent Spring* is believed by many to be the founder of the modern environmental movement through her efforts to raise consciousness about the harmful effects of the use of DDT and other pesticides and herbicides in the environment. The world gradually became aware that by releasing large amounts of synthetic chemicals into the environment, we endangered not only the lives and health of countless species of God's Creation, but also the health and ultimately the lives of human beings. Rachel Carson's scientific findings were both denied and discredited by large multinational chemical companies. Yet, with the support of President John F. Kennedy, who established a presidential committee to investigate pesticides, Rachel went on to publish the book *Silent Spring*, making a powerful case for the ideas that releasing harmful chemicals into nature can be linked to the development of various diseases, among them breast cancer, male infertility and diseases of the nervous system.

NEXT SUNDAY IS MOTHER'S DAY! Think of ways to honor the "moms" in your life for the countless ways that they have nurtured and provided for you! Be creative and unique by making your own card. You can add some seeds or a gift card for buying trees, native plants, or recycling containers. You can visit these websites for some ideas: www.icreativeideas.com/40-creative-diy-garden-containers-and-planters-from-recycled-materials/ or <http://myzerowaste.com/2011/03/zero-waste-recycled-mothers-day-cards/>

HALTON ALIVE ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE: You're invited to join on **Saturday May 20th**. 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 or contact our office: (905) 632 3232.

SUNDAY MISSALS: If you borrowed a Missal or accidently brought one home, please return it to the baskets in the parish entrance. Missals are available for purchase in the Religious Articles Store.

EX CORDE FUND for OUR NEW ELEVATOR: The EX CORDE FOUNDATION was established by Bishop Douglas Crosby to give grants to help fund parish projects in the Diocese of Hamilton. We applied for a 2017 grant to help finance our major Accessibility Project, the new elevator. A few weeks ago we received a cheque from the Foundation Committee for \$20,000. This free gift has helped us to push our fundraising efforts to about \$390,000. We are indeed, very grateful to the Diocese of Hamilton for this financial help which comes to us in addition to another Ex Corde grant in 2016 of \$21,000. We still have to complete our fundraising projects, but in a few weeks, we all will be able to experience the easy accessibility to our awesome worship space and our wonderful parish centre. So, from the heart, to EX CORDE we give thanks.

Cross of Victory Pilgrimage 2017: ALL YOU CAN EAT PASTA FUNDRAISER DINNER on **Saturday, May 13th**, after the 5pm mass at Saint John the Baptist Parish Hall, 2016 Blairholm Avenue at Brant Street, Burlington. Come to eat and learn more about this annual walking pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, Ontario. Tickets at the door - \$12 per person, \$6 per child under 10 years old. <https://sites.google.com/site/2017crossofvictorypilgrimage/>

SPRING CEMETERY MEMORIAL MASS: On **Saturday, May 27th** at 11:00 am, Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, Bishop of Hamilton, will celebrate the Spring Memorial Mass at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Burlington. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact the cemetery office at (905) 522-7727, (800) 661-5985, or visit our website at www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH: Spring brings new joy and new opportunity as the weather warms and we spend more time outdoors. It is a great chance to draw our children's attention to the greening grass, flowers sprouting from the ground and leaves opening on the trees. Nature has a cycle and so too does life - remind your children of the creative power of God in making all this happen year after year. Help them to see our role in nature and how our Catholic faith calls us to respect, care for, love and nurture all of God's created gifts in this world, both human and those in nature.

2017-2018 BOARD BUDGET PROCESS: The Halton Catholic District School Board is currently reviewing its budget for the 2017-2018 school year, and are looking for feedback from members of the Halton Catholic community. Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts about next year's budget priorities by responding to a brief online survey at: http://bit.ly/2017Budget_HCDSB. The Board is committed to working in partnership with parents, employees, and community stakeholders. We value your input, and any feedback that you choose to provide will assist the Board in making budgetary decisions for the coming year. To learn more about the 2017-2018 Budget Challenges and Priorities, please visit the Board's website at: www.hcdsb.org. If you have specific questions about the budget, or wish to provide your feedback, please send us an email at: loftsa@hcdsb.org.

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