

# ST RAPHAEL PARISH COMMUNITY

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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  
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- St. Raphael's Elementary  
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- 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*

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

**Mass Intentions** 

(† = Deceased Intention; Int. = Intentions of...;  
Thx = Thanksgiving)

Monday, Nov. 20	Int. Luc Plach
Tuesday, Nov. 21	† Mary Germann
Wednesday, Nov. 22	† Martin Perusini
Thursday, Nov. 23	Int. Paula Ospina
Int. Nancy Mendez	Int. Elrina Winter
† Zeljko Repecki	† Joan Lawlor
† Lorenzo Chinh Pham & † Maria Hue Nguyen	
Friday, Nov. 24	† Marconi Gabito & † Glenn Akeson
Saturday, Nov. 25	Int. Justin Domingo
Int. Gabriel Manigque	† Bulai & Gzik Families
† Nora Braganza	† Michael Passarelli
† Melania Lim	† Souls in Purgatory
Sunday, Nov. 26, 9am	† Francis Onuska

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Nov 12, 2023

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*Thank you for your generous support*

**Please pray for:** Vincent Stanford  
Peter Lavryssen † Paul Mielko  
*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.*

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A ROMAN CATHOLIC OR LEARNING MORE ABOUT YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH?**

Then maybe the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the place for you. The RCIA journey introduces the beliefs and practices of the Roman Catholic Church through a series of prayerful reflections, video presentations, faith sharing and small group discussions designed to help participants to become full members of the Catholic Church. Classes (usually 75 minutes long) continue on **Wednesday, November 22 at 7:00pm** with the topic **“The Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace”** All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact the parish office.



**ST. RAPHAEL'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE GATHERING THIS WEEKEND:**

Advent is fast approaching! How can we prepare for this season as Catholic Women of Faith?

Come to our gathering **THIS WEEKEND, Sunday, November 19**. Find out about our upcoming Christmas party (December 10th) and our parish/community initiatives for Advent. All women welcome in our St. Francis room after the 11am mass. See you then! Leony Hettinger (President)  
[Leonyhettinger@bell.net](mailto:Leonyhettinger@bell.net)



**THE GOOD SHEPHERD TREE OF HOPE:**

Once again this year, the Tree of Hope for the Good Shepherd will be in the church lobby until December 1st. Please take a tag from the tree and purchase the item on the tag and return it **UNWRAPPED** and place it in the bin under the tree. **In December, we will deliver the gifts to the Good Shepherd** for their Christmas distribution. Your past generosity has been well noted by the staff and families in need.



**CHILDREN'S ADVENT PARTY:**

Please join us on Sunday, **Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>**, in the **Parish Centre**, from **1:30 to 3pm**. All children, up to grade 3 are invited for crafts, cookie decorating, treats, and a visit from someone special. **FREE admission with a non-perishable food item**. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. To ensure we are prepared for all, please RSVP to Charlie at: [bcarpenter2@cogeco.ca](mailto:bcarpenter2@cogeco.ca) or call 905-681-6221.

**ADVENT PRAYER NIGHT FOR YOUTH MINISTERS AND VOLUNTEERS:**

All adults who minister to young people in the Diocese of Hamilton are invited to an evening of prayer and fellowship. Join us on **Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Freelon for our Advent gathering. For more information and registration, email [youthministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:youthministry@hamiltondiocese.com).

**MINISTRY DAY:**

On **Saturday, December 2**, after the 5pm mass come to the Parish Hall to learn about the many ministries we have operating at our parish and all the wonderful work they do. Consider joining a ministry that inspires you.



**INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL:**

Our country Canada is blessed with many cultures and different ethnicities. We are blessed with many gifts and treasures. We cherish the unity in diversity. Join the parish on **Sat. Dec 2 at 6pm** to share fellowship with one another. We will share food, culture, entertainment and various traditions from around the world. (Italian, Portuguese, Kenyan, Indian, Filipino, Sri Lankan, Chinese etc.) More details to follow.

**BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD ADVENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN:** Women are invited to join our prayerful Advent Retreat for Women on **Saturday, December 9, from 9am to noon.** The programme for the morning consists of a Eucharistic Liturgy, *Praying in Colour*, Lectio Divina, and a shared lunch. Suggested donation is \$10 at the door. Please register in advance online at: <https://forms.gle/RG8FbogmSx1cRXcs8> or by phoning the parish office.

**NEW SUNDAY MISSALS:** If you would like your own copy of the 2023-2024 Sunday Missal, please pick one up in the church lobby after Mass (suggested donation \$5).

**PRAYER WITH THE SONGS OF TAIZÉ:** Join with the community of Port Nelson Church on **Sunday, November 26, at 7:30pm** for Evening Prayer with the Songs of Taizé. It will be a quiet, reflective way to end the day and begin the week. All are welcome. Port Nelson Church, 3132 South Dr., Burlington.

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** If you haven't yet done so, please take the time to complete the Parish Registration Form. We are using these forms to keep our parishioner database up-to-date. We thank all our many parishioners who have already submitted the registration form.

**Let's heed the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor and let's act!**



Pope Francis calls us to hear “*the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor*” (*Laudato Si*’, 49). Yet, since 2015, the communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector have been trying in vain to be heard. In their struggle for justice, defenders are attacked, criminalized and even killed. Eight defenders were unjustly imprisoned for over two years, and three people have been murdered since January 2023.

**“The Government of Honduras must act diligently and suspend these extractive activities, which are carried out illegally and with total disregard for the environment.”**

— Elvin Hernández, human rights investigator, ERIC–Radio Progreso

**Act now!**

**[Sign the letter](#)** to the Honduran ambassador to Canada asking her government for protection, justice and reparation for environmental defenders and for Carlos Escaleras National Park ([devp.org/act](http://devp.org/act)).



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:** Come to the parish hall on **November 27 at 7pm**, to hear a special guest speaker from Habitat for Humanity with a presentation on what they do within our community. The Knights of Columbus will learn how they can help out with Habitat for Humanity's projects and partner with them for future fund-raising events. Refreshments provided. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**INTERPRETERS NEEDED:** Do you speak Arabic (Modern Standard Arabic or Colloquial (*Ammiya*) Arabic of Iraq), Blin (Bilen), Cantonese, Croatian, Hausa, Igbo, Korean, Mandarin, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish, Thai, Tigre, Tigrinya, Vietnamese, Yoruba, or Zulu? Our diocesan marriage tribunal needs your help. In some marriage annulment cases, witnesses prefer to speak these languages when they give their formal testimony. Would you like to serve as an interpreter? To find out more, please contact Mrs. Lori Lewis at [tribunal@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:tribunal@hamiltondiocese.com).

**CENACLE PRAYER GROUP:** The Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle occurs weekly in the St. Anthony room, please join us on Mondays after the 9am Mass. We pray the Rosary, read one of the messages given by our Lady to Fr. Gobbi from the book “To the Priests Our Lady's Beloved Sons”, and make a consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. For more information contact Sylvia Heald at 905-632-4862.

**HOME EUCHARIST MINISTRY:** “*Service is the sign of true love. Those who love know how to serve others.*” - Pope Francis. Are you interested in participating in our Home Eucharist Ministry? We have a need for volunteers to serve our homebound, LTC and hospital parishioners by bringing Sunday communion. For more information please contact: John Fauteux, [tjfauteux@me.com](mailto:tjfauteux@me.com), **905.635.2586 (h)**

**FUNERAL LUNCHEON COMMITTEE:**

The Funeral Luncheon Ministry is in need of volunteers. Positions for phoning, set-up, serving and cleanup need to be filled. If you can spare an hour to three hours, on occasion, please consider this ministry. For more details, please call Marlene Cox: 905-634-0733.

**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 905-632-4862.

**BI-WEEKLY CARDS GAMES:** Join the Bridge and euchre sessions with the **Boomerang** group every Monday, and with the **Deckers** group every Thursday, in the parish hall at 1pm. Come out for an afternoon of fun and friendship.

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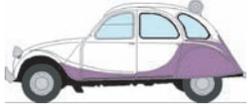
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