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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
- St. Raphael's Elementary 905.637.3810
- St. Paul's Elementary 905.632.1424

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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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



Monday, November 27 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Chester & Sylvia Gzik

Tuesday, November 28 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Hank Forani

Wednesday, November 29 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Victor Mancini

Thursday, November 30 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. The Costin Family; + Norman Lusk
+ Gabrielle Mayagas; + Mary Lynn Fazio;
+ Elizabeth Scarff

Friday, December 1 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Irene Groves

Saturday, December 2 at 5:00 p.m.
Ints. Maria Kafie; Ints. Rosanne Nusca;
Ints. Mary & Ernie Piche; Ints. Alvaro Trigo;
+ Roland Bernier; + Dennis Fisher;

Sunday, December 3
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners
11:00 a.m. + McConnachie Family



ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER Development and Peace: Women at the Heart of Peace

Pope Francis writes: "All humanity faces the challenge to protect our common home through sustainable and integral development." **Laudato si' #13.** Pope Francis reminds us that it is women, full of faith and hope, who restore strength to people and guide them along the paths of hope (General Audience, 25/01/17.) So many women demonstrate the resilience of the human spirit in the face of systemic exclusion. This is especially true during times of violent conflict, when resilience and works of mercy are needed more than ever! Wherever we are, we are called to recognize and support the work of women, especially in the area of peace building! We must heal our social systems, broken as they are by war, violence, racism and sexism. We should do this in any way that empowers all people to participate in governance so that their voices may be heard and taken into account!
May Peace Be with Her!
Today, stop what you are doing and take five minutes to listen to the feelings behind someone's words to you! Be fully present for the conversation and be interested in what the person is saying!

ADVENT PRAYER

Lord,
Advent is here, but so is family tension.
Advent is here, but so are dysfunctional relationships.
Advent is here, but so are old habits.
Advent is here, but gone are people we love.
Advent is here, but old baggage still exists.
Advent is here but fears surface.
You say, "I see all that, and I can handle all that."
Lord, You say, "Peace is what I leave with you; it is my own peace that I give you. I do not give it as the world does. Do not be worried and upset; do not be afraid."
Thank you, God, for sending us your Son.
Amen.

Some questions to reflect as we begin Advent:

1. What is advent for me?
2. What does it mean to me to _____ (whatever is your answer to the first question, for instance, to prepare for the coming of Christ)
3. What can I do, or will do to achieve my desire? (for instance, to prepare, which are the ways, and means I can use to prepare myself to receive Christ)
4. Are there any concrete things that I am able to do, in answering my first question or which are the ways do I fulfill whatever is my Advent?

"Peace starts with a smile."

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	Elizabeth Talatala	Helen Weppeler
Frances Wentges	Estelle Jantz	Jane Urquhart
Peggy Evans	Helen Sheehan	Laith Yousif
Jill Ascah	Shelly Sterling	Michael Colameco
Lee Olds	Ernie Piche	Maria Szkitalinski
Stephen Pustai		

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 COLLECTION



Sunday, November 19th \$4825.00

Thank you for your continued support!

Sunday is the **Thirty-Fourth** or **Last Sunday in Ordinary Time and the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King**. Jesus tells the marvelous parable about how we will all be judged - as a shepherd separates sheep from goats, based upon our care for the poor: "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me."

*"Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's **Online Ministries** web site:
<http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>
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ROHINGYA CRISIS: The Rohingya Muslim community in Myanmar is a religious and ethnic minority currently experiencing expulsion from their homes, violence, and suffering for the most vulnerable of their people. The Government of Canada has agreed to match individual aid donations to registered Canadian Charities, notably DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE, until **November 28th**. Please consider a donation to D&P directed to "Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund". For information go to devp.org and link to "Give Now"; or contact Development and Peace, 1425 Rene Levesque Blvd. W. 3rd floor, Montreal, Que. H3T 1T7 (1 888 234 8533).

IN OUR PARISH



CHILDREN'S ADVENT PARY: Please join us on this afternoon (**Nov 26th**) in the Parish Centre from **1:30 pm to 3 pm**. All children, and grandchildren up to grade 3 are invited to join us for crafts, photos, cartoons and some 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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: Catholics and Prayer. Please join us on **Nov. 29th** from **7 pm to 8 pm** in the Parish centre to discuss and gain knowledge about Prayer: Why we pray; How we pray; Forms of prayer; Fighting our Obstacles to pray; AND we will pray. All are welcome.

THE DECORATION COMMITTEE: will meet on Thursday **November 30th**, at **7 pm**, inside the church to decorate the church for advent with banners, panels and the advent wreath with candles. Advent starts the following weekend (December 2nd/3rd).

ADORATION, PRAISE, WORSHIP AND Mass: Please join our parishioners in a church wide adoration and praise and worship on Friday, **December 1st** at **7 pm**. The theme is "Waiting for the Lord". All are welcome to spend time with the Lord.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: who can spare 2-3 hours of their time in a month to take the Eucharist to the homebound or hospitalized. If you are interested please contact the office. Proper training will be provided.

YOUTH CHOIR: Any youth who would like to sing at the 7 pm Adorations Mass (every first Friday of the month) and/or at the 5 pm Family Christmas Mass please call the office (905-637-2346) or email: office@straphaels.ca

NEW SUNDAY MISSALS: If you would like your own copy of the 2017 - 2018 Sunday Missals please purchase them in the Religious Article Store for \$5 after mass.



GOOD SHEPHERD TREE OF HOPE:

Just a reminder that **November 26th** (today) is the last day for dropping off your gifts for the Good Shepherd Tree. Thank you to everyone who picked up a tag.



ATTENTION CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE SNOWBIRDS: please renew your membership before you fly south. Kindly insert \$25.00 in the C.W.L. blue envelope found in the 2018 offertory envelope (available in December) or in a plain envelope with you name; full address; telephone number and email. You can drop it off at the parish office or simply include it in the offertory basket at Mass. If you need more information, please contact Helen @ 905-634-7481.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

DESIGN A CHRISTMAS CENTREPIECE: on **November 30th** from **2 pm to 4 pm** at the **Burlington Lion's Club** (471 Pearl St.) with the help of floral designers at a free community event. Everyone is welcome, refreshments, materials and design expertise provided. **Please RSVP at 905-637-5233 by Monday, November 27th.**

COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS: when you have lost a loved one. An afternoon of reflection and strategies for coping at Christmas, facilitated by Dr. Wendy Hofman, at the **Chancery Office**, (700 King St. W, Hamilton) on Sunday, **December 3rd** from **1:30 – 3:00 pm**. The event is FREE of charge. Please call to reserve a seat 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. (If you haven't registered you are still free to attend.)

DIOCESAN HEALING MASS: to bring hope to those trying to cope with grief during the holidays, is planned at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King** on Sunday, **December 3rd**, 2017 at **4 pm**. Anyone who has lost a child of any age from any cause, including those that have lost a child prior to birth, or who have had a still birth is invited to this Mass celebrated by Bishop Douglas Crosby. God is close to those who mourn, come and experience His healing presence. Registration is preferred, but not necessary, as it will assist with reserving space and to ensure there are enough small mementos for each family. Please call Lena at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or visit www.hamiltondiocese.com to register on-line.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Dofasco Male Chorus and the Canadian Orpheus Male Choir. Sunday **December 17th** at **3 pm** at **St. Thomas the Apostle Church** (715 Centre Road, Waterdown). Tickets cost \$25 for Adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. To purchase tickets online visit www.comc.ca or call COMC 289-812-9827, DMC 905-548-7200 EST.6294 or K of C Keith Coskey at 905-689-3916 or email knights.waterdown@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS WITH THE SALVATION ARMY: Free concert at the **Burlington Performing Arts Centre** (440 Locust St.) on Sunday, **December 17th** at **6 pm** to celebrate 50 years of ministry in Burlington. Patrons can call the box office (905-681-6000) or visit BPAC or go online at www.burlingtonpac.ca **to reserve a complimentary ticket before the date.** Tickets can be picked up at the box office or printed at home.

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