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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

Served by the Holy Cross Fathers



Fr. Wilson Andrade C.S.C. - Pastor



Fr. Emmanuel Ralte C.S.C. - Associate Pastor

SPES UNICA

Catherine Osborne - Office Administrator

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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

WEDDINGS

Please contact us at least one year in advance.

CONFESIONS

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

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.

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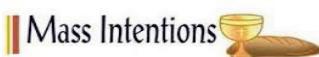
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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HOTLINE

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Mass Intentions

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

Mon. Dec 1, 9am	† Marta DeVito
Tue. Dec 2, 9am	† Shirley Ford
Wed Dec 3, 9am	† Tony Florio
Thu. Dec 4, 9am	Oscar & Filipina Guinto
Aris Guinto	Thx. Rev. Wilson Andrade
Thx. Marie Jozwik	† Joanne Naidus
† Kay Todd	† Souls in Purgatory
Thu. Dec 4, 6pm	St. Raphael School Family Mass
Fri. Dec 5, 9am	Rev. Juvenal Merriell
Fri. Dec 5, 6:30pm	† Andrea Curtis
Sat Dec 6, 5pm	Hlg. Scott Henry Lee
Thx. Mr. & Mrs. Bendio Padilla	
† Jason Starchuk	† David Thompson
† Hilda Perez	† Sharon Gail Lee
† Rita Southon	† Henry Irwin Lee
Sun. Dec 7, 9am	For Our Parishioners
Sun. Dec 7, 11am	† Joe Fiamelli

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
November 23, 2025

Envelopes (150)	\$2,812
Loose	\$743

Thank you for your generous support


ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DONATIONS BY CHEQUE: Please make any cheque donations for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul to one or other of the two following names:

*Society of St Vincent de Paul St Raphael's Conference
OR: SSVP St. Raphael's*

We hope this provides some clarification and we thank you for your continued generosity.


RETIRED CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEMBERS MEETING EVERY THURSDAY MORNING:

Retired CWL Ladies meet every Thursday morning, sponsored by the Catholic Women's League. All senior ladies are invited to join us every Thursday morning in the **St. Francis Room** from **10 am until 12 noon**. Come check us out. We will have refreshments and prayers for those in need. Bring your pictures, your stories and friends. Welcome all ladies. For information call Charlie @ 905-681-6221



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Just a reminder, ladies, that instead of our Dec. meeting we will be heading out to Red Lobster (on Fairview St.) for our Christmas dinner at

6pm on **Tuesday, Dec. 2**. Please let Charlie know if you are going and/or if you need a ride. 905-681-6221 or bcarpenter2@cogeco.ca. All ladies welcome.

BISHOP LOBSINGER VISIT: Please join the parish in welcoming His Excellency, Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton, who will be celebrating our weekend masses on **December 6 and 7**.



MOVIE NIGHT, KING OF KINGS: Please join us in the parish hall on **Saturday, December 6, at 6:00pm** to watch *The King of Kings*. Donation of \$20 per adult and \$10 per child to attend. Dinner of hot dogs and popcorn provided. Please contact Tania for more information: taniabracogh@yahoo.com



CHRISTMAS DINNER & MUSIC NIGHT: You are invited to the Young Adults' Christmas Music Night and Dinner on **Saturday, December 13, at 6:30pm**. Tickets: \$40, dress code: formal, cash bar. Let's prepare for the birth of our Lord with beautiful music and a formal dinner as a family in Christ.

SIMBANG GABI ADVENT NOVENA MASS: As we prepare for Christmas you are all invited to attend Simbang Gabi – 9 Days of Advent Masses from **December 15 to 23, at 7:00pm** at St. Raphael's Church. If you need more information, please contact Handmaids of the Lord – CFC – Hamilton – St Catherines organizers.

PARISH RECOLLECTION DAY: on **Tuesday, December 16** we would like to invite you for a Day of Reconciliation. Priests will be available in the church for the Sacrament of Confession from **10 am to 12 noon and 1 pm to 6pm**.

ST. RAPHAEL PARISH RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP: St. Raphael Church operates a small shop selling religious items just off the main lobby of the church. Parishioners and visitors are welcome in the store after each weekend mass. Among the items for sale are rosaries, bibles, books, crucifixes, nativity scenes, advent candles, children's books, religious themed colouring books, bible scene puzzles, religious Christmas gifts, first communion gifts and gifts for confirmation. New inventory arriving in time for Christmas. Please note, **cash payments only**.

CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT SIGN-UP: There will be a Christmas Eve Pageant featuring the children of our parish at the Christmas Eve 5pm mass. We are asking families with children wishing to participate in the **Christmas Eve Pageant** to sign-up using the sheet in the parish lobby.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Children's Liturgy is offered Sunday at 11am. All children aged 4 to 10 years are welcome. Anyone who wishes to volunteer as a leader or help with this program as a student volunteer (students can earn their volunteer hours), please call or email the parish office.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: The Enhancement Committee invites parishioners to bring in fresh flowers for Christmas to decorate our church. If you would like to remember a loved one, feel free to include a small card with their name on it. Please bring plants/flowers to the back of the church, behind the altar, no later than **Monday Dec. 22**, for the decoration team to place around the church for Christmas. Thank-you for your generosity.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE: Thanks to your support, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada has collected 43,667 signatures on the global [Turn Debt into Hope](#) petition.

Many impoverished countries in the Global South are struggling with conflict, humanitarian crises and climate change. Cancelling their unjust debts would free up scarce revenues, allowing them to better meet the needs of their citizens. Citizens like little Melati and her mother, Ade, in Ethiopia, who only aspire to live in dignity.

Each signature amplifies the message of debt justice to creditors and political leaders. So, please [sign the petition](#) today and have your friends and family do it, too!

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE STAMP PROJECT: The Social Justice committee invites you to participate in the **Stamp Project** by bringing in your cancelled stamps from Christmas Cards and any other mail and placing them in the envelope on the Social Justice bulletin board.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and support for Development and Peace and their work in the world!



CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER: Has your address, phone number, email address changed in the past year? If so, please be sure to notify the parish office either by phone or email or by filling out a parish registration form with your updated information. Thank you for helping to keep our parishioner database up to date.

HVAC RENOVATION FUND: Thank you to all those who donated to our HVAC project. It's not too late to donate. You can give using the **Building Collection Envelopes** in your 2025 envelope box, the special envelopes available in the parish lobby, or online through Canada Helps, all donations received will go into the HVAC fund: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/119110450RR0119-st-raphaels-parish/>



NEW SUNDAY MISSALS: If you would like your own copy of the 2025-2026 Sunday Missal, please pick one up in the church lobby after Mass (suggested donation \$5).

SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Recollection Day (Confessions)
Tues, 16 December 10am – noon & 1 – 6pm

Christmas Eve Children's Mass with Pageant
Wednesday, 24 Dec 2025 - 5:00 PM

Christmas Eve Mass
Wednesday, 24 Dec 2025 - 9:00 PM

Midnight Mass
Thursday, 25 Dec 2025 - 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Mass
Thurs, 25 Dec 2025 – 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

Feast of the Holy Family Mass
Sat, Dec 27, 2025 – 5:00 PM
Sun, Dec 28, 2025 – 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Feast of Mary, the Mother of God, Mass
Wed, Dec 31, 2025 – 5:00 PM
Thurs, Jan 1, 2026 – 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING: Thank you for your generous support of our parish community. Please consider making your regular contributions to support the ongoing expenses for the Church and the many Ministries, through automatic bank withdrawal. Please find Pre-Authorized Giving Plan Forms by the welcome desk in the foyer. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the parish office. If you are already enrolled in our Pre-authorized Giving Plan and would like to increase your donations, please fill out a new form and check off the change to monthly donation box.



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