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 OFFICE HOURS
 Mon-Fri
 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
 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 year in advance.

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.

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 Cathoic 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

PARISH SCHOOLS

- Assumption High School 905.634.1835
- St. Raphael's Elementary 905.637.3810
- St. Paul's Elementary 905.632.1424

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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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Monday, January 8 at 9:00 a.m. Ints. Harm & Myrla Dewyk

Tuesday, January 9 at 9:00 a.m. + Clinton Cox

Wednesday, January 10 at 9:00 a.m. Ints. Hilda Aldred

Thursday, January 11 at 9:00 a.m.

Ints. Steven Gaspar; Ints. Jerry & Denise Ford;

+ Mr. & Mrs. A.B. MacIsaac; + Walter Selihar;

+ Cye Beechey; + Souls In Purgatory

Friday, January 12 at 9:00 a.m. + Otto Schlumpf

Saturday, January 13 at 5:00 p.m. + Victoria Buzinski; + Oma Mia; + David Gismond + Lisa Santucci; + Jack McEwen; + Luigi DiBenedetto

Sunday, January 14

9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners 11:00 a.m. + Stanley Musial

Please pray for the following:

John Scharer Molly Laporte Barbara Kennedy Maritza Garcia Mary Berry Nicola Izzi Doug Pudsey Sarah Scharer Gonzalez Rosy Santos Perez Michael Dowson Vincent Stanford John O'Boyle Jim Singer Milan Heck Frances Wentges Elizabeth Talatala Helen Weppler Peggy Evans Helen Sheehan Jane Urquhart Jill Ascah Shelly Sterling Laith Yousif Lee Olds Asia Rae Landry Michael Colameco Maria Szkitalinski Stephen Pustai Noah Landry Michael Smart Rozalia Bereznay Mary Lilly

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, December 24th \$5,138.00 Christmas Eve and Day \$18,969.00 Thank you for your continued support!

For most of the world, January 6, is the celebration of the **Epiphany of the Lord**, although we celebrate it this Sunday. That is why this year the closing feast of the Christmas Season, the **Baptism of the Lord**, is celebrated on Sunday, in most of the world, but here it is moved to Monday.

Whether we celebrate the **Baptism of the Lord** on Sunday or Monday, we hear the Lord say in the first reading from **Isaiah**, "Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit." That is echoed in **Luke's Gospel**, after Jesus' baptism: "And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." This feast marks the end of the **Christmas season**. Monday or Tuesday begins **Ordinary Time** on the Church calendar which will continue until **Ash Wednesday**.



ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER

Pope Francis writes: Christian spirituality proposes an alternative understanding of the quality of life, and encourages a

prophetic and contemplative lifestyle, one capable of deep enjoyment free of the obsession with consumption. We need to take up an ancient lesson, found in different religious traditions and also in the Bible. It is the conviction that "less is more". A constant flood of new consumer goods can baffle the heart and prevent us from cherishing each thing and each moment. Laudato Si #222 In her book, "Blessed are the Consumers: Climate Change and Planetary Restraint", Eco Theologian Sally McFague writes: Experiences of "voluntary poverty" to shock middle-class people out of the conventional model of selffulfillment through possessions and prestige, and into a model of self-emptying, as a pathway for personal and planetary well-being. It can become a form of "wild space" [what I would call liminal space], a space where one is available for deep change from the conventional model of living to another one.

Remember to ask yourself: "Do I need it? or Do I want it?"

A New Year is beginning and all of us have our own resolutions; nevertheless, it is a good time to start our own resolution to Take Care of our Common Home. Because Recycle is the last R in Reduce, Reuse and Recycle, we would like to give you five ideas to recycle by visiting this web site https://davidsuzuki.org/queen-of-green/five-ways-recycle-less/

Copies of Pope Francis' letter on the environment, "Laudato si" are available for sale in the religious Articles Store at the back of the Church!

THANK YOU TO MINISTRIES: On behalf of the pastoral team, we would like to thank all the volunteers who spent a lot of time in making this season of Christmas, a joyful celebration. Thanks to all the Readers, Altar servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, all the Choirs, Decorating Committee, Ushers, Hospitality Ministers, and Offertory Counters. A special thanks to all the children and their co-ordinators who took part in the dramatization of the gospel for the Christmas Eve Eucharistic celebration. Each of your contributions has helped all of us to experience the joy of Christ's birth and made it a meaningful celebration for our community. We are indeed a vibrant and joyful community. Let us continue to share this joy with one another.

IN OUR PARISH



BOOMERANG CARDS: Bridge and euchre games will resume on **Mon. Jan. 8**th at 1:00pm in the Parish Centre for a toonie.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: History and Significance of the Sacraments. We all understand that signs of love keep a relationship going. Participating and responding to Jesus' signs of love, the sacraments, keep our personal encounter with God alive. Please come out **Wed. Jan.** 10th from 7pm to 8pm in the Parish Centre to deepen your understanding of the Sacraments.

RITE OF COMMITMENT: will take place during all masses next weekend (Jan 13th/14th) for all grade 7 students enrolled for Confirmation with our parish this year. Our parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our children on Jan. 27th. 10 am for St. Raphael school and parish program and 1 pm for St. Paul school and parish program students.

ST. RAPHAEL'S 2ND ANNUAL CHILLI CHALLENGE on



January 20th 2018, who will have the best chilli this year? Enter your chilli to win. There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize to win. If you do not want to enter a chilli come out and be a

judge and taste them all. Buns butter and salad will be served with your chilli dinner. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$25 for a family. Please bring your own beer, wine, pop to this event. Please sign up to enter your chilli at the table where the tickets are being sold. Everything will be explained there. For further questions please email Renata at galwayrenata@gmail.com or call 905-637-2457. Tables seat eight so please ask family & friends.

CHRISTIANS ON A JOURNEY: Please join and invite your friends to "Christians on a Journey" for the 2018 world week of prayer for Christian unity. Every year in January Christians around the world celebrate a Week of Prayer for the unity of all Christians, reflecting on scripture together, participating in jointly-organized ecumenical services, and sharing fellowship. The song of Moses and Miriam (Ex 15:1-21) was chosen as this year's motif - a song of triumph over oppression. The ecumenical service will start at 6:30 pm Sun. Jan 14th at St.

Raphael Church, This service will be followed by 8 days of evening prayer in other churches at 7:30pm

Mon Jan 15 Holy Cross Lutheran Church (3455 Lakeshore Rd, Burlington)

Tues Jan 16 New Street Christian Reformed Church (3416 New St, Burlington)

Wed. Jan 17 Port Nelson United Church (3132 South Dr., Burlington)

(continued Rotation schedule to be announced For more information, please call Wilma Malick 905 870 0641

DID YOU KNOW? The Funeral Luncheon Ministry offers light catered lunch receptions for all bereaved families of St Raphael's Parish. This service is offered Mon-Fri every week of the year. We can accommodate up to 200 guests. If you would like to volunteer, we would be happy to have you on our team. Also, we are always trying to improve this ministry. If you have suggestions, please contact Marlene @ 905-634-0733/mjc1@sympatico.ca.

SHIFRA HOMES BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: St.

Raphael Parish held a baby bottle fundraiser for Shifra Homes this past October. Many bottles were taken home by our parishioners; however over 90 bottles have not been returned. Kindly return the bottles to the welcoming area or office. If you made a contribution this year and have not yet received a tax receipt, please call Nancy Romic at 905-681-9633 X 222.

BOTTLE DRIVE: We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the beer, wine and liquor bottle drive. Since the beginning of this fund-raising effort we have raised \$3,138.30 towards the elevator. The bottle drive for the accessibility project **will end** after the New Year, **January 14th**. After Jan 14th St. Vincent de Paul will take over this project of collecting empty bottles and all the proceeds will go towards helping the poor. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Lesley Cairns and all those who have graciously helped her by giving of their time to sort, organize and return the empties to the beer store.



PHOTO DIRECTORY: St. Raphael Parish is putting together a Family Photo Directory to celebrate our 60th anniversary of being a parish. We are hoping for as much participation as

possible. There are many different dates and times to have your picture taken. Please choose the time and date for your sitting after mass, or by contacting Mike & Patty McConnell at 905 333 9727 or mcconn54@gmail.com. Everyone who participates will receive a free copy of the parish photo directory and one free 8x10! It won't be complete without YOU in it.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS: THANK YOU to all the amazing children and their families for participating. We sure are blessed with some great talent; especially Mryla and her choir members and Cindy who accompanied them. This mass is a testament of the commitment and dedication of the leaders and helpers of the Children's Liturgy. Thank you to Jen and Megan Landry, Katie Grant, Simone and Charlotte Flannery, Queenie Flores and Chanice Horuc-Lake. Of course, this would not have been possible without the support of Father Francis and Father Roshan. I believe we made Jesus smile! Charlie Carpenter



CWL MEMBERSHIP: reminder renewal. It is that time of the year to renew or start a new membership in the Catholic Women's League - the largest Christian women's organization in

Canada! If you use offertory envelopes, simply look for the blue envelope (second from the front) for the 2018 year or use a plain envelope, complete with your name; full address; phone number and email address (if available) and include the fee of \$25.00. If you complete your membership before February 28, 2018, your name will go into a draw for a \$30.00 restaurant gift card.

2018 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Please pick up your 2018 envelopes in the parish entrance, by the elevator.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

"SWING" IN JANUARY: The Burlington Knights Of Columbus are proud to sponsor a Tribute To Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Tommy & Jimmy Dorsey performed by The Toronto All - Star Big Band on Sunday, January 28, 2:00 pm at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre. Enjoy a terrific afternoon of Swing! You can reserve tickets by calling the box office at 905-681-6000. Tickets are \$45.00.



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