

# ST RAPHAEL PARISH COMMUNITY

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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.

## 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.

## 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  
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*

The Diocese of Hamilton [HamiltonDiocese.com](http://HamiltonDiocese.com) Holy Cross Vocations [www.holycrossvocationscanada.com](http://www.holycrossvocationscanada.com)  
Catholics Come Home [www.CatholicsComeHome.org](http://www.CatholicsComeHome.org) Vocations [www.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com)

## 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**Monday, December 9** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Dion Alampi

**Tuesday, December 10** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Victoriano Cannillas

**Wednesday, December 11** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Paul M. LaFontaine

**Thursday, December 12** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Bill Jennings; + Nell O'Connor  
+ Santa Lucia; + Frank Freiburger  
+ Jozefa Obierska; + Michael Lupo

**Friday, December 13** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Kelly M<sup>c</sup>Bane-Bertin

**Saturday, December 14** at 5:00 p.m.  
+ Bill Jennings; + Paul M. LaFontaine;  
+ Ante Cule; + Harold McDougall;  
+ Toderou Krassimer; + Ben MacDougall

**Sunday, December 15**  
9:00 a.m. + John & Pat Taylor  
11:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners

**Please pray for the following:**

John Scharer	Molly Laporte	Barbara Kennedy
Mary Berry	Nicola Izzi	Maritza Garcia
Doug Pudsey	Sarah Scharer	Gonzalez
Peggy Evans	Jim Singer	Milan Heck
Jill Ascah	Elizabeth Talatala	Helen Weppler
Lee Olds	Asia Rae Landry	Jane Urquhart
Stephen Pustai	Noah Landry	Laith Yousif
Michael Smart	Alison Zierl	Mary Lilly
Kyle Elliott	Sarah LaFontaine	Vincent Stanford
Karen Beeho	Rosario Herve	Lucie Jennings
Pat Malcolm	Jill Olds	Frank Clarke
Elizabeth Elder	Joanne Pringle	Marie Bond
Michael Colameco	Aileen Smith	Sandra Beyer
Joseph & Madeleine	Robert Connelly	Tony Hymes
Zucco	Jones Rodney	Helen Sheehan
Ron Robertson	Barbara Fisher	Laurie Suddaby

*If you would like a loved one prayed for by the parish or included in the weekend Prayers of the Faithful, please call the Parish Office by Tuesday a.m.*



### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> - Envelopes (181) \$4111.00  
- Loose \$172.00

**Thank you for your continued support!**

In the **Second Sunday of Advent** we hear **Isaiah** write of peace and prosperity that will come when the "root of Jesse" blossoms. "Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them." **Matthew's Gospel** brings us the famous Advent reading of John the Baptist serving as a voice of one crying out in the desert, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

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**ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER**  
*Pope Francis writes: " Since the market tends to promote extreme consumerism in an effort to sell its products, people can easily get caught up in a whirlwind of needless buying and spending..."*  
**Laudato Si # 203**

Christmas season is coming, and it's the time to care more about our environment. We encourage you to be more sustainable at Christmas.

\*Buy less. Some holiday gifts fill a practical need and need to be bought new! Try re gifting one of your own treasures!

\*Buy Smart: Think "Green" Look for Locally Made Gifts

\*Lower the impact of holiday Lighting! Set a timer on light displays.

\*Choose a live tree from a local retailer to reduce your tree's carbon footprint. Once the Christmas season is over, take your tree to a recycling centre where it can be shredded and reused locally as bark chippings or environmentally friendly animal bedding.

\*Make "homemade cards", and gift tags! Send E Cards!

\*Find Alternatives to wrapping paper: choose reusable gift bags, or think creatively eg. Use a scarf, dishcloth, newsprint!

\*Reuse/Recycle, Reduce and Rethink!!!

<https://www.greenpeople.co.uk/beauty-hub/blog/top-tips-eco-friendly-christmas>

### IN OUR PARISH



#### **EVENING PRAYER WITH ADVENT HYMNS:**

The Diocesan Choir presents Evening Prayer with Advent Hymns, together with the Saint John's Bible and a small reception at **our Parish** on **Sunday Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>**, at **7pm**. Choral preludes begin at 7 pm with Evening Prayer at 7:15pm. There will be a Free-Will offering in support of our parish. Come celebrate the Advent Season with prayer, scripture, and song.

**JOURNEY OF FAITH:** Please join us every **Wednesday** from **7pm to 8pm** in our **Parish Centre** for our Journey of Faith sessions. On **December 11<sup>th</sup>**, come out to explore Catholic Doctrines relating to matters of Human Dignity and Common Good in Society. Following the fundamentals of **Catholic Social Teaching** is essential for experiencing a life of holiness. All are welcome to attend.



#### **CHRISTIANS ON A JOURNEY:**

Everyone is welcome to attend. For any questions, please call Wilma or Frank 905-870-0641.

\***Mon. Dec. 9 - 7:30pm** - Fellowship and Prayer - **Appleby United** (4407 Spruce Ave)

\***Mon. Jan. 19** starts the " World Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" times and places TBA

\***Sun. Jan. 26 - 12:30pm** - Speaker on "From Refugee to Resettlement"- **Port Nelson** (3132 South Drive)

**NEW SUNDAY MISSALS:** If you would like your own copy of the 2019-2020 Sunday Missal please purchase them in the Religious Article Store after Mass for \$5.

**CHRISTMAS EVE YOUTH MASS:** If you would like your child(ren) to participate in our **Christmas Eve (Dec 24th) Mass at 5pm**, please register with Charlie Carpenter. Children will be able to sing in a choir, perform in a re-enactment, do readings or be gift bearer. They must be able to attend rehearsals—dates are: **Wed. Dec 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7pm, Mon. Dec 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 7:30pm and dress rehearsal, Sun. Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12:30 -2pm.** All participants must be at the church on the **Tues. Dec 24<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.** Please register by calling Charlie at 905-681-6221 or text 289-834-4905 or email [bcarpenter2@cogeco.ca](mailto:bcarpenter2@cogeco.ca)



**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** The decoration group invites parishioners to bring in **RED AND WHITE** poinsettias or flowers for Christmas to decorate our parish. 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 no later than **Mon. Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> before 12 noon** for the decoration group to use to place around the church for Christmas. Thank-you for your generosity.

**2020 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** Please pick up your envelopes in the parish entrance, by the elevator, sorted alphabetically by last name. Please contact the office if you currently don't have envelopes but would like a box. Forms to enroll in our Pre-Authorized Giving Plan are also available. For assistance please contact the parish office.



**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS:** the following are a few tips from the CWL to Keep Christ in Christmas. Send religious Christmas cards to family and friends that show the true meaning of Christmas (not those saying "Happy Holidays"); purchase religious stamps from Canada Post; hang a Christmas wreath on your front door. It's circular shape represents eternity, for it has no beginning and no end. From a Christian perspective, it represents an unending circle of life. When Christians hang a wreath on their door or in their window, it's an invitation for Christ to come into their home. The members of St. Raphael's Catholic Women's League council wish all our parishioners a blessed Christmas!



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** Need assistance? Interested in becoming a member? Call the SSVP HOTLINE 905 681 6394 (also listed on cover of the Parish Bulletin). For more information, see the SSVP bulletin board in the church foyer.



**WE NEED HELP TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY:** by bringing communion to people who are homebound or in long term care or in the hospital. What a beautiful, helpful and rewarding ministry! If you have about an hour or two every 4 weeks to give to this ministry, please call for information. We will help in every way we can, questions, training, etc. Please inquire. Call Wilma 905-870-0641.

**PLEASE NOTE BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS DEADLINES:**  
Fri. December. 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 am for December 22<sup>nd</sup> bulletin.  
Wed. December 18<sup>th</sup> at 9 am for December 29<sup>th</sup> bulletin.  
Fri. December 27<sup>th</sup> at 9 am for January 5<sup>th</sup> bulletin.

### ADVENT PENANCE CELEBRATION

Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm

### MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

**Christmas Eve: Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 pm (Family Mass with dramatization),  
8:00 pm, 10:00 pm

**Christmas Day: Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am, 10 am, 12 noon

Feast of the Holy Family

**Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am, 11:00 am

Feast of Mary Mother of God

**New Year Eve: Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

5:00 pm

**New Year's Day: Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

10:00 am

(along with Sundays, Christmas and the Feast of Mary mother of God (New Year's Mass) are Holy Days of obligation in Canada)

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE:** will once again begin collecting cancelled stamps as a fund raiser. Please keep the cancelled stamps that are on the cards and letters that you may receive this Christmas. The stamps can be placed in the large envelope on the Social Justice Board in the Parish Foyer! Thank you and Merry Christmas!

### IN OUR COMMUNITY

**WHITE MASS: St. Gabriel Church, Burlington**  
**Mon. Dec 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** Celebrant Fr. Terrance McKenna. Refreshments and Video of Our Lady following the Mass. Please bring a free will offering to cover expenses. For more info. Call 905-335-6902

**HEALING AFTER AN ABORTION, IT IS POSSIBLE:**

Caring hearts are available to help you deal with the difficult feelings that often come after an abortion. Project Rachel offers a confidential service allowing people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Please call 905-526-1999 or 1-888-385-3850.



**CANDY CANES FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN: Help spread good cheer with Halton Alive throughout December.** Halton Alive will distribute 5000 postcards with a positive, life-affirming message and candy canes. Participate as a family, friend group, youth group or church group. Each kit will have all the materials and instructions you need. Sign-up for your free kit today! Sign-up in the welcome area of our parish after all Masses on the weekend of Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>; online at [www.haltonalive.ca/ccflvolunteers](http://www.haltonalive.ca/ccflvolunteers); or contact Tawnya Stanus at 905-632-3232.

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