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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
		<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

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See the Book of Tobit, especially chapter 12

The Diocese of Hamilton HamiltonDiocese.com Catholics Come Home www.CatholicsComeHome.org
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Mass Intentions 

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

Mon. Apr 14, 9am	Bill Gittens
Tue. Apr. 15, 9am	† Leslie Peiris
Wed. Apr. 16, 9am	Naveah Heald
Thu. Apr. 17, 8pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri. Apr. 18, noon	Good Friday Solemn Liturgy
Fri. Apr. 18, 3pm	Good Friday Solemn Liturgy
Fri. Apr. 18, 8pm	Stations Dramatization
Sat Apr. 19, 8pm	Easter Vigil
Sun. Apr. 20, 9am	Francis Onuska
Sun. Apr. 20, 11am	Colum Whelan

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

April 6, 2025

Envelopes (159) \$4,542
Loose \$978
Share Lent (77) \$1,775

Thank you for your generous support

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE LENTEN ALMS:



During Lent we are encouraged to pray, fast and give alms. St. Raphael's Catholic Women's League are asking parishioners to contribute to a collection of food for Dr. Simone's charity Canadian Food for Children. Mother Teresa gave this

organization their mission of helping the poorest of the poor in the world. Please consider donating dish detergent, body wash, hand soap, peanut butter, canned fish and pasta sauce and drop in one of the boxes in the lobby. Thank you for helping the poor this Lent.

SOUP SUPPER: We will be having a soup supper before Mass on **Holy Thursday, April 17 at 6pm in the parish centre.** If you would like to provide a soup for this supper, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the parish lobby.



FLOWERS FOR EASTER: The Decoration Committee invites you to bring in flowers/plants for the Easter Season. A variety of flowers are appreciated, preferably some that would last well

into the Easter season. If you would like to remember a loved one, feel free to include a small card with their name on it. Please bring the flowers to the back of the church, to the sacristy behind the altar starting *Monday, April 14* until *Thursday, April 16*. Thank-you.

MASS OF CHRISM: All are welcome to attend the Diocesan mass of Chrism during which His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will consecrate the Oils for the Sick and Catechumens. He will also consecrate Sacred Chrism. The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on **Monday, April 14 at 2pm.** Parking is limited and carpooling is encouraged. The Cathedral Basilica will open at 12:30pm. The celebration will be livestreamed with links on the Diocesan website and the Cathedral Basilica's website.

GRIEF MINISTRY – PILGRIMS OF HOPE:

Grief Support Group



Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? You are not alone! We will have an evening of hope and fellowship for all those in our parish who are grieving on **Saturday, April 26, at 6pm** in the parish hall. Please sign up in the lobby.

SUMMER BIBLE CAMP: The Summer Bible Camp at St. Raphael Parish is back again in July 2025. It is for children who will be **entering kindergarten in September 2025** up to **children entering Grade 6.** The camp runs from **July 7 to July 11, from 9:30am – 12:30pm.** Any students entering Grade 8 and up in September 2025 who would like to volunteer at the camp are also asked to register. Pick up the registration form in the church lobby or download it from our website: www.straphaels.ca Bring completed forms and your payment (cash or cheque made out to St. Raphael Parish) to the parish office.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING FROM THE HEART TO SHARE LENT 2025!

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the **Turn Debt into Hope** campaign with your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity, **our parish collected \$1,775.** This sum will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East.



If you have not yet had a chance to give, you can still place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory or donate online at devp.org/give.

Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

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.

YOUTH LEADER TRAINING FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: We are blessed to have teens and young adults involved in the preparation and leadership of Vacation Bible School experiences. The Office for Youth Ministry and the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis warmly welcome all VBS youth leaders to a day of formation and training on **Saturday, May 3**. For more information, and to register please visit: <https://bit.ly/3RpDgcQ>

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HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE: We would like to renew our Hospitality Committee in this Jubilee Year of Pilgrims of Hope. Any parishioners who would like to join this Welcoming Ministry please contact the office. Members of the committee welcome all parishioners, new and long-time parishioners, and assist with the liturgical celebration as ushers and during the offertory collection. Thank you for your support in welcoming all parishioners in our Parish Community.



HVAC – RENOVATION FUND: This year we are planning for the major renovation of the Heating Ventilation and Cooling system (HVAC). The current HVAC system is over 32 years old much in need of replacement. The members of the building committee are in discussion and consultation for a suitable system that will help to address our need for heat and airconditioning of our church building. We have estimated that the total cost is over \$350,000.00. Thank you to those who have supported us with your donation. We still need to raise \$90,000.00 to meet our goal. We request your support for this project. Along with the renewed request for the Building Fund envelopes, please consider making a legacy donation towards Parish Building Funds. For each contribution of over \$1000.00, a Legacy plate will be placed as a way for the parish to show gratitude for your support. We will keep the parish informed on the progress on the HVAC project.



**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:
PILGRIMS OF HOPE – 2025**

TENEBRAE – April 16, Wednesday
7 pm - Evening Service

HOLY THURSDAY – April 17
6pm – Soup Supper
8 pm – Mass



GOOD FRIDAY – April 18
12 noon – Solemn Liturgy of the Word
3pm – Solemn Liturgy of the Word
8pm – Stations of the Cross
Dramatization

HOLY SATURDAY – April 19
11am – Blessing of the Food
8pm – Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY – April 20
Masses at 9am & 11am



PONTIFICAL COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND ON GOOD FRIDAY: The annual Good Friday Collection is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world. The collection helps the Church of the Holy Land to maintain Christian sites, so important for Christians everywhere, and to provide pastoral, educational, and social works among the small Christian population. The Church and our Christian brothers and sisters count on your help to retain a faith filled Christian presence in this land of our Lord. Please give generously during the Good Friday liturgies on **April 18, 2025**.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Please note, the parish office will be closed on **Fri. April 18** and **Mon. April 21**.



BOOMERANG CARDS: There will be no cards on **Mon. April 21** due to the Easter holiday. Cards will resume on Monday, April 28.

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