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

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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

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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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions 

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

Mon. Dec 2, 9am	† Keith Mueller
Mon Dec 2, 10:30am	Students & Teachers of St. Raphael School (School Mass)
Tue. Dec 3, 9am	† Tony Florio, † Lois McLaughlin & † Neil Doyle
Wed. Dec 4, 9am	† Warren Chenery
Thu. Dec 5, 9am	Shirley Lynott
Hlg. Eamon Flynn	Hlg. Tom & Lee Olds
† Robin Law	† Jill Olds
† Robin & Zeno Noronha	
Fri Dec 6, 9am	† Mary Germann
Fri Dec 6, 6:30pm	† Jason Starchuk
Sat Dec 7, 5pm	Madelina Pinheiro
† Horace Hryciw	† Epifanio & Nora Braganza
Sun. Dec 8, 9am	For Our Parishioners
Sun. Dec 8, 11am	Paul Irimpan

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

November 24, 2024

Envelopes (133)	\$3,028
Loose	\$712
Pre-authorized Giving (85)	\$8,763

Thank you for your generous support

SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve Children's Mass with Pageant
Tues, 24 Dec 2024 - 5:00 PM

Christmas Eve Mass
Tues, 24 Dec 2024 - 8:00 PM & 10:00 PM

Midnight Mass
Wed, 25 Dec 2024 - 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Mass
Wed, 25 Dec 2024 - 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 noon

Feast of the Holy Family Mass
Sat, Dec 28, 2024 – 5:00 PM
Sun, Dec 29 2024 – 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Feast of Mary, the Mother of God, Mass
Tue, Dec 31, 2024 – 5:00 PM
Wed, Jan 1, 2025 – 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

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.

PATIENTLY WAITING: NURTURING HOPE IN ADVENT



The St. Raphael's Catholic Women's League invites all women to attend an Advent retreat on **Tuesday, Dec. 3 starting at 7pm** in the parish hall led by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett (Director of Family Ministry for the Diocese of Hamilton). Join us to reflect on how, in Advent, we patiently wait for Christ. We will look at the many ways we prepare for Christmas and the wonderful things God has provided for his beloved. Advent can be a time of hope when we remember the real reason for the season! **Join us – all women are welcome.** For more information, please contact Leony Hettinger leonyh87@gmail.com 289-556-6916



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION: Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting donations after all Masses next weekend. SSVP envelopes are available at back of the church for those who would like income tax receipts at the end of the year.

ST. RAPHAEL'S CHILDREN'S ADVENT PARTY



Saturday, Dec 7, In the Parish Centre
From 1:30pm to 3:00pm
Enjoy crafts, cookie decorating, games, have your picture taken with Santa! (so bring your camera or cell) For all children up to Grade 3. **Parent or guardian must accompany child(ren)! New this year, we are opening up Santa's gift shop to allow the children to shop for their parents. All items will be \$2.00 and our elves will even wrap them. To ensure that we have enough supplies for all, please RSVP to: Charlie @905-681-6221 or bcarpenter2@cogeco.ca**

FESTIVAL OF FAMILIES DINNER & DANCE: On **December 31**, on the eve of the feast of Mary the Mother of God, we invite you for a Family Dinner and Dance to celebrate our faith in our Christian Family. Mass at 5pm followed by a Dinner and Dance in the Parish Centre at 6:30pm. Tickets, \$40 per adult, \$20 per child, are available at the back of the church after the weekend masses. All are welcome.

MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASS: The Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton hosts a Monthly Memorial Mass at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Burlington on the second Tuesday of each month. The names of people interred in one of the Hamilton/Burlington area Catholic cemeteries during the previous month are read during the Universal Prayer, and their relatives receive an invitation to attend. The next Mass will be on **Tuesday, December 10**, at 4:30pm. All are welcome.

ADORATION WITH TAIZE-STYLE PRAYER INTER-PARISH YOUNG ADULT GATHERING

When: **Sat. Dec. 7** from **6:30 - 9:30pm**

What: An hour of Adoration accompanied by the simple, meditative-style music and prayer originating from the Taizé Community in France. Simple sung refrains, prayerful silence, and short scripture readings will guide this evening of prayer in the Advent season. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available. Refreshments and social to follow at 7:30pm. All young adults (18 – 39) welcome – students, young professionals, parish groups, and young families.

Where: Host Parish - Holy Rosary, 287 Plains Rd. East, Burlington.

For more info or to RSVP contact Cristian:

clecanda@hamiltondiocese.com or
<https://bit.ly/m/SetTheWorldOnFire>

TRIP TO PERU; MACHU PICCHU & LAKE TITICACA:

Father Wilson will be leading a cultural discovery trip to Peru from September 14 – 23, 2025. This small group tour is being offered exclusively to parishioners and friends of St. Raphael Parish up until January 2025, when it will be released and advertised to the general public. The activity level for this trip is a level 4 which means participants should be leading active lifestyles with walking, biking, and half- or full-day hikes, with 10,000 steps a day or more being a normal day. Please find all the details in the brochure in the parish lobby. For more information, please contact Michelle Matthews, 905-510-8853, mimatthews@expediacruzises.com

NEW MISSALS: are available to pick up at the entrance. The suggested donation is \$5:00. Thank you for your support.

PARISH RECOLLECTION DAY: on December 17th 2024, would like to invite you for a Day of Reconciliation. Priests will be available for the Sacraments of Confession from 10 am to 12 noon and 1 pm to 6pm.

PARISH REGISTRATION: If you haven't yet registered in our parish, or need to update your information, please contact the office.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE: We would like to renew our Hospitality Committee as we begin the new liturgical year of Pilgrims of Hope. Those who would like to join our Welcoming Committee please contact the office. Committee members will help with welcoming new parishioners and will help during the liturgical celebration with ushering and offertory collection. Thank you for your support in welcoming new members to our Parish Community.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE: On **December 12** we will be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patron of Americas. The Mass will begin at 6:30 pm and will be organized by the St. Raphael's School Community. We welcome all of you join in the celebration as it is the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. In celebrating the universality and cultural appreciation of families, we would like to encourage everyone to wear their cultural dress as we celebrate "Unity and Diversity" of our parish and school community.

SIMBANG GOBI ADVENT NOVENA MASS: As we prepare for Christmas you are all invited to attend Simbang Gobi – 9 Days of Advent Masses from **December 16 to 23**, at **7:00 pm** at St. Raphael's Church. If you need more information, please contact Handmaids of the Lord – CFC – Hamiton – St Catherines organizers.

RENOVATION FUND COLLECTION: We would like to encourage everyone to support our Renovation Funds, please use the yellow envelopes to donate towards the HVAC funds.

SEEKING ADDITIONAL HOME EUCHARIST MINISTERS: Are you looking for a meaningful way to serve our parish community? We are currently in need of compassionate volunteers to join our team of Home Eucharist Ministers.

Role: Home Eucharist Minister

Purpose: To bring the Holy Eucharist to those who are homebound, ill, or unable to attend Mass.

Requirements:

- A deep commitment to the Eucharist and the teachings of the Catholic Church
- A caring and compassionate heart
- Completion of a brief training session

Responsibilities:

- Visiting parishioners in their homes or care facilities
- Offering prayer and the Eucharist to those in need
- Being a comforting presence and a link to our parish community

Training Provided: Yes

If you feel called to this vital ministry or would like more information, please contact John Fauteux at 905.635.2586 or tjfauteux@me.com

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