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SPES UNICA

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
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- St. Raphael's Elementary
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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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Mass Intentions 

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

Mon. Dec 16, 9am	Joffa Family
Tue. Dec 17, 9am	† Jerome Benoza
Wed. Dec 18, 9am	† Betty Nedelko
Thu. Dec 19, 9am	Tom & Lee Olds
Emil Komac	Natasha & Ariya Pereira
† Jerome Benoza	† Blair Bohan
† Bill & Lucie Jennings	
Fri Dec 20, 9am	William Finkle
Sat Dec 21, 5pm	Thx. Imah Family
† Mary Germann	† Luigi Gucciardi
† Mary Diep	† Andrew Tran
† Vincent Ai	† Souls in Purgatory
† Dec'd Members of the Panetta-& Carr Families	
Sun. Dec 22, 9am	† Francis Onuska
Sun. Dec 22, 11am	For Our Parishioners

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

December 8, 2024

Envelopes (149) 3563
Loose 557

Thank you for your generous support

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 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.

Please pray for:

Justine Giuliani Lilian Ponikvar
Please phone the parish office before Tuesday morning to have a name added.

CHILDREN’S ADVENT PARTY: A heartfelt thank you to all who made this event a success; especially, Brian who has been running errands since July, Santa, who endured a sauna treatment for an hour and a half, Jenn, Greg, Kyle and Cody who devoted their time and energy to decorating and setting up the hall and all the helpers and C.W.L. members who came to help. Not forgetting the great families who choose our venue to join in the fun.
May God Bless you all, Charlie

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. The current HVAC system is over 32 years old and in need of replacement: estimated at a cost of \$350,000.00. We request your support for this project. Please consider making a legacy donation to the Parish Building Fund. For each contribution of \$1000.00 or more, a Legacy plate will be engraved with your name, or the name of a loved one, as a way for the parish to show gratitude for your support. The community will continue to pray for you.

PARISH RECOLLECTION DAY: on **December 17** we 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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: The decoration group 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. 23, before 12 noon** for the decoration group to place around the church for Christmas. Thank-you for your generosity.



THE GOOD SHEPHERD TREE OF HOPE: The Good Shepherd Tree of Hope was overflowing, thanks to the great generosity of our St. Francis Community. This is especially meaningful as this is the Year of Hope. You made it possible for hundreds of families to enjoy new pajamas, toys, items for teens and almost \$1000.00 in gift cards. This really shows God’s gift of Hope in action!
God Bless, Charlie

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. Please sign up using the sheet in the parish lobby if you are interested in becoming part of this ministry.

2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Please pick up your box of 2025 donation envelopes in the parish lobby. Please note, to reduce waste many envelope numbers have changed for the coming year. Please do not begin using the 2025 envelopes until the new year and **please do not use any envelopes from previous years for your donations.** For assistance, please contact the office.

SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS**Recollection Day (Confessions)**

Tues, 17 December 10am – noon & 1 – 6pm

Christmas Eve Children's Mass with Pageant

Tues, 24 December - 5:00pm

Christmas Eve Mass

Tues, 24 December - 8:00pm & 10:00pm

Midnight Mass

Wed, 25 December - 12:00 midnight

Christmas Mass

Wed, 25 December - 8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00 noon

Feast of the Holy Family Mass

Sat, December 28, – 5:00pm

Sun, December 29 – 9:00am & 11:00am

Feast of Mary, the Mother of God, Mass

Tue, December 31, 2024 – 5:00pm

Wed, Jan 1, 2025 – 9:00am & 11:00pm

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.

PARISH REGISTRATION: If you haven't yet registered in our parish, or need to update your information, please pick up a registration form in the parish lobby.

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 monthly automatic bank withdrawal. We especially ask those who give cash donations to the parish without the use of donation envelopes to consider this method. We would like to be able to credit your family for these donations and issue you a tax receipt at the end of the year. Please find Pre-Authorized Giving Plan Forms in the parish lobby. 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."

2024 YEAR-END DONATIONS: Parishioners and visitors who wish to make a year-end donation to St. Raphael parish are encouraged to do so **before Tuesday, December, 31**. Donations received after Dec. 31 will be receipted for 2025. We appreciate your understanding and timely support.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH: December is an exciting month for children and families with the coming of Christmas. December is also the month we prepare for Christmas during Advent! Advent, by definition, means we are preparing for something important, which is the coming of Jesus Christ. Celebrating with an Advent wreath allows us to light a candle each week, offering a chance to discuss, on four occasions, what Christ's coming to the world means to all of us. The candles (hope, faith, joy and peace) open up the opportunity to remind our children what each candle represents and, of course, the real meaning of the season. Santa comes one night per year, but Jesus is with us always and is a true gift in our lives. This Advent, remember to make Christ the reason for the season. From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

JUBILEE OF HOPE, 2025 The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this Ordinary Jubilee Year, 2025, as "Pilgrims of Hope!" We are all invited to journey through this year drawing closer to God through prayer, service and experiences of renewal. Six churches have been designated as pilgrimage sites across the Diocese, welcoming you as a visitor over the course of the Jubilee to come and pray. Resources, information and locations of the pilgrimage sites are all made available on the Diocesan Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com.

Pope Francis will open the Holy Door of the Basilica of St. Peter's in Rome on Christmas Eve, inaugurating the Jubilee Year. In Cathedrals around the world and in our Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, the Holy Year will be inaugurated on December 28-29, 2024, the Feast of the Holy Family. The year will be officially launched in each Parish in the Diocese on this same day. The Jubilee Year of Hope will conclude on January 6, 2026.

"In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring... may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope."

Pope Francis, *Spes non confundit*.

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

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, December 23: 9am – noon

December 24 - 26: CLOSED

Friday, December 27: 9am – 4pm

Saturday December 28: 3:30 – 6:30pm

Sunday, December 29: 9am – 1pm

Monday, December 30: 9am – 4pm

December 31 – January 2: CLOSED

Friday, January 3: 9am – 4pm (normal hours resume)



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