

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
		<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

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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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 9, 9am	† Tara Lynn Giuliani
Tue. Dec 10, 9am	Boden McDowell
Wed. Dec 11, 9am	† Paul M. LaFontaine
Thu. Dec 12, 9am	Rev. Juvenal Merriel
Hlg. Dave Gzik	† Trevor Patrick D'Souza
† Jill Olds	† Salvatore Romano
Fri Dec 13, 9am	Natasha Giuliani
Sat Dec 14, 5pm	Hall Family
Rev. Juvenal Merriel	† Nieves Mendez
† Carmelita J. Ruiz	† Bertha Fonseka
† Souls in Purgatory	
Sun. Dec 15, 9am	† Dec.d Members of Chomyshyn & Boulais Family
Sun. Dec 15, 11am	For Our Parishioners

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

December 1, 2024

Envelopes (150) \$4749
Loose \$743

Thank you for your generous support

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.

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.

Please pray for:

Justine Giuliani

Please phone the parish office before Tuesday morning to have a name added.

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

PARISH RECOLLECTION DAY: on **Tuesday, December 17** we would like to invite you for a Day of Reconciliation. Priests will be available in the church for the Sacrament of Confession from **10 am to 12 noon** and **1 pm to 6pm.**

ADVENT WOMEN'S RETREAT: Thank you to all the women who attended our Advent Women's Retreat Tuesday. A special thank you to Teresa Hartnett for leading this beautiful and prayerful retreat for the women. Thank you to the St. Raphael Parish Catholic Women's League for organizing the event.

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.

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 in the church lobby after the weekend masses. All are welcome.

2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Please pick up your box of 2025 donation envelopes in the parish lobby near the elevator. 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 once the new year has begun. For assistance, please contact the office.

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



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.

SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Recollection Day (Confessions)

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

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

WEBINAR FOR NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES: Let us gather to listen to voices from within the Catholic Education Community in Ontario that will help us to reflect on solidarity in this Jubilee Year of Hope. You are invited to join the Webinar, beginning at 4pm on **December 12**. Please register at: <https://bit.ly/4eFW4hl>

TRIP TO PERU; MACHU PICCHU & LAKE TITICACA: Father Wilson will be leading a cultural discovery trip to Peru from September 14 – 23, 2025. Seats are limited, if you are interested, please sign up before December 15. 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. 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

MINISTRIES AT ST. RAPHAEL PARISH: There are so many ministries here at St. Raphael Parish. If you'd like to be more involved in the life of the parish by joining one or more, please contact the parish office, 905-637-2346, straphaelburlington@hamiltondiocese.com and we will connect you with the ministry coordinator.

Pastoral Stewardship

1. Holy Cross Fathers
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4. Pastoral Council
5. Collection Counters
6. Building/Maintenance Committee
7. Social Media
8. Volunteer Screening Program
9. Fund Raising Group & Religious Articles Store
10. Hall

Liturgical Life

1. Liturgy Committee
2. Prayer Groups
3. Lectors
4. Eucharistic Ministers
5. Choir
6. Ministry to the sick/Homebound
7. Funeral Liturgy
8. Altar Servers
9. Ushers
10. St. Bro. Andre Healing Ministry

Sacramental Formation

1. Children's Liturgy
2. Youth Group (12 to 19)
3. Young Adults (20 – 40)
4. Couples' Ministry
5. Baptism
6. RCIA – Faith Formation
7. 1st Reconciliation/ Holy Communion
8. Confirmation
9. Vocation Promotion/Discernment
10. Grief: Funeral Luncheon

Community Service

1. St Raphael & St. Paul School Communities
2. Assumption High School
3. Knight of Columbus
4. Catholic Women's League
5. Society of Saint Vincent De Paul
6. Development and Peace
7. Life Team
8. Holy Cross Family Ministries – Canada
9. Handmaids of the Lord
10. Social Activities

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