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

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Catherine Osborne - Office Administrator

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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

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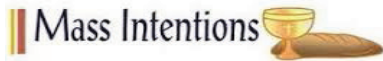
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Archangel St. Raphael "God is my Healer"

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

The Diocese of Hamilton HamiltonDiocese.com Catholics Come Home www.CatholicsComeHome.org
Vocations www.HamiltonVocations.com

 Mass Intentions

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

Mon. Jan 13, 9am	† Souls in Purgatory
Tue. Jan 14, 5pm	† Joseph & Margaret McMahon
Wed. Jan 15, 9am	Scott Harrison
Thu. Jan 16, 9am	Vi & Scott Harrison
† Marianne Amodeo	† Maria da Luz Furtado
Fri Jan 17, 9am	† Monica Narwani
Sat Jan 18, 5pm	Merci Tiamson
† Nieves Mendez	† Cornelius O’Connell
† Melvin Olano	† Henry Irwin Lee
† Peter Vander Voort	† Betty Nedelko
Sun. Jan 19, 9am	† Maria da Luz Furtado
Sun. Jan 19, 11am	For Our Parishioners

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

December 25, 2024

Envelopes (242)	\$16,795
Loose	\$3,361
Building Fund December (75)	\$8,833

December 29, 2024

Envelopes (147)	\$3,892
Loose	\$285

January 1, 2025

Envelopes (109)	\$3,132
Loose	\$987

January 5, 2025

Envelopes (137)	\$3,039
Loose	\$1,096

Thank you for your generous support

SAFE FOOD HANDLING CERTIFICATES: The Safe Food Handling Certificates are ready for pick up in the parish office.

Please pray for: Rafael Tudares
Names on this list will remain for a period of four weeks to allow space for other names. Please phone the parish office before Tuesday morning to have a name added.

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 use any envelopes from previous years for your donations to ensure that you receive the credit for your donation.** For assistance, please contact the office.

FESTIVAL OF FAMILIES DINNER & DANCE: Thank you to all the volunteers who made the Festival of Families Dinner and Dance such a wonderful event. Thank you to all our prize donors. Many thanks to our parishioners and their families for coming out to celebrate

FAITH FORMATION: Your Parish Faith Formation Ministry is offering a three session programme called “An Introduction to Prayer”, to explore answers to questions like:

- Why should I pray?
- What should I say or do when I’m praying?
- Who exactly am I praying to?
- What different types of prayer are there?
- What do the spiritual masters say about prayer?
- How can I establish a solid routine of prayer?
- *We suggest that you read “An Introduction to Prayer” by Bishop Robert Barron and bring your own questions to the sessions.*

Note: Copies of the book are available in the Parish Office. This is the book that was given out at Christmas. Sessions will be in the Parish Hall from 7:00pm to 8:30pm on Wednesday, JANUARY 15TH, 22ND AND 29TH. Each session will be approximately 90 minutes long.

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 automatic bank withdrawal. 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.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST: The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a pancake breakfast at our parish on **Sunday, February 2, following the 9am and 11am masses.** There is no set fee to attend but please make a donation at the door. All are welcome to attend! Please RSVP using the sign-up sheet in the parish lobby.

FR. EMMANUEL AWAY: Our Associate Pastor Father Emmanuel will be away until February 11, 2025, for his home holidays in India. We wish him best wishes and a time of relaxation.

YOUTH GROUP (TEENAGERS 12 – 19): We thank the youth group taking leadership in active participation of the Mass on First Saturdays of the Month. They lead the Rosary at 4 30 pm and participate in the liturgy as Lectors, Choir, Ushers. After the Mass they join in the Faith formation and youth activities. We encourage all the youth to register for the Youth Group.

YOUNG ADULTS' GROUP (AGES 20 – 35 YEARS):

We thank the young adults who continue to actively participate in our church activities. They meet on 3rd Saturdays of the Month and look after the choir for the Mass. After the Mass they will lead Adoration and Faith Formation activities. We encourage all Young Adults (single and married couples) to register for the Young Adults group. Our next Young Adults' Mass is on Saturday **January 18**. The Theme for the evening is "Unity in Christ". The evening will begin with the movie on Dietrich "Bonhoeffer" and follow with discussion and pizza. Please fill in the form at the back of the church, if you would like to join in the Young Adults' activities.

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!" 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 available on the Diocesan Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com. On December 29, 2024, the Feast of the Holy Family the Jubilee Year was inaugurated in our Cathedral Church and all parishes in the Diocese of Hamilton. Each month in the Diocese of Hamilton, we will pray for **Heros of Hope** – those members of our parishes and communities who offer hope to those in need by their ministries and service. During January, we pray for those who serve in Parish Ministries:

Lord God, by the grace of our baptism, you have given us new life in Christ and called us to serve as pilgrims of hope. We pray in thanksgiving for those who have responded to your call to be leaders in our parish community and for the volunteers who dedicate their gifts for the building up of your Church and the service of their sisters and brothers. Through their varied ministries, may they touch the hearts of all in our community who long for the hope, born of our Christian faith, that never disappoints. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

JUBILEE OF HOPE, 2025 – St. Raphael's Parish We join with the Universal Church and the Diocese of Hamilton, in celebrating the Jubilee – 2025: "**Pilgrims of Hope**", we encourage all the members to participate in the Jubilee year activities.

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES OF PRAYER LIFE: St. Raphael's Church is blessed to have a Perpetual **Adoration Chapel** for prayer and reflection. We encourage everyone to use the newly renovated chapel for prayer, adoration and reflection. The Door to enter the Adoration Chapel opens at 6:30am and closes at 9:00pm. If you need to access the chapel after hours, please contact the office.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS AND ROSARY: From Monday to Friday, the chapel is open for Daily Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours at 8:15am followed by the recitation of the Holy Rosary at 8:30am. We encourage everyone to make this year of the Jubilee of Hope one in which to grow in your prayer life.

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. Your service can make a profound difference in the lives of our homebound parishioners. **Join us in this beautiful ministry of compassion and faith.**

PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS: Please join this small group every Friday, after the 9am Mass, in the St. Anthony Room. We pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet for the intentions of our priests and vocations to the priesthood. For more information contact Sylvia at 905-632-4862.

BIBLE PROJECT – 2025:

"Ignorance of the Scripture is Ignorance of Christ" – St. Jerome.

Pope Francis has dedicated the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary time to be observed as the Word of God Sunday – encouraging everyone to read, study and reflect on the Word of God through the reading of the Bible. We have developed Bible Project materials where you can read the whole Bible in 120 days. There are information sheets available at the church entrance. Please make use of them for your personal reading and recording of the books in the Bible you have read. Those who complete the Reading of the Bible will receive a Certificate. You can also bring your Bible for a blessing as you begin to read the Bible. Contact Fr. Wilson for more information.



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