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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
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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Mass Intentions

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

Mon. Sept 23, 9am	Katie Heald
Tue. Sept 24, 9am	Thx. Marion & Chris Hettiarachchi
Wed. Sept 25, 9am	† Catherine Lee
Thu. Sept 26, 9am	Chris Heald
Hlg. Teena Perera	Thx. Robert & Sharon Megaffin
† Brian Leggett	† Hank Hutton
† Bob Hatch	
Fri Sept 27, 9am	† Mary Anne Doyle
Sat Sept 28, 5pm	Terry Butler
Paul Irimpan	Sharon & Mark Phillips
† Roberto Moniz	† Paul & Cenka Kosir
† Emil Komac	† Julian & Ethlyn Gonsalves
† Jim, Clinton & Christopher Cox	
Sun. Sept 29, 9am	† Paul M. LaFontaine
Sun. Sept 29, 11am	For Our Parishioners

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

September 15, 2024

Envelopes (136)	\$3,814
Loose	\$881
Mission Co-op Collection (33)	\$11,020
Pre-Authorized Giving September (87)	\$8,863

Thank you for your generous support

ROSARY MAKING GROUP: This small Rosary Making Group will resume meeting on Fridays at **10:15am** in the St. Francis Room. Materials and instruction on how to make rosaries are provided. We would like to grow this group since we have a special project: to provide all of Assumption High School students with a rosary in their school colours of blue and white. We need lots of help from beginners to experts alike. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please contact Sylvia Heald, 905-632-4862.



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL & WHALE COVE: We wish to thank you, the parishioners, St. Raphael & St. Paul Schools, P & M Flour, Grace United Church, boys' 10-year-old

soccer team, Jazz, the Knights of Columbus, and the Catholic Women's League, for the generous support for Whale Cove. The container will arrive in Whale Cove during the second week of October with \$20,000 of non-perishable food and clothing.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH? Then maybe Bishop Robert Barron's "THE CREED" is for you? In The Creed, a film series blending Documentary conversations and dynamic talks, Bishop Robert Barron guides viewers into the depths of the Nicene Creed.

We will explore the meaning of "belief" and whether it contradicts reason; the creative love of God the Father; the shocking mystery of his Son's Incarnation, and the great drama of his crucifixion and Resurrection; the life-giving power of the *Spiritus Sanctus*, or "holy breath", shared between them; and the mystical reality of the Church, which calls all of humanity out of the world of sin to receive forgiveness and participate in Christ's divinity – not only in the next world but here and now. In our Parish Hall on **Wednesday evenings** sessions (from 7 to 9 pm) will consist of a video presentation, faith sharing and small group discussion designed to help participants rediscover the great intellectual and spiritual depths of Christian doctrine and reclaim the unity, clarity, and conviction of the Christian faith. View an introduction at

<https://youtu.be/EoT8g8zn4y4?si=FTmx9ggXXy2ViJm0>

For more information, please contact the parish office.

Topic	Date
I Believe	Sept 25
God, the Father Almighty	Oct 2
Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son	Oct 9
He suffered Death	Oct 16
Holy Spirit, the Giver of Life	Oct 23
One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church	Oct 30



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

Dear Ladies of the Catholic Women's League; we have a table for the Christmas Bazar being held in November.

In preparation, we are having a working party at Charlie's house on Sunday, Sept.

29th at 1:30 pm. If you would like to take part in stuffing, taping or gluing items please contact Leony @ leonyh87@gmail.com or 289-556-6916 (note new phone number) or Charlie @ 905-681-6221, or bcarpenter2@cogeco.ca

PRAYER GROUP FOR TEENAGERS: We encourage teenagers from ages 14-17 to join an open prayer session in the church for Rosary at 6pm followed by youth activities. Together we will be learning our catechism, catholic teaching and reflecting on the gospels. We will be going out to the community, helping those who need Jesus most especially those in retirement homes, and helping with the Children's liturgy on Sundays. The first meeting will be **Saturday, October 5th**. Come join us! For more information, please contact Fiona Martin 647-801-9708

St. Raphael's Parish – Home of Prayer

St. Raphael's Parish Community is a home of prayer and we encourage everyone to reflect on our prayer life. Like the Disciples we ask Jesus "Lord, teach us to pray." (Matt. 6:13).



During the Month of September, we continue to support and pray for all children, students and our school community.

Sept 21/22: Blessing of all Students and School bags. Students are invited to bring backpacks for a special blessing for the children during the weekend Masses.

Sept. 29: Feast of Archangel Raphael: Novena will begin on Sept 20 and continue until Sept 29. All are welcome for the feast day Mass on Sept 29 Sunday Masses.

Parish Vision - Mission Statement:

St. Raphael Parish is a Christ Centered Family

Values:

Hope, Faith, Love



St. Raphael Parish is a *Christ Centered Family* where we: Value our unity in diversity and **Welcome** everyone. Joyfully celebrate **Liturgy** and participate in the Sacraments. Provide a safe sacred circle for spiritual growth by **Faith Formation**. Respond to the call to serve through our **Compassionate Action**.

Reflection: St. Raphael Parish is a *Christ Centered family* within God's people representing all ages, races, cultures and stages of life. As **one baptised family of God**, and becoming sisters and brothers, we **welcome** everyone and celebrate our unity in diversity within God's love.

Prompted by the call of the Good News of Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, all are encouraged to take full and active participation in the proclamation of our faith, by worshiping God through our prayer life, **liturgical celebration** and sacramental life of the church.

Our sacred family is a sanctuary for the human spirit where all members join in the **faith formation** through promoting the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We grow in care and concern for others, and our personal and spiritual development is fostered within the holistic wellbeing of all members.

Through our **call to service**, we are committed to respond to the needs of our parish members and the society. We are called to be in solidarity with people who suffer, and to work and act together for the fullness of life through our **Compassionate Action** as God's healing ministers in the world.

Thank you for your suggestions, please let us know your thoughts and opinions on the Parish Vision-Mission Statements and Priorities of our community.

PARISH PICNIC THANK YOU: We would like to thank all our wonderful volunteers who made the Parish Picnic such an amazing success last weekend. Thank you to our volunteers for selling tickets, purchasing the supplies needed, our ministries for the donations of food, our chefs for cooking the hot dogs and hamburgers, and all who helped with the clean-up afterwards. Many thanks to all the parishioners who came to the picnic to enjoy the sunshine, the good food and the excellent company. The proceeds from the picnic went to support the community of Whale Cove through our Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

PARISH CENTRE RENOVATION: The work in our parish hall is almost complete. The new flooring is installed in the hall. The work continues in our parish kitchen and the main washrooms. Thank you for your patience and support while the upgrades are underway. We look forward to gathering as a community in the autumn in the newly updated space. This project was possible because of your generous donations to our building fund over the years. We ask for your continued support to our building fund so that we can undertake future projects to improve our church.

HOME EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY MEETING INVITATION: Attention Home Eucharistic Ministry members: Please join us on **Wednesday, October 16**, at **6:30pm** in the St. Francis Room for our upcoming meeting. We also welcome any parishioners interested in exploring this Ministry to attend. As Saint Teresa of Calcutta said, "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." To register, kindly reach out to John Fauteux at 905-635-2586.

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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