


Mass Intentions 

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

Mon. Sept 16, 9am	Robert Van Heukelom
Tue. Sept 17, 9am	Thx. Mario & Cindy Thx. Dilu & Ash
Wed. Sept 18, 9am	Lincoln Munshaw
Wed. Sept 18, 10:30am <i>St. Raphael School Mass</i>	Vincent Stanford Teachers and students of St. Raphael School
Thu. Sept 19, 9am	Huguette Galante
Pat Oliveira	Thx. Manuel Supleo
† Marianna Perrazzini	† Lorenzo Le Quang Vinh
† Felicisima de los Reyes	
Fri Sept 20, 9am	† Vincente Vu
Sat Sept 21, 5pm	Brady Wallace
Thx. La Pastora Family	† Mary Germann
† Gwen Hayes	† Jo Stewart
† Adriana Pascucci	† Francis Pataracchia
† Patrick Byrne	† Mario Bozzo
† Carlo Filice	† Carrillo Gaviria Family
Sun. Sept 22, 9am	† Manuel & Espirito Santo Pacheco
Sun. Sept 22, 11am	For Our Parishioners

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.

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO QUEBEC: To celebrate the 350th Anniversary of the church in Quebec, Fr. Wilson is hosting a pilgrimage to Quebec from **Friday, Nov. 1, to Monday Nov. 4**. All parishioners are welcome to join this pilgrimage. We will be travelling to the Shrines of Sacred Heart, Sherbrooke, St. Joseph's Oratory, Montreal, St. Anne and Notre Dame, Quebec, Our Lady of the Cape, Trois-Rivieres. Please see the flyer on our bulletin board for more information or contact **Enza Fenech: 905 301 3376**.

 **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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

September 8, 2024

Envelopes (151)	\$3,480
Loose	\$618

Thank you for your generous support

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

2025 - A JUBILEE YEAR: In 2025 the universal Church will celebrate a **Jubilee Year** – a year of renewal in faith. The theme of the year established by Pope Francis is "*Pilgrims of Hope*." A five-part video series has been developed for use in the Diocese of Hamilton. To view the resources visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vatican-ii/>.



Respect Life Sunday

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY – OCTOBER

6: October is a month dedicated to respecting and promoting the value of human life. In an effort to support churches in connecting with their congregation, Halton Alive, your local pro-life educational organization, provides custom resources to help draw attention to life issues and how individuals can learn more or get involved. This year's brochure is on Palliative Care, we encourage you to pick up a brochure after the service and learn more.

LIFE CHAIN – OCTOBER 6: Life Chain is a public, prayerful, peaceful witness against legalized abortion on the first Sunday of October. Gather with like minded individuals to be a voice for the voiceless in our community at locations across the region: BURLINGTON Fairview St & Maple Ave **2:30-3:30pm** OAKVILLE Trafalgar Rd & Dundas St E **2:30-3:30pm** MILTON Main St. & Ontario St. **2:30-3:30pm**

For more locations visit: www.haltonalive.ca/calendar



LIFE CHAIN

Year of Ministry – 2024

Ministry Directory

St Raphael's parish has 40 ministries in which we reach out to others through our prayer, liturgy, sacramental preparations, stewardship administration, social and educational outreach and provide care and serve the poor. We request all the ministry co-ordinators to send a description of their ministry and its activities to the parish office. We are creating a Parish Ministry Directory for better communication and to support all our members. Please send us the information by email by 30th of September so we can get ready for the Ministry Day on November 23rd in preparation for the new liturgical year.

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 the children, students and our school community. We encourage everyone to actively participate in our liturgies.

Sept. 8: Feast of the Nativity of Mother Mary.

Sept. 15: Our Lady of Sorrows patronal feast of Holy Cross Congregation: join us for Parish BBQ Picnic at Strathcona Park from noon to 2 pm.

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 baptized 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.

Season of Creation – 2024 SAINT FRANCIS PLEDGE

I/We PLEDGE to: **PRAY** and reflect on the duty to care for God's Creation and protect the poor and vulnerable.

LEARN about and educate others on the causes and moral dimensions of climate change.

ASSESS how we-as individuals and in our families, parishes and other affiliations contribute to climate change by our own energy use, consumption, waste, etc.

ACT to change our choices and behaviors to reduce the ways we contribute to climate change.

ADVOCATE for Catholic principles and priorities in climate change discussions and decisions, especially as they impact those who are poor and vulnerable.