

March 28th, 2010
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 29th

9:00 a.m. Shirley Benoit +

Tuesday, March 30th

9:00 a.m. Wayne Fox, Spec. Int.
 Margaret Chisholm +
 Mary Edelweiss Sare +
 David Harper +
 Deborah Izzi +

Wednesday, March 31st

9:00 a.m. Arnold Tattersall +

Thursday, April 1st

Holy Thursday

7:30 p.m. No Morning Mass
 Intentions of Celebrant

Friday, April 2nd

Good Friday - *Today is a day of fast & abstinence*

3:00 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
 8:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 3rd

Holy Saturday

11:00 a.m. No Morning Mass
 Blessing of Easter Food
 8:30 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 4th

The Resurrection of the Lord

8:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners
 10:00 a.m. Intentions of Celebrant
 12:00 Noon Intentions of Celebrant

Please pray for the following:

Brian Kerr	Irene Cherniuk
Betty Smith	Anthony Pileggi
Sharon Coburn	Rick Long
Rob P.	Elaine Scott
Diane Fernihough	Marion Morrison



If you would like a loved one prayed for by the parish and included in the weekend Prayers of the Faithful, please call the Parish Office. The Monday Evening Charismatic Prayer Group also prays for those listed above.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, March 21 st	\$ 8,118.00
Envelopes	383
Share Lent	\$ 6,058.00



We wish to thank all our faithful contributors!
 Remember to Tithe a Tooney!



PARISH HAPPENINGS



EASTER HEALING MASS

Sunday, April 11th, 12 Noon Mass

We invite those struggling with illness and the elderly to attend this special mass and receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. If you have someone who is ill or house bound in your family, consider making arrangements to attend our celebration and benefit from our Lord's healing power.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER: The Decorating Committee asks you to consider bringing flowers to decorate for the Easter season. We would appreciate a variety of flowers and preferably, some that would last well into the Easter season, which is six weeks long. If you would like to remember a loved one, feel free to include a small card with their name(s) on it.



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At our Easter Vigil we are privileged to welcome seven new members into our parish community through the Initiation Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. They are **Val Akeson, Roberta McClean, Sherrie McKay, Joan Pfister, Rhonda Ruta, Kathryn Shafer and Richard Weichert.**

We also welcome baptized Christians into Full Communion in the Catholic Church as they make a Profession of Faith, are Confirmed and receive the Eucharist. They are **Ingrid Cahill, Joanne Gareau and Jane Miceli.** They are a sign of hope and a source of renewal for all. Congratulations.



ST. RAPHAEL'S 2010 LENTEN PROJECT

St. Raphael's Social Justice Committee invite you to participate in a Lenten project in **support of Canadian Food for Children**. Every Sunday during Lent please offer your donation / almsgiving of the following needed supplies: **buckets with lids (for food storage and water collecting), flour, oatmeal, and sugar.** Please drop off near the St. Anthony's room at the designated signed area. If you have any questions about Canadian Food for Children, please call Charles Teilinger at 905 639-4760 or any questions about the Social Justice committee, call Jim or Leony Hettinger at 905-632-0792. Thank you for helping the poor and hungry in many countries in the world. All donations make a difference!
 St. Raphael's Social Justice Committee



Easter Cards That Make a Difference!

Sending Franciscan Easter cards means that the recipients will be remembered in the prayers of the friars and the proceeds will support outreach to the poor. Cards (1 for \$3, 5 for \$12, & 10 for \$20) are available at the Welcome Centre after mass.



**Commissariat of the Holy Land in Canada
Good Friday Collection
in support of the Holy Land**

For the year 2010, we shall become pilgrims walking in the footsteps of Jesus just as Benedict XVI showed us in his apostolic journey in the Middle East from May 8th to 15th 2009. With him, we can make a difference, wherever we are and no matter our state of life, as Pilgrims of Peace, by bringing forward his efforts of peace, unity and dialogue.

The mission of the Commissariat of the Holy Land is to help the Christian communities of the Holy Land and is made possible with the generosity of all the Catholics in Canada. Each year your support sustains apostolic and social works and the upkeep of the Holy Sites. Nevertheless, the Church's renewal is always a great challenge and so is the formation of future priests.

When we will celebrate the memory of the death of Jesus on April 2nd 2010, the words of Benedict XVI that were said at Calvary on May 15th 2009 sends out a message: "The Church of the Holy Land, which has so often experienced the dark mystery of Golgotha, must never cease to be an intrepid herald of the luminous message of hope which this empty tomb proclaims."

For us too, we can bring this message of hope and light to others! We can also be pilgrims of peace! Let us support those who live this challenge every day!

**Memories of a Shepherd
Reflection**

On one of those long, cold, wintry nights Calvin recalled one of the saddest things he ever experienced. He had found a pair of twin lambs by the side of their dead mother. He gently picked up one of the lambs and placed it under his arm and then, with much difficulty, managed to pick up the other one as well. He took them back to the sheepfold where they could be fed and cared for. In the days ahead, every time he heard the orphan lambs cry, it tore at his heart. It was an experience he never forgot.

This story of the shepherd rescue of the two lambs is a reminder of another rescue. For two thousand years ago another shepherd told a story to reveal a truth which was vital then, and is just as crucial today. He spoke of a flock of a hundred sheep - one of them becomes lost. The ninety-nine secure, a long search begins for the one lost, and there is great celebration when it is found at last and returned to the flock. And the shepherd goes on to reveal the crux of the story as representing a picture of the intense desire of GOD the FATHER for the rescue of any individual person who is lost. Thus GOD provides the shepherd, a rescuer-as in the story- to bring the lost one back to GOD himself.

The shepherd- the rescuer- is JESUS CHRIST, who made the claim, *"I am the good shepherd, the good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep..."* John 10:11

From the Youth Ministry desk

St. Raphael's Parish Trivia: As of December 31, 2009 St. Raphael's Parish has 2,812 families and 7,884 members.



Music Ministry Fund Raiser - Team Trivia Challenge – April 24th at 6:00 p.m. Please

Note Changes: The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. for fellowship, side bets and warm-up drinks. Pizza etc will be served at 6:30 p.m. Round One of Trivia will start at 7:00 p.m. sharp. Reserve a team table or ask us to assign you to an open one but regardless be prepared for a night of joy and laughter. Tickets are \$10 per person (Dinner, Prizes and Snacks). Tickets will be available beginning the weekend of April 9/10 at Mass or reserve at 905-333-9727 / 289-895-8439 or mikeandpatty@cogeco.ca



BOOMERANG CARDS: Boomerang Bridge and Euchre sessions are held on **Monday afternoons at 1:00 p.m.** in the Parish Centre. Come and join us for an afternoon of fun for only a loonie

CWL CARD PARTY: Thursday, April 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Centre. Call Lorraine 905-637-5815. for tickets. We are also looking for a "few " door prizes and baked goods. Our phone committee will call the week before the card party. Thank-you for your consideration of our request. Call Rose at 905-633-8455 for more information.

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Good Friday Walk in downtown Hamilton, featuring Pope John Paul II's Stations of the Cross, with the students of St. Thomas More Catholic Secondary School being among the presenters. From 2:00 - 2:30 p.m., starting at Centenary United Church at Main Street W. And McNab and ending at Christ Church Anglican Cathedral on James Street N. A Good Friday - appropriate soup and buns social follows. For information contact the Social Awareness Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2233

Assumption Catholic Secondary School will be hosting its **6th ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT** on **Saturday April 10th** from 7-10 p.m. All the funds will go to support the mission of Father Mark Wendling who is a graduate of Assumption. We encourage you to join us in your support of Father Mark by registering a team of 6 – 8 players. \$10 per player. If you wish to play but don't have a team, we will find a team for you! For more information please contact Tina Di Clemente (Assumption teacher): diclementet@hcdsb.org or 905 634 1835 Ext. 418.

STOP Human Trafficking! Gain insight at a workshop hosted by the School Sisters of Notre Dame in Waterdown on **April 10th** from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Guest speaker: Julian Sher, award-winning investigative journalist and author of *"One Child at a Time"*. His work focuses on Internet pornography and the exploitation of children. For further information see the poster in your parish. Register: phone 289-813-0703 or caughtintheweb2010@gmail.com

The **Junior Choir of St. Michael's Choir School** presents *"How Can I Keep from Singing?"* at St. John's Church, 2016 Blairholm Ave., Burlington. Come join over sixty angelic boys' voices on **Friday, April 16** at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15/adults and \$7/students. Don't miss this visit from Canada's Singing Ambassadors. For tickets and information phone Joan at (905) 336-3024.