



SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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St. Patrick Church

Location: 36 Albert St. S.
(Highway 21), Southampton, ON

St. Joseph Church

Location: 920 Wellington St.,
Port Elgin, ON

January 9th, 2022 – The Baptism of the Lord

*** Covid-19 Update ****

No changes in religious services, but if you feel sick please stay home.

Mass Registration opens Wednesdays at 8am on our Website Homepage at: www.stjospar.com

Two masses will be celebrated live in person: Saturday – 5pm / Sunday – 9am

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Fr. Christopher Tracey
Administrator: Rosalie Scarlett
Secretary/Receptionist: Gloria Villamil

Parish Office Hours:

Tuesday to Friday 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday – 5:00 PM

Sunday – 9:00 AM

** During Pandemic, only priest and lector visible in recorded Mass.*

WEEKDAY MASS:

Wednesdays – 9:30 AM –

** During Pandemic, other Weekday Masses celebrated in private by Pastor.*

Mass Intentions 1st Week in Ordinary Time

Request by Email at stjosephportelgin@hamiltondiocese.com, regular mail, phone 519-832-2202, Sunday collection or rectory letter box. Please provide your name, name(s) for Intentions (identify living or deceased), and if a Mass card is required. Please enclose cash or cheque in an envelope. Cost is \$10 per intention.

[Date: + Deceased or * Intention / Clergy, Hamilton Diocese]

10-Jan-22	Mon	*	Pastor's Intentions	Rev. Francisco Cruz
11-Jan-22	Tue	*	Shirley Wolff	Rev. Brian Quigley, M.C.C.J.
12-Jan-22	Wed	*	Anne Marshall	Sisters of St. John the Baptist (C.S.J.B.)
13-Jan-22	Thu	+	Mary-Adele O'Gorman/Schmalz	Rev. Mussie A. Keflezghi, M.C.C.J.
14-Jan-22	Fri	*	Mary & Johnny Kischuck	Rev. Stephen Murrin
15-Jan-22	Sat	+	Vittorio Spina	Rev. Toby Collins, C.R.
2 Sunday in O.T. 16-Jan-22	Sun	*	Parish & Pandemic Front-Line Workers	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Church Collections During the COVID-19 Crisis

If you cannot attend one of the Masses, you can mail or drop off your envelope contribution to the parish office. You can also sign up for Pre Authorized Remittance (PAR) by completing the form on the website and submitting it to the parish office. This will be a regular monthly donation, by credit card or directly from your bank account. One-time or occasional donations can be made using the CanadaHelps button on the website. This week's contributions were \$888 through envelopes, and \$700 through CanadaHelps.

TAX RECEIPTS for your contributions in 2021 will be sent by email by the end of January. If we have no email address on file, receipt will be mailed.

2022 Offertory Envelopes are mailed quarterly. Please let the office know if you would like to start or stop receiving them.

Thank you, parishioners and visitors, for your continued financial support and generosity!

Please contact the Parish Office for the following:	
Baptism:	information and registration.
Marriage:	an appointment 1 year in advance of date.
First Communion:	to be celebrated in 2022
Confirmation:	for students in Grades 7 & 8, to be celebrated in 2023
R.C.I.A.:	Adults, and children in Grade 3 and up.
Care of the Sick:	To arrange pastoral visits to the sick in hospital or at home, please call the parish office.

Catholic Organizations:	
Catholic Women's League (CWL)	Lucie Desbiens Cell 519-706-0442
Knights of Columbus	Harry Orszynowicz 519-832-9280
SJTW Secular Franciscans	Brenda Murray 519-832-6185
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Hot Line: 519-832-2207

Preparation for First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion starts this Sunday Jan. 9

23 children accepted the invitation to know the Lord closer, they will be preparing to celebrate these two sacraments. Please pray for Cali A, Alice C, Jase C, Olivia C, Sadie C, Hayden D, Sophie D, Ryker E, Mason F, Eberett F, Lily G, Katherine H, Teagan H, Charlotte I, Claire L, Gage L, Felicity L, Eva McD, Brynn R, Desirée W, Heidi W, Gitch S. and Annabella T. and for their families that they fall in love with Jesus during the next weeks while attending the online preparation sessions.

The Baptism of the Lord concludes the Christmas season. *During Ordinary Time*, the Church celebrates the fullness of the mystery of the Lord Jesus. The people of God offer praise by celebrating the Paschal Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

On the first day of the week, the Lord's Day, God assembles the beloved people to hear the Word, to reflect upon it, to offer the living sacrifice of praise, and to eat and drink the banquet of the Lord. Then God sends them forth to proclaim this love by their words and actions.

Vocations Seeds:

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased." Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon or religious. If He is, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988).

Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

Resolutions for the 2022

The definition of resolution is a firm decision to do or not to do something. Making resolutions at the beginning of each year is a nice ritual to give direction to our lives in different areas. In uncertain times, we would like to offer some spiritual ideas to include into your resolutions for the New Year:

- **Every morning when you wake up set apart few minutes to express gratitude for the new opportunities you will have, for your health, your life, your family, your surroundings, etc. Put your life and your projects in God's hands.**
- **Fall in love with Jesus, learn something new about Him, from the Bible each day.**
- **Invoke the Holy Spirit before making any decision. Ask him to show his will for you this day.**
- **Set a couple of alarms during the day to stop your activities to remember you are loved by a powerful God, and express him back your love.**
- **Try to share the love that God has for all his children with someone every day.**
- **Before going to bed at night, say this little prayer: "I surrender myself to you Jesus, take care of everything" and mean it.**

We pray that Mary will teach us to say "I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be in me according to your Word"

Choice42 is a prolife group in Canada that empowers moms with the truth that they are strong and capable of choosing life. It focusses on educating people about the dangers and consequences of abortion. Also it helps expectant moms on educational program in financial assistance. Learn more going online at choice42.com

Mental Health during another Lockdown

When we all were hoping to return to a new normal, Omicron appeared, and with it, another lockdown. But we are people of hope! So remember to keep a positive attitude. These tips can help you to cope:

- SMILE :-)
- Create a healthy daily routine
- Exercise at the kitchen sink. See bayseniors.ca
- Do crosswords, Sudoku and other mind puzzles
- Read a good book
- Invite your grandchildren to play an online game with you
- Laugh aloud
- Call a friend, a neighbour, a family member
- Enjoy silent moments and strengthen your relationship with God.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Currently SSVP is collecting soap, individual toothbrushes, tissues, toilet paper, toothpaste, shampoo and dish soap.

NEW! You can now contribute regular monthly donations to St. Vincent de Paul by Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR). Contact one of the names below, or the parish office, for a registration form.

SSVP continues to seek new members. Serving those in need is a personally rewarding experience. If you would like more information about what being an SSVP member entails, please call Anna Kapshey at 226-338-9462, or Mairead Keely at 519-832-9979.

Stories of A Generation With Pope Francis is the title of a warm, uplifting and inspirational series on NETFLIX. The series began on December 25th – and is based on the Pope's 2018 book, *Sharing the Wisdom of Time*, published by Loyola Press. The series showcases stories from people over 70 from all quarters of the globe, including the Pope himself, as they impart their life experiences to young filmmakers. Each of its four one-hour episodes is devoted to a central theme: "Love", "Dream", "Struggle", and "Work". There are a few famous names among the stories, including Martin Scorsese and Jane Goodall, but most of those who are presented have never lived in the spotlight! If you subscribe to NETFLIX, it is well worth a watch!

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January:

FOR TRUE HUMAN FRATERNITY

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Bible Sunday

The Diocese of Hamilton celebrates Bible Sunday on January 23, 2022. Bishop Crosby has chosen the third Sunday of Ordinary Time each year as our day to emphasize how #TheBibleSpeaks and how #WeListen.

Canadian Food for Children is operating on reduced hours to ensure they can do the best for their volunteers while providing essential goods to those they serve. While donations are genuinely needed and welcomed, they ask you to consider whether your item is something a family in a developing country in need can use to survive and support their children. They are very grateful for your monetary donations. You can mail cheques to: Canadian Food for Children, 1258 Lakeshore Rd. E., Mississauga, ON L5E 1E9 or donate on line via [Canada Helps](#)

COVID 19 - Update

Locally, we are reminded of the importance of the basics of COVID-19 prevention, along with vaccination. These prevention strategies include:

- Stay at home if you are sick or unwell.
- Getting Vaccinated with your full series, and third dose as eligible
- Screening before work, school and childcare
 - If you do not pass the screening – follow the instructions!
- Practice Physical Distancing
- Washing your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Sneeze and cough into your sleeve
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- Clean and disinfect high-touch objects and surfaces frequently
- Wear a face covering in indoor public places or when physical distancing may be difficult.

