



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 16th, 2022 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

** 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 2nd 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]

17-Jan-22	Mon	*	Pastor's Intentions	Rev. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R.
18-Jan-22	Tue	+	Romuald Stypula & deceased members of Stypula Family	Rev. Jungheon (Francisco) Kwak
19-Jan-22	Wed	+	Deceased of Thomas & Lovely families	Youth Ministers
20-Jan-22	Thu	+	Deceased of Thomas & Lovely families	Rev. Marian Gil, O.M.I.
21-Jan-22	Fri	+	John Kischuck	Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski
22-Jan-22	Sat	+	Monica Romanowich	Rev. Timothy Higgins
3 Sunday in O.T. 23-Jan-22	Sun	*	Parish & Pandemic Front-Line Workers	

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 \$1758 through envelopes, and \$210 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 Orsztynowicz 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 on Sundays at 6 pm

Keep in your prayers the following Grade 2 & 3 students, as they prepare their hearts to receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist:

Cali	Alice	Jase	Olivia
Sadie	Hayden	Sophie	Ryker
Mason	Eberett	Katherine	Lily
Teagan	Charlotte	Claire	Gage
Felicity	Eva	Holy	Brynn
Charlotte	Desirée	Heidi	Gitch and Annabella

May the Holy Spirit guide them and their parents/guardians and catechists who are accompanying them in this journey.

Make a Call, Make a Difference!

The lockdown and the weather are contributing that many members of our parish cannot make it to Mass and became lonelier and in need of social interaction. The Compassionate Care Ministry will pair willing phone-callers with individuals who simple just need a kind chat. If you would like to participate please call the parish office.

Prayer for Christian Unity – January 18-25

This universal week of **UNITY** is celebrated around the world from January 18th to 25th. The Week of Prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires. Pastors and parishioners will find helpful suggestions at the following [link](#). Especially recommended are the Eight Days of Prayer which contains daily Scripture readings, reflections, discussion questions and prayers. We pray to the Lord!

Vocations Seeds:

Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood, diaconate, or religious life? 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/

In His Apostolic Letter, *Aperuit Illis*, Pope Francis instituted the *Sunday of the Word of God*, to be celebrated on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. So, *next* Sunday we celebrate *Bible Sunday* in the Diocese of Hamilton. This annual celebration provides the opportunity on one Sunday of the liturgical year to renew our efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and to encourage a regular dialogue with the living Word. Given the restrictions of pandemic life, the Diocese has prepared a variety of digital resources (both for adults and children) for this year's celebration with specific focus on the Gospel of St. Luke (Year C). Please [visit the Diocesan webpage for Bible Sunday](#) to discover more and remember: #TheBibleSpeaks #WeListen!

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!

Year of Amoris Laetitia Family - Hamilton Diocesan Speaker Series

- We are excited to present the Year Amoris Laetitia Family Diocesan speaker series designed to look at various topics that impact families with one speaker per month from January to June. In January we will have a special three-part presentation on the document itself. The first two sessions will be presented by Bishop Lobsinger, with the final session led by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett. The evening sessions will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. on Jan. 12th, 19th and 26th. The entire series will be presented by zoom. For information and to register, check the Diocesan website at <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/>.

Join us for the entire series, or for a topic of interest to you! Contact Teresa Hartnett at thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

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.

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. There is a donation box at the back of the church. You can mail cheques to: Canadian Food for Children, 1258 Lakeshore Rd. E., Mississauga, ON L5E 1E9 or donate on line via [CanadaHelps](https://CanadaHelps.com)

The Reel Justice Film Festival is back! Join us January 27, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. for “There’s Something in the Water”. The film documents environmental racism in Nova Scotia, revealing a portrait of ecological and social disaster, where rural areas are plagued by toxic fallout from industrial development and your postal code determines your health. The Reel Justice Film Festival is a partnership between Development & Peace and the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives. Visit us online at <https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/> to view our 2022 schedule or to secure your spot at any of our virtual screenings!

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Saint Vincent de Paul is collecting pancake mix, Aunt Jemima syrup, can meat, and taco mix.

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. 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.

The Diocesan Partnership with Dayton University

begins a new path as we embark on a Diocesan-specific study entitled: *To Inform, Encourage and Heal: A Canadian Response in Light of the Residential School Crisis*. This study, developed by our own Diocesan team, aims to create a safe space and structure for Catholics with a desire to learn and dialogue about the realities of the history of Residential Schools and to discuss our shared responsibilities for reconciliation. The first round of participants, a trial cohort, begins their study on Monday, January 17th. Pray for them, and for our Diocesan facilitators who will accompany the learning.

Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre is now open and accepting group and personal retreat bookings for 2022! With a large Chapel and acres of untouched green space Mount Mary is an ideal location for those seeking a retreat experience. Groups of all types are welcome for a day or for an overnight stay. For more information please visit: www.mountmary.ca

Save your stamps! The stamps affixed to mail you receive can be very useful. Members of Development and Peace, who are philatelists, sell them to stamp collectors. The proceeds will help fund development projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Drop your trimmed stamps into the collection box near the CFFC box at St. Joseph Church, or send them to the parish office.

HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS to Seminarian, Carlos Diaz, friend of Father Chris and welcome visitor to Saint Joseph Parish, who has just been ordained on December 28th at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph Ontario to the Hamilton Diocese Diaconate as a "Transitional Deacon". He will complete his Pastoral Year there under the direction of Father Ian Duffy, then return to Saint Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario, in the Fall of 2022. We wish him great joy and God's blessings in his exciting ministry ahead.