



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 23rd, 2022 – Third 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 3rd 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]

24-Jan-22	Mon	*	Pastor's Intentions	Rev. Sam Restivo, C.R.
25-Jan-22	Tue	+	Vittorio Spina	Rev. Brendan McGrath
26-Jan-22	Wed	+	Yvon Rancourt	Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (C.M.I.)
27-Jan-22	Thu	*	Holy Souls	Rev. Jason Kuntz
28-Jan-22	Fri	+	Germaine Roy	Rev. Romelito Guillen
29-Jan-22	Sat	+	John Kischuck	Rev. Grayson Hope
4 Sunday in O.T.				
30-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 \$1428 through envelopes, \$240 through CanadaHelps and \$5071 through PAR.

TAX RECEIPTS for 2022 have been emailed to the addresses we have on file. If you have not received yours, please email or phone the office. Receipts were sent by Canada Post to those for whom we do not have an email address; they should be received by this coming week. Contributions made through CanadaHelps should have received a receipt from them, and donations made to the OneHeartOneSoul campaign, will receive a receipt from the Diocese.

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

Thank you to all who have continued to support our parish with your gifts!

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 on Sundays at 6 pm

Thank you for registering children in Grades 2 & 3. Our first 'virtual' preparation commenced on January 9, 2022.

The **6 Weekly Lessons** will help Catholic and Public School parents play a primary, invaluable role in their children's Faith formation and Sacrament preparation.

Celebration of First Reconciliation:

Sunday, January 30 @ 2-4pm

Mass Celebrations of First Communion will be on:

Saturday, March 5 @ 11am and

Sunday, March 6 @ 2pm

May the Holy Spirit guide the candidates 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 simply just need a kind chat. If you would like to participate please call the parish office.

Vocations Seeds: You are the body of Christ; every one of you is a member of it. As a member of the body, we serve different roles. Are you willing to do your part? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988). Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

Bible Sunday

"Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the Word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the World"

– Pope Francis, *Aperuit illis*, 2.

[Visit the Diocesan webpage for Bible Sunday](#) to discover more and remember: #TheBibleSpeaks #WeListen!

Towards a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission

Pope Francis is asking each and every one of us to become involved in the Synodal process leading up to the Synod of Bishops to be held in Rome in 2023. The Pope tells us that the point of a Synodal Church - "is to listen, as the entire People of God, to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church."

The Office for Youth Ministry will be hosting a conversation on the inclusion of young people in the Synodal Consultation process on January 26th at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. The conversation will look at how Parishes and groups can adapt the process to suit young people in our communities to ensure their voices are heard in this process. Register by e-mailing Sybil Moss at catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com

The Year of Amoris Laetitia Family Speaker Series has registered about 200 people for the January sessions studying Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation. The final session on January 26th, is on Pope Francis' definition of love. [Register here](#). Register also for the February 16th speaker, Connie Clark, whose talk is titled "The Witness of Faith in the Home". All talks are free of charge and run from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Marriage Support –

Is your marriage experience more trouble than joy, feeling stagnant or disconnected and/or causing you worries? The solution is Retrouvaille - a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend begins March 13, 2022. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.

Marriage tip of the month - Marriage Tip 116.

Some people drift into their relationships over a number of years, but it can also be said that people drift out of their relationships as well. We can become complacent and take for granted all the nice things our spouse does for us and/or sometimes we stop doing nice things for them. Over time we compliment less, spend less time together, stop sharing our day, feelings, or hopes and dreams and suddenly lose sight of the other. When we continue to treat our relationship as new, taking the time to discover who the other is and complimenting them for it, we stay firmly attached instead of drifting apart.

ReStart – Starting over after separation or divorce with support, care and tools for your journey. We invite you to check out the Diocesan website at:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php>

to see the programs, we offer and to find out dates of the new programs in early 2022. If you have questions, call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

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.

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)

Time Capsule!

The date to seal the time capsule was postponed to



February. Gratitude to the parish groups: Knights of Columbus, CWL, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and

Secular Franciscans for their contribution. There is still space on the capsule, so if you have a last minute idea, please contact the office right away. There will be a display of the contents after Masses on February 5, 6 and 12, and a ceremony of its sealing on Sunday February 13.

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

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, to register.

SSVP continues to seek new members. If you would like more information about what being a member entails, please call Anna Kapshey at 226-338-9462, or Mairead Keely at 519-832-9979.

COVID 19 -

Follow the 3 W's and the 2 A's:

Wash hands frequently,

Watch distance (ideally 6ft), and

Wear face covering correctly,

Avoid Crowds and

Arrange for outdoor activities instead of indoors whenever possible

- **Stay at home if you are sick or unwell.**
- **Getting Vaccinated with your full series**
- **Screening before work, school/ childcare**
 - **If you do not pass the screening, follow the instructions!**
 - **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**

