



St. Joseph Church

Location: 920 Wellington St.,
Port Elgin, ON

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

920 Wellington Street
Port Elgin, Ontario N0H 2C3
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St. Patrick Church

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

February 27th, 2022 – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*** Covid-19 Update ***

Effective March 1st, 2022, as per directives from the Ontario Government and the Diocese of Hamilton, all Parishes may consider *opening their doors to full capacity at those locations permitted by Bishop*. There is no need to register online to attend Mass. Masks are still required, for those two-years old and older. Self-screening and hand sanitization at the main entrance are still required. Although strict 2 metre distancing is no longer required, Mass attendees are still asked to maintain 'safe, respectful and healthy distance' from each other until they exit the church worship space. Thank you for your patience as we gradually relax protocols in a safe way.

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:

Ash Wednesday – 6:30 p.m. @ St. Joseph Church
** During Pandemic, other Weekday Masses celebrated in private by Pastor.*

Mass Intentions 8th Week in Ordinary Time

Request by Email at stjosephportelgin@hamiltondiocese.com, regular mail, phone 519-832-2202.
Please provide your name, name(s) for Intentions (identify living or deceased), and if a Mass card is required.
Cost is \$10 per intention.

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

28-Feb-22	Mon	*	Pastor's Intentions	Rev. Ranjan D'Sa O.C.D.
1-Mar-22	Tue	+	Jadwiga Gabryel & Zofia Czarnik	Rev. Joseph Ahilan, C.R.S.P
2-Mar-22	Wed	+	Oma Dorothy van Warmerdam	Ash Wednesday
3-Mar-22	Thu	*	Secular Franciscans	Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P.
4-Mar-22	Fri	*	Rita O'Byrne	Rev Fernando Ferreira Pinto c.S.Sp.
5-Mar-22	Sat	+	Germaine Roy	Rev. Allen Varlaki
1 Sunday of Lent				
6-Mar-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 \$1093 and \$5014 through PAR. Diocesan collections were \$50.

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

Pope Francis has Called for March 2nd, Ash Wednesday, to be a day of prayer and fasting for Ukraine. Because it is Ash Wednesday, we already follow the practice of prayer, fasting, and abstinence. So the Pope’s call can be met with a strong response from Catholic’s world-wide. Here in our Diocese, with churches able to welcome worshippers at full capacity for the first time in two years, we, and all people of good will, are encouraged to heed the Pope’s call. If you are unable or reticent to return “in person”, many Parishes will be “live-streaming” their services. As well, our Diocesan website has a pre-taped Liturgy of the Word for Ash Wednesday, with Bishop Wayne Lobsinger presiding at St. Ann Parish, Ancaster. Let us pray fervently for our suffering sisters and brothers in Ukraine.

**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.

Pastor Father Chris: A Lenten Journey of Further Self-Discovery

Expanding on last year's Lenten self-examination of 'Who am I?', Father Chris now takes us on a further journey to examine the full spectrum of who we are in our world and in relationship to God.

With images and music, contemplative prayer, and authors like Henri Nouwen, Thomas Merton, John O'Donohue, and Blaise Pascal, we will ask the important questions: 'Who is God? What is Love, Suffering, Freedom? How can we live in satisfying, fulfilling relationship with our Creator?'

Join Father Chris Tracey at 7pm for 1 hour on five Thursday evenings, March 10 to April 7, by contacting our office via email or phone for a Zoom Link to the presentations.

STAY HOME IF SICK



**Synodality:
Communion,
Participation and
Mission.**

Pope Francis has asked all Catholics, and indeed, the whole world,

to let their voice be heard in preparation for the upcoming Synod of Bishops (2023). Please see the flyer below, and then return your responses to the Parish office to be forwarded to the Synod Committee at the Chancery Office before March 28, 2022. Please call the Parish office for a printed copy.

3) MOVING FORWARD

A) How can we as the People of God work together in communion and participate in the Church's life and mission?

For a Synodal Church:
communion | participation | mission

**Synod
2021
2023**

hamiltondiocese.com/synod

Share your Voice!

Thank you for sharing your voice and providing the benefit of your experience and hopes for the Church, both locally and globally.

Your responses will be recorded and be joined to the 1,000's of other responses to create our Diocesan submission.



DIocese of HAMILTON



Synod 2021-2023

The 2023 Synod is an opportunity for all peoples of the world to share their experience of hearing and being heard. As people living in the Diocese of Hamilton, we are being asked to participate in this new experience and share our thoughts and experience of how the Church is called to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit speaking to us today. When the voice of the Holy Spirit, the voice of the Bishops and the voice of the people of God all speak in harmony, we can be sure we are hearing the Voice of God speaking to us today. By this survey, you have the opportunity to let your voice and your experience be heard.

You can answer the survey by completing the questions on this form and returning them to your parish by **March 28, 2022** or by going online to <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod> and complete the survey electronically. If you complete the survey by hard copy, please feel free to use additional sheets of paper if required. **Thank you for letting your voice be heard!**

Synod Consulting Questionnaire

1) LISTENING

A) How is God speaking to me?

B) What helps or hinders my listening?

Helps:

Hinders:

C) How does the Church listen to my voice?

2) SPEAKING OUT / SHARING

A) What helps or hinders me to speak up openly in my parish and Diocese?

Helps:

Hinders:

B) How does the Church dialogue with and learn from other sectors of society (e.g. government and other religions)?

Countdown for Lent:

This coming Wednesday, March 2nd is Ash Wednesday. Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. It is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Lent has two major purposes: It recalls or prepares for Baptism, and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through forty days of closer attention to God's Word and of more fervent prayers, believers are prepared to celebrate the Paschal Mystery.

Do you want to FAST this Lent? ~ Pope Francis

Fast from *hurting* words and say *kind words*.
Fast from *sadness* and be filled with *gratitude*.
Fast from *anger* and be filled with *patience*.
Fast from *pessimism* and be filled with *hope*.
Fast from *worries* and *trust in God*.
Fast from *complaints* and *contemplate* simplicity.
Fast from *pressures* and *be prayerful*.
Fast from *bitterness* and fill your heart with *joy*.
Fast from *selfishness* and be *compassionate* to others.
Fast from *grudges* and *be reconciled*.
Fast from *words* and *be silent so you can listen*.

40 Days for Life is a peaceful campaign that seeks to draw attention to the abortion issue by undertaking three distinct actions during the 40 days of the campaign: encouraging prayer and fasting in support of life, constant quiet and respectful prayer vigils outside of places that provide abortion, and education for community/family/friends on the issue. In Hamilton Diocese the 40 Days for Life campaign will run throughout Lent (March 2nd – April 10th). Click on the [link](#) to find out more about the campaign in your area.

Saint Vincent de Paul is collecting pancake mix, syrup, canned meat, and taco mix.

You can now contribute regular monthly donations to St. Vincent de Paul by PreAuthorized Remittance (PAR). Contact the parish office, to register.



Dr. Moira McQueen has written a very informative book on the synodal experience in the Church. In *Walking Together-A Primer on the New Synodality*, Dr. McQueen explains the purpose and history of synods, the desire of the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council regarding synods, and the commitment of Popes since the Council to the synodal process. She reflects on the 20 synods since the Council, Pope Francis' approach to synods, and his plan for the 2023 Synod. Moira shares her own experience as a participant at a recent Synod. The book is available through Novalis. Once read, you will want to participate in the preparation process for the upcoming synod which is being encouraged throughout the Diocese.

Canadian Food for Children is forever grateful for your continued giving even under the challenges of these pandemic times. 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.

You can mail cheques to: Canadian Food for Children, 1258 Lakeshore Rd. E., Mississauga, ON L5E 1E9 or donate on line via [CanadaHelps](#)

*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you invited me in,
I needed clothes and you clothed me,
I was sick and you looked after me,*

I was in prison and you came to visit me". - Matthew 25:35-36

See the attached [Lenten Newsletter](#)

Let there be Peace on Earth is the theme of the Lenten online reflections with Saugeen Shores Ministerial, Wednesdays in Lent at 12 noon, beginning March 9th. Our Pastor, Fr. Chris, will be the presenter on March 23rd, with a brief reflection. Stay tuned for the information to connect virtually.

SHIFTING FROM PANDEMIC TO **ENDEMIC**

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Endemic:

An endemic is a disease outbreak that is always present but is easier to control and monitor. Moving to an endemic phase means COVID-19 will stay with us, but we will be able to manage it. For example, the flu is considered an endemic because it is manageable and predictable.



Pandemic:

A pandemic is when a disease shows very fast, uncontrollable growth. This means infections skyrocket and case numbers grow larger and larger every day for a prolonged period - just like we've seen with COVID-19.

A disease becomes a pandemic when it covers a large area and affects large groups of people, it has nothing to do with how serious the disease can be. The COVID-19 virus can still result in severe outcomes, even once the pandemic is declared over.

COVID-19 should become more manageable and predictable.

Transitioning from pandemic to endemic may take time and will require help from all around the globe.

The best way to move forward and deal with COVID-19 at this important transition stage is to mask when necessary, get vaccinated, and practice good public health measures.



