



St. Joseph Church

Location: 920 Wellington St.,
Port Elgin, ON

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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Port Elgin, Ontario N0H 2C3
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St. Patrick Church

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

March 6th, 2022 – First Sunday of Lent

*** Covid-19 Update ***

Effective March 1st, 2022, as per directives from the Ontario Government and the Diocese of Hamilton, the following changes are in effect:

- Churches may open to full capacity, while maintaining safe, respectable distancing
 - Attendees should self-screen prior to arrival at Mass
 - Online registration or contact lists are not required
 - Masks must be worn and hand sanitizers should still be used at the entrance
- We need to reopen cautiously, since the pandemic has not concluded.

Respecting the science, it is our desire to welcome people back to church safely. Some may be hesitant to return, and we respect their decision.

Thank you for your patience as we gradually relax protocols in a safe way.

Two masses will be celebrated live in-person at St. Joseph Church: Saturday – 5pm / Sunday – 9am

STAY HOME IF SICK

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:

Wednesday – 9:30 AM @ St. Joseph Church
** During Pandemic, other Weekday Masses celebrated in private by Pastor.*

Mass Intentions First Week of Lent

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]

7-Mar-22	Mon	*	Pastor's Intentions	Rev. Patrick Ohl
8-Mar-22	Tue	*	Norma & Ron Schmidt	Rev. Jerzy Tomon
9-Mar-22	Wed	+	Shirley Wolff	Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny (S.J.C.)
10-Mar-22	Thu	+	Germaine Roy	Rev. Francisco Sordo
11-Mar-22	Fri	+	Frank Apolloni	Rev. David Perrin
12-Mar-22	Sat	+	Theresa McGhee	Very Rev. Wojciech Kuzma
2 Sunday of Lent				
13-Mar-22	Sun	*	Parish & Pandemic Front-Line Workers	

Church Collections

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 \$1893. 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.

First Holy Communion Celebrations

First Communion is a very important and holy day for Catholic children, because they are receiving for the first time the body and blood, soul and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ. By continuing to receive Holy Communion they will become one with Christ and will share in His eternal life. Please pray for the 21 candidates and their families as they enter into the great mystery of the Eucharist.

***Congratulations to the 21 First Communicants
who received Jesus in the Eucharist
on Saturday March 5th & Sunday March 6th.***

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

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.



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 in last week's bulletin, 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.



Vocations Seeds: Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? 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/

*Next weekend clocks are moved forward
one hour to Daylight Saving Time*

LENT

Lent prepares the faithful for Easter as they recall their Baptism and do penance in preparation for the greatest Feast of the year. The highest point in the Church's year of prayer is the *Sacred Paschal Triduum* celebrating the dying and rising of the Lord Jesus. We prepare for these three-day period during the Season of Lent.

The Church encourages penitential practices that are external and social, reflecting the circumstances of individuals and communities, as we pray and do penance for sinners.

During Lent, God's people do not sing 'Alleluia', also "Glory to God" is omitted.

Purple is the colour of Lent and it symbolizes repentance as well as the royalty of Christ as King of all Kings.

Before Jesus was crucified, he was dressed in a purple robe and a crown of thorns was placed on his head. The purple colour is deliberate as Jesus was accused of declaring himself "king of the Jews." The inscription "INRI" often seen above Jesus on crucifixes means Jesus Nazarenus, Rex Iudæorum (in Latin), "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews (In English)

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. Call the parish office to get the Zoom link.

Stations of the Cross

Join us to walk with Jesus in the reflection of the Stations of the Cross. Fridays during Lent, 7 pm at St. Joseph Church.

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.

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.

Parenting Tip of the Month - Lent is a time of reflection for all Catholics and a perfect season to help children understand why we engage in prayer, works of charity, care for all and practising self-control, since all of these can bring us closer to God. Spend time on your Lenten journey as a family by attending Mass and discussing, in simple language, the readings you hear. Decide as a family on prayers and reflections to engage in each day of Lent and together look at how your family might use their resources to give to others. Your children can bring hope to the hearts of others during Lent and their spiritual journey will be enhanced by your presence and guidance. Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

O Jesus, I surrender myself to you! Take care of everything.

Evenings with His Excellency, Bishop Lobsinger –

Join Auxiliary Bishop, Wayne Lobsinger, for *Evenings with His Excellency*, an opportunity to learn more and ask questions about our Catholic Faith. You may attend online or in person at Canadian Martyrs Parish, Hamilton, on the **2nd Friday of every month** from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, visit:

<https://www.canadianmartyrshamilton.com/upcoming/2021/9/10/evenings-with-his-excellency>.

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](#). We also have a collection box at the entrance of the church.

*“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](#)

Marriage Support - Is your marriage experiencing 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.

Donation to the Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis can do so online through Development & Peace at https://www.devp.org/en/wp_press_release/solidarity-prayers-and-support-for-ukraine-development-and-peace-joins-relief-efforts/ or by calling 1-888-664-3387.

A reminder to please be careful of texts or e-mails seeking donations to support Ukraine. If anyone wishes to make a donation it is better to do so through a reputable agency.

Do not click on any links from unsolicited emails or texts. Make sure you are on the organization’s secure website before sharing your financial information!

Our Prayers Go Out to Our Ukrainian Brothers and Sisters, especially those in the Ukraine, those displaced by the current conflict, and those of Ukrainian heritage here in Canada. We are mindful of the many refugees from diverse countries of origin who have been living in asylum in Ukraine. The UN Refugee Agency reports that more than 1 million refugees have fled Ukraine in recent days. Our Office for Refugees has already started fielding calls enquiring about sponsorship for Ukrainian nationals. The UN has confirmed it is too early to consider resettlement for those fleeing Russian aggression in Ukraine. Sponsorship is not currently a viable option for this community. We pray for a rapid de-escalation of violence and suffering and a generous humanitarian response in the interim. For updated information about what steps Canada’s federal immigration department is taking to address this emergency, see [here](#).

The Canadian Council Of Churches has issued a helpful document, [A Call for Peace in Ukraine](#). For those interested in letter-writing, the message includes addresses of leaders who can be written. For those interested in providing financial assistance, you are invited to consider the following opportunities: [Development and Peace in partnership with Caritas International](#)
[Aid to the Church in Need \(ACN\)](#)
[Catholic Near East Welfare Association \(CNEWA Canada\)](#)

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops published their statement earlier this week. It is available [here](#).

COVID reminder

Follow the 3 W’s:

Wash hands frequently

Watch distance (ideally 6ft)

Wear face covering correctly,

and the 2 A’s:

Avoid Crowds and

Arrange for outdoor activities instead of indoors whenever possible.

Does life stink? We have a pew for you!