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St. Joseph Church

Location: 920 Wellington St.,
 Port Elgin, ON



St. Patrick Church

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

May 1st, 2022 – Third Sunday of Easter

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

WEEKDAY MASS:

Wednesday – 9:30 AM @ St. Joseph Church
Other Weekday Masses are celebrated in private by Pastor.

St. Patrick Church in Southampton will re-open on Victoria Day weekend

Weekend Mass schedule from Sunday May 22:

Saturday 5:00 pm at St. Joseph Church

Sunday 9:00 am at St. Patrick Church, and 11:00 am at St. Joseph Church

Mass Intentions Third Week of Easter

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

2-May-22	Mon	*	Pastor's Intentions	Rev. Florian Stasinski, C.R.
3-May-22	Tue	*	Secular Franciscans	Rev. Jim Valk, C.R.
4-May-22	Wed	+	Frank Biener	Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate (S.S.M.I.)
5-May-22	Thu	+	Fran Valeriote	Rev. Adam Wroblewicz, C.R.
6-May-22	Fri	+	Ron Harding	Very Rev. Aleksander Mazur, S.A.C.
7-May-22	Sat	+	Ron Laflamme	Rev. Sutherland MacDonald, C.R.
4th Sunday of Easter 8-May-22	Sun	*	Parish & Pandemic Front-Line Workers	

Church Collections

This week's contributions were \$1217.00

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

Sacraments

Baptism:	Contact the parish office for information and registration.
Marriage:	Contact the parish office for an appointment one year in advance of date.
First Communion:	Next First Communions will be celebrated in 2023
Confirmation:	For students in Grades 7 & 8, Confirmations will 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.

Marian Month:

The month of May is the month that the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady. It is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the [Month of May](#), no. 1).

CWL Mother's Day Gift Baskets



\$5 – 1 ticket

\$10 – 3 tickets

\$20 – 8 tickets

e-transfer to h-112@cwllhamilton.ca; or by cheque or cash in marked envelope in collection basket; or to one of the CWL Executive members. Draw to be made Sunday May 8, 2022. First name drawn chooses the first basket out of the two.

"Rebuild, Restore, Renew Together" is the theme for the Catholic Education Week that is recognized every year during the first week of May. May 1 to May 6, 2022.

You can read the text from Bishop Crosby at the end of this bulletin, or watch his video-message on YouTube in this link <https://youtu.be/95R1VYx0rHo>

Join us in the **Prayer for Educators**

Lord God,

We thank you for the gift of Catholic education.

Send forth your Spirit to strengthen all educators, teachers, administrators and staff in our Catholic schools.

Bestow upon them Your gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Knowledge and Perseverance.

Grant them joy, peace creativity and courage in their vocation.

May all educators continue to Rebuild, Restore, and Renew Your love with gentle patience.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Saint Vincent de Paul is collecting shampoo, bar soap, toilet paper and dishwashing soap.

Hot Line: 519-832-2207

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



Indigenous Reconciliation



To promote a better understanding of our Indigenous, next Weekend, May 7 & 8, Jena McGuire, a

representative from the Southampton Historic Saugeen Metis Rendezvous, will have a short talk about our local Indigenous Community, at the end of both Masses. Everyone is welcome.

Indigenous Reconciliation Fund

Earlier this year, Bishop Crosby sent a letter addressing the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. See attached letter at the end of this bulletin. We will have Special envelopes for this collection at the back of the church, and the collection is taking place on May 14 and 15.

Do not click on any links from unsolicited emails

A reminder to **stop before you click!** Do not open any suspicious attachments and do not enter your email-password combination on unknown sites. If in doubt, it is better to pick up the phone and contact the sender. If making donations, make sure you are on the organization's secure website before sharing your financial information!

2022 Baby Bottle Campaign

The Grey Bruce Pregnancy Centre is a support ministry for moms and families for unexpected pregnancies and for those who are in need through the early years. They are running the Baby Bottle Campaign from Mother's Day to Father's Day. It will be virtual again this year. You can participate by donating, through e-transfer to gbpreg.finance@gmail.com; CanadaHelps [Canadahelps.org](https://canadahelps.org) by credit card; or mail a cheque to 259 10th Street East, Owen Sound, N4K 1S4. Also, pray for the families, and consider volunteering on their Board of Directors or as a volunteer in the Centre.

May Pope's Prayer Intention.

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Choice42 is a prolife group in Canada that encourages women to be fully educated about their options, and to realize that though it is their choice, they are making a choice for two. Make a choice! Choose life. Learn more going online at choice42.com
Canadian Food for Children is forever grateful for your continued giving. 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.

Pray for Vocations: How am I being called to feed the lambs of Jesus? Could it be as an ordained or consecrated person? 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). vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

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.

Discernment – Luke 6.12-16

When you have a big decision to make, such as where to go to college or a change in career, do your call on God's help? Before Jesus chose the twelve apostles, he first went to God and spent the night in prayer. All throughout Luke's gospel, we see Jesus praying, sometimes alone and sometimes with others, sometimes using the words of his Jewish tradition and at other times with words express his unique relationship with his Father. The type of prayer in this scene is called discernment. In our discernment, in addition to making a list of pros and cons and seeking counsel from friends and loved ones, we should also bring our decisions before God; God can help us discover his will and take the next step on our journey. God rarely gives a direct answer, but those who discern almost always feel more confident about their decisions, knowing God has played a role.

Pray together regarding any decisions facing your family, and ask God for discernment.

Taken from The Catholic Faith & Family Bible - Page 1282

Do No Harm Webinar series, hosted by the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Collaborative Network to End Exploitation

“Frontline workers, survivors, and other experts share insight into the unintentional harms and impacts of some human trafficking practices and policies in this weekly webinar series. The series begins Thursday, May 5 at 2 p.m. (EDT) and recurs on Thursday each week until June 9. Registration information can be found on the Sisters of St. Joseph (Toronto) website, www.csj-to.ca.

Liturgy this week:

May 2, St Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor

May 3, St. Philip and St. James, Apostles

May 6, St. François de Laval, Bishop, Patron of the Bishops of Canada



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

MESSAGE FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2022

The theme for this year's Catholic Education Week is "*Rebuild, Restore, Renew Together*". In the book of Revelation, we hear the voice of God: "See, I am making all things new." (Revelation 21:5) Even after a long and arduous two years, a loving God consoles us with the promise that there are better and brighter days ahead.

The weight of the pandemic has taken a toll. With continued care and protection of one another, the days of "normal" seem to be right around the corner. It is time to focus our attention on the work of restoration, learning how to "be" in a way that is new, building a strong and sturdy foundation for a post-COVID world. Our schools are fertile ground for such work.

The Catholic Education community in the Diocese of Hamilton is an architect, working to lay a strong foundation for the promise of tomorrow. From the kindergarten classrooms to our university lecture halls, we have witnessed throughout the pandemic the resiliency of our school communities in adapting and cultivating joy despite countless obstacles. We have surmounted challenge after challenge even in the darkest of days, and now we look forward to reclaiming that which we have lost, while renewing our experience of Catholic Education to do better, be better and serve better than ever before.

This work is well on its way through the incredible creativity of our educators and all those who serve and care for young people in our Catholic Schools. Teachers, educational assistants and all resource personnel have truly worked magic within the limitations of pandemic classrooms. I am heartened by the lengths our educators will go to inspire a love for God and a love for learning. Educators, I know this past year has been difficult, and certainly not what you signed up for when you committed to a vocation to teach, but know that you are seen, heard and valued for your dedication and I profoundly thank you for your ongoing commitment to Catholic Education.

As our educational leaders have worked to build, our young people who learn within our Catholic Schools have found places to call home, rest, and refuge from the outside world. Dear young people, in this celebration of Catholic Education Week, take time to reflect and to give thanks for all that you have accomplished over the past year. Take time to rejoice! I know it can be hard to imagine that celebration is possible, but now, certainly, is the time to rejoice! You have done great things over the past year, certainly with God's help. Reflect on those blessings, thank those who have been your helpers along the way and then claim your identity as a beacon of hope for the world by sharing that spirit of celebration with others! You are setting the tone for future generations of learners who will learn from your resiliency and strength. You are living flames, be generous, and share that goodness with all you meet.

The restoration of our Catholic Schools is fortified through the focused priority of personal and spiritual well-being for all students, educators and staff. The importance of a kind word and a friendly face has become benchmarks of affective education over the past year. If the pandemic has taught us one thing, it is that *mental health matters*. May our schools continue to advocate for those who require resource, strengthen our resolve to be a place of support and encouragement for one another, and may we fiercely protect one another's inherent dignity through good self-care and practices of wellness.

In his encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis invites us to re-envision our world as a whole human family so as to learn from one another, be receptive of each other's gifts and to shape a future of interdependence. Our Catholic Schools are beautiful examples of what it means to live for and with one another. If we are to support the rebuilding of our world from this pandemic, it will be through our love and selfless charity towards our brothers and sisters in Christ. This does not stop at just our Catholic Christian family, but extends outwards to all races and nations, to all persons and living things, and emboldens us to look for ways to learn from our unique differences and lead with gentleness and mercy. We are called to be "one body in Christ" (1 Cor.12:12) and so it is with careful consideration that we must renew our commitment to stand in prayerful solidarity with the human family near and far.

I am thankful for all labourers in education, working tirelessly in the service of students and families. Priests of our diocese, pastoral workers, chaplaincy leaders, trustees, administrators, teachers, and parents have truly given their all to advocate for this great gift and nurture the goodness that is fostered within our classrooms each day.

May this celebration of Catholic Education Week be one of great joy where the laughter of young people, the witness of our Educators, and the prayerful support of the Diocesan family reminds us that God is rewriting all of our tomorrows – see, he is making all things new.

+Douglas Crosby, OMI

(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton

May 2, 2022

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DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

February 14, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

After significant work at both the national and local levels, I am pleased to provide an update on the participation of the Diocese of Hamilton in the national **Indigenous Reconciliation Fund**.

In late January 2022, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) announced the establishment of the [Indigenous Reconciliation Fund](#), a charity whose mandate is to receive, manage, and disperse \$30 million in collective contributions promised by Canada's Catholic dioceses.

The Diocese of Hamilton, as an enthusiastic supporter of this initiative, will commit \$4 million to the fund over the next 5 years. While our Indigenous partners in this program will be determined in the weeks ahead, the funds will be allocated to programs that work toward accomplishing *Call to Action #61* of [Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission](#): healing and reconciliation projects; culture and language revitalization projects; education and relationship-building projects; and dialogues for Indigenous spiritual leaders and youth.

Of these funds, \$2.1 million will be allocated through partnerships within the Diocese of Hamilton, while \$1.9 million will support initiatives in other dioceses/communities of need across the country. The Diocese is committed to fulfilling its \$4 million commitment. Parishioners across the diocese will be invited to support this initiative through various means in the coming years.

While the Diocese of Hamilton ran no residential schools, we take seriously our part in supporting the CCCB effort to promote healing and reconciliation with our Indigenous sisters and brothers. With Jesus Christ as our model, the Church stands with those who suffer, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. May God, the Creator of all, bless this initiative and the journey toward healing and reconciliation.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Pray for Us!

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

+Douglas Crosby, OMI
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