



SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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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 8st, 2022 – Fourth 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 Fourth Week of Easter

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

9-May-22	Mon	*	Pastor's Intentions	Rev. Philip Reilly, C.R.
10-May-22	Tue	+	Frank Biener	rev. Pawl Jamroz
11-May-22	Wed	+	Ron Laflamme	Congregation of the Resurrection (C.R.)
12-May-22	Thu	+	Troy Anderson	Rev. George Stortz
13-May-22	Fri	+	Ron Laflamme	Rev. Msgr. Earl Talbot
14-May-22	Sat	+	Margaret Spitzer	Rev. Robert Héту
5th Sunday of Easter 15-May-22	Sun	*	Parish & Pandemic Front-Line Workers	

Church Collections

This week's contributions were \$2147.15 - Indigenous Reconciliation \$20.00.
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.



May God bless and strengthen all mothers and those who have been like a mother to us. May we be inspired by their love and dedication!

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.



Canadian Food for Children - Why Not Volunteer from Home? If you are a student in need of volunteer hours and cannot make it to the warehouse, why not help CFFC remotely? You could have a family soap drive? Why not do a cleaning of your closets and donate gently used items that you no longer use or need to CFFC? What about a summer project of returning cans and bottles for recycling and donating the deposit fees to the poor? Why not host a birthday party for an anonymous girl or boy in EL Salvador or Malawi? The presents/toys/clothing you collect would be sent directly to the country you select. How about organizing a school supply drive, pencils, pens, crayons, paper, etc.? You might even cut your grandma's lawn or help a neighbour with some gardening. You might negotiate a small fee and donate this money to help the poor. Remember, you will have to work remotely and follow all Ontario and municipal health guidelines. It can be done and you can have fun. You might have your own project or ideas in mind? The potential is limitless. Your volunteer project can be as short or long as you determine. As always, we are grateful for your monetary donation. 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.org). Or use a collection box at the entrance of the church.

Protect and promote Catholic Education:

Did you know that you have to register to vote as a Catholic separate school supporter for the upcoming 2022 Municipal Election and School Board Election on Monday, October 24? Visit voterlookup.ca, to register and get more information.

Volunteer Needed to Maintain St. Patrick's Garden - We are looking for an individual able to commit 1-2 hours a week to maintain the flower beds, weed and prune St. Patrick Church little garden. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

Indigenous Reconciliation Fund - Please see a letter from Bishop Crosby as well as Frequently Asked Questions attached at the end of this Bulletin.

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 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 8: World Day of Prayer for Vocations: The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead his people through His Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and calls many to follow Him in this way. Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's People. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. 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

Canada Health Day – May 12

Canada Health Day is celebrated in health care facilities and community services across the country. This day reminds us that health and healing are essential aspects of our baptismal vocation. We are called to take responsibility for our personal health: to prevent illness and to seek a healthy lifestyle. Good health concerns the physical, emotional, social and spiritual health of our communities, respect for God's creatures and the nurturing of the whole earth.

The Ignatius Jesuit Centre will be hosting an 8-Day Retreat on Listening to Indigenous Voices

May 18 @ 7:30 pm - May 26 @ 1:00 pm. Facilitated by Shasha Sky and Dave Skene from [White Owl Native Ancestry Assoc.](#) in collaboration with Victoria Blanco, Mark Hathaway, and Trevor Scott, SJ, from the Jesuit Forum for Social Faith and Justice. The group gathers to acknowledge Truth and Reconciliation Call to Action #60, and educate on the ways we can honour and respect Indigenous spirituality and the history of residential schools in Canada. Cost and accommodation information can be found at www.ignatiusguelph.ca.

Aging with Wisdom and Grace is the fifth talk for the Hamilton Diocesan Speaker Series. Using her own experiences and the wisdom of her contemporaries, Dr. Elizabeth Bookser Barkley will explore some of the physical, emotional and psychological issues we face as we age. The presentation will be interactive, challenging participants to reflect on their own aging journey. Pope Francis has repeatedly spoken of the importance of the elderly in our society, so join us to embrace this important stage of every person's life. Dr. Bookser Barkley, Ph.D., is a professor of English at Mount St. Joseph University in Cincinnati, Ohio. She is the author of four books, including *Life After Death: Practical Help for the Widowed*, and numerous other feature articles. She is married, the mother of three daughters and the grandmother of seven. **Join us Wednesday, May 18 from 7-8:30p.m.** Check the Diocesan website at <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/> for more information on the series and to register, or contact Teresa Hartnett at thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

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!

ReStart – Starting over after separation or divorce with support, care and tools for your journey. We invite you to our upcoming zoom sessions one on **Wednesday, May 11th and one session Thursday, June 9th starting at 7 p.m.** Check out the Diocesan website at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php> to register and find out more detail. If you have questions, call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Grief Relief - Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton will be offering a four week online grief program on **Tuesday evenings from 7 – 8:30 p.m. May 17, 24 & 31, and June 7, 14 & 21st.** Find out more on the Diocesan website and register to receive the zoom link at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/grief-support>, or call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

The Franciscans' Little Corner



Saint Francis of Assisi abandoned a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity after reportedly hearing the voice of God, who commanded him to rebuild the Christian church and live in poverty. Would you be able to abandon luxury to follow Jesus?



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

May 8, 2022

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last month, Pope Francis welcomed delegations representing various Indigenous communities to Rome. In his remarks on the final day of their visit, the Holy Father expressed his indignation, shame, and sorrow at the role Catholics played in the abuses of the residential school system.

Pope Francis' remarks acknowledged the pain and sorrow he heard in the stories of those who attended residential schools and spoke of the path forward between the Church and Indigenous peoples. The Holy Father said, *"I wish to tell you that the Church stands beside you and wants to continue journeying with you. Dialogue is the key to knowledge and sharing, and the Bishops of Canada have clearly stated their commitment to continue advancing together with you on a renewed, constructive, fruitful path, where encounters and shared projects will be of great help."*

In living out this commitment to accompany our Indigenous sisters and brothers who are suffering, the Diocese of Hamilton has established the ***Indigenous Reconciliation Fund***. This fund, which is part of a Canada-wide \$30 million commitment, will support Indigenous-led initiatives of healing and reconciliation. Both the Diocesan and the national fund will be overseen by a board comprised of Indigenous members.

The Diocese of Hamilton is committing \$4 million to this fund, which will support projects both local and national in scope. This commitment from the Diocese is firm, such that any donations you make will support these projects over-and-above our \$4 million commitment. I ask humbly for your generosity in support of this initiative. May God, the Creator of all, bless this journey we will take together toward a relationship of trust, healing, and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

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

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Indigenous Reconciliation Fund: frequently asked questions

What is the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund?

The Indigenous Reconciliation Fund has been established by the dioceses of Canada to provide funds for Indigenous healing and reconciliation initiatives. Each Diocese in Canada will commit funds to the IRF, who will in turn fund local projects as identified by Diocesan or regional committees comprised of Indigenous and Catholic representatives. The total commitment across Canada will be at least \$30 million.

What is the Diocese of Hamilton's share of this commitment?

The Diocese of Hamilton is committing \$4 million to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. All funds raised from parishioners will be over and above this \$4 million, making this a minimum commitment. Of these funds, \$2.1 million will be allocated locally through partnerships within the Diocese of Hamilton, while \$1.9 million will support initiatives in other dioceses or communities in need across the country.

What projects will be funded through the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund?

The specific projects, programs, and initiatives supported by the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund will be determined based on the recommendations and deliberations of the Indigenous members of our local fund committee. However, we do know the funds will be allocated broadly 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.

Who will be managing the fund?

The Indigenous Reconciliation Fund will be managed with financial measures in place to ensure transparency and good governance. Board directors and members of the corporation collectively bring a strong financial acumen and deep commitment to the healing and reconciliation journey. The directors of the Board include:

Chief Wilton Littlechild, Ph.D., a Cree chief, residential school survivor, and lawyer who served as a Commissioner for the *Truth and Reconciliation Commission* of Canada.

Giselle Marion, who holds a law degree from the University of British Columbia and was called to the Bar in the Northwest Territories in 2008.

Rosella Kinoshameg, an Odawa/Ojibway woman from the Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation Territory.

The members of the corporation include:

Natale Gallo, a former Supreme Director of the Knights of Columbus, where he represented Canada on the International Board of Directors. Nat is also a parishioner in the Diocese of Hamilton.

Claude Bédard, National President of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul in Canada.

Barbara Dowding, former National President of the Catholic Women's League of Canada.

Who will sit on the local Indigenous Reconciliation Fund committee?

While the local membership of the committee is not yet finalized, at least half of the committee's members will be from local Indigenous communities.

Are donations tax-deductible?

All donations are eligible for charitable receipts which will be given through your parish. Accordingly, cheques can be made out to your parish, listing *Indigenous Reconciliation Fund* in the memo field.

For more information, please contact the Stewardship and Development Office at 905.528.7988 or give@hamiltondiocese.com