

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

November 29, 2020 – First Sunday of Advent

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Fr. Chris Tracey

Administrator: Rosalie Scarlett

Secretary-Receptionist: Gloria Villamil

Parish Office Hours:

Visits by appointment only

Tuesday to Friday

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

SUNDAY MASS

All Masses are celebrated at St. Joseph Church. Please register online. Registration closes Friday at 12 noon. Masks are mandatory. Masses are recorded for those celebrating at home. Only the priest and lector are visible.

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASS

During the Pandemic, weekday Masses are celebrated in private by Pastor, Fr. Chris Tracey, except for Wednesdays which will be offered at St. Joseph Church at 9:30 a.m., followed by Adoration.

Wednesday 9:30 a.m.

MASS INTENTIONS

A Request can be made by Email: stjospar@bmts.com / Regular Mail / Leaving a Voicemail Message on the Parish Office Number: 519-832-2202 / Dropping a Note in the Rectory Front Door Letter Box / Using the Mass Intention Button on our website.

First Week of Advent

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

Nov 30 (Mon):	*	Pastor's Intentions	/ Rev. Andrew Czarny	N/APPL
Dec 01 (Tue):	+	Charlene Urbach	/ Rev. Florian Stasinski, CR	Len & Helen Tackaberry
Dec 02 (Wed):	*	Holy Souls in Purgatory	/ Discalced Carmelite Fathers (OCD)	Gloria Villamil
Dec 03 (Thu):	+	Cecile Dillon	/ Rev. John Redmond	Teresa Carolan
Dec 04 (Fri):	+	Liam & Maura Lynch	/ Rev. Phillip Cook	Mairead & Joe
Dec 05 (Sat):	+	Parents of Gaetane & Jerry Orszynowicz	/ Very Rev. Lukasz Kopaniak, SAC	Gaetane & Jerry O.
2nd Advent Dec 06 (Sun):	*	Parish & Pandemic Front-Line Workers	/ Hamilton Diocese	N/APPL

Baptism: Please call the Parish Office for information and registration.

Marriage: Contact the Office for an appointment, one year in advance of the date you have for the wedding.

First Communion: Please contact Parish Office if your child is in Grade 2 or 3. Deadline Reg. Nov. 30.

Confirmation: Confirmation will be held in 2021, for those in Grade 7 or 8. Deadline Reg. Dec. 7.

R.C.I.A.: Adults, and children Grade 3 and over, interested in becoming Catholics, should contact the Parish Office.

Care of the Sick: Visits to the sick are not allowed due to COVID 19, but prayers on the phone will be offered.

Faith Sharing: Join us on Wednesdays to discuss the up-coming Sunday readings, using an easy to follow guide, via Zoom. Please email tcarolan06@gmail.com to receive the invitation.

50th Anniversary of the First Mass at St. Joseph Church

The First Mass at St. Joseph's Church was celebrated at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 19th, 1970 by Fr. Martin Brennan C.C.sp (Founding Pastor 1970-1977).

Eric Hilbig, father of Jim Hilbig, was asked to start up a choir, but without an organist, he decided to bring the music down to the congregation which became our church choir. He encouraged all to sing, and within a couple of months, the sound of music could be heard from our church every Sunday between 11 am and 12 pm. We would love to compile stories to celebrate our 50th Anniversary of the first Mass.



Liturgy this week:

November 30 – St. Andrew, Apostle
December 3 – St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Scripture Readings

December 6th – Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 40. 1-5,9-11

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Psalm 85

In his days may righteousness flourish,
and peace abound forever.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3.8-14

We wait for new heavens and a new earth

Gospel: Mark 1.1-8

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

Journey through Advent

The CCCB has produced a four-week video series entitled, Journey through Advent. These short videos provide a heartening reflection on each Sunday's Gospel and invite the viewer into a deep and meaningful preparation for the coming of Christmas. You can watch the videos from a link on our website.

Compassionate Care Ministry

The Diocese of Hamilton is offering three one-hour seminars, on Thursday, January 14, 21 & 28. From 2-3 p.m. each day, as a chance to discern and learn about 'Compassionate Care Ministry'. Registration will be available early December.

Prepare to Live a Different Christmas

Let the Hope Grow!

First Reconciliation & First Communion

Calling all children in Grades 2 & 3 who want to celebrate these two Sacraments, to contact the Parish Office to register. Preparation will take place virtually, and the Sacraments will be celebrated in March (First Reconciliation) and May (First Communion). Parents are the primary teachers of the faith for their child and our Catholic schools play an invaluable role in helping you and the parish in your child's faith formation.

Registration deadline is November 30.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Children in Grade 7 & Grade 8 are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Catholic Church. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, your child will develop a strong relationship with Jesus and have a proper understanding of how to live as a true follower of Christ. Preparation will take place virtually, and the sacrament will be celebrated late in spring. **Registration**

Deadline: December 7th.

Coming soon... St. Joseph's Pen Pal Program

By the initiative of our Parish Pastoral Council, a Pen Pal Program is being designed to help families with children Grades 2-8, to accomplish three main goals:

- To build community among the youngest members of our Parish.
- To provide opportunities to support children's spiritual and social development from home.
- To practice reading and writing in a non-threatening, authentic environment.

A big thank you to Scott and Ashley Clark for their effort to create the Pen Pal Program that will benefit families and community. More information can be found on the parish website.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

If you want to support St. Vincent de Paul, you can send a cheque to the parish office, drop it on the collection basket, or donate on line through <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-st-josephs-st-patricks-conference-port-elgin/>. Thank you for your generosity!

SSVP is collecting canned meat, tuna, salmon, ham. If you are attending Mass, place your donation at the entrance, or during office hours at the office entrance.

The annual membership drive for the Catholic Women's League is now taking place. Please mail or drop off your \$30 dues for 2021 to the Parish office, or send e-transfer to Lucie Desbiens at desbiens@eastlink.ca.

Novena to Infant Jesus

The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to Infant Jesus, on December 16th to December 25th, 2020. Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to: Carmel of Saint Joseph 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. #1 St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0

Christmas Schedule

December 24th – Christmas Eve – 4 p.m. & 7 p.m.

December 25th – Christmas Day – 10 a.m.

Registration is available on the website.

Use of Parish Hall and Meeting Spaces per Hamilton Diocese Directives

Unfortunately, because of current COVID restrictions on gatherings of people and the number of confirmed cases of persons who have contracted the virus climbing each day, it is not possible for Parishes to schedule events or gatherings. Private events (e.g. wedding receptions, showers, funeral luncheons), bazaars, festivals, and any new activities or groups are not permitted at this time within our parish halls or meeting spaces. Still, we are blessed to be able to keep our church open for public worship and our parish office to continue our pastoral ministry. Meanwhile, we look forward to when it is possible to hold these social activities again. - The Hamilton Diocese on behalf of Bishop Crosby.