



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

February 28, 2021 – Second Sunday of Lent

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Fr. Chris Tracey
Administrator: Rosalie Scarlett
Secretary/Receptionist: Kay Pyke-Mullen

Parish Office Hours:

Tuesday to Friday 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Weekend MASSES

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM

(Online registration begins Saturday afternoon one week prior to the Mass)

During the Pandemic, only the priest and lector are visible in the 'on-line' Mass.

Weekday MASS

Wednesday 9:30 AM

During the Pandemic, Weekday Masses (except Wed) are celebrated in private by Pastor, Fr. Chris.

Public Masses will resume on February 27, 2021 with limited capacity (30% of worship space) in accordance with COVID-19 Government and Hamilton Diocese Restrictions. Registration for Weekend Masses is required via Website Home Page: www.stjospar.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Request by Email at stjospar@bmts.com / Regular Mail / Leave a Voice Message on the Parish Office Number: 519-832-2202 / Drop a Note in the Rectory Front Door Letter Box / Use the [Mass Intention Button](#) on our website.

Second Sunday of Lent

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

1-Mar-21	Mon	*	Pastor's Intentions	Rev. Duy Van Nguyen
2-Mar-21	Tue	+	Rajid dela Pena	Rev. John Van Hees
3-Mar-21	Wed	+	Monique Charette	Discalced Carmelite Sisters (O.C.D.)
4-Mar-21	Thu	+	Melanie O'Neill	Rev. Vivek Trindade
5-Mar-21	Fri	+	Janet McCarthy Kirvan	Rev. James Petrie
6-Mar-21	Sat	*	Gabriel & Almerinda Sousa	Rev. Gerald Mulhall
3 Sunday of Lent 7-Mar-21	Sun	*	Parish & Pandemic Front-Line Workers	Hamilton Diocese

Provincial COVID-19 Restrictions: Update

Churches in Hamilton Diocese are re-opening to welcome parishioners for worship, *but still at the required 30% capacity* required by the Ontario Board of Health. So, people may feel secure enough to return, parishes are following rigorously the protocols prepared by the Chancery according to Government restrictions. We aim to assure the safety and good health, physical, mental, and spiritual, of all parishioners. Like many parishes, our *office will still be operating 'virtually'*, with staff safe at home. *Meetings are by special appointment or performed on-line. Emergency and pastoral calls will have priority*, responded to with utmost care to observe Provincial health rulings. Meanwhile, please follow carefully the **3-Ws: Wear a Mask, Wash Hands, and Watch Your Distance (6')**. Stay home in your 'bubble' to repel this dangerous virus, especially as it mutates into more highly infectious, lethal cells, possibly immune to the new vaccines.

May God bless you, and keep you well and safe in his embrace. – Father Chris.

Diocesan Links: [Statement on the Use of COVID-19 Vaccines - Diocese of Hamilton \(hamiltondiocese.com\)](#)

Please contact the Parish Office for the following:	
Baptism:	information and registration.
Marriage:	an appointment 1 year in advance of date.
1st Communion:	if your child is in Grade 2 or 3.
Confirmation:	Students in Grade 7 or 8 are held in 2021
R.C.I.A.:	Adults, and children in Grade 3 and up.
Care of the Sick:	Visits are not allowed due to COVID-19, but prayers by phone are available.

Catholic Organizations:	
Catholic Women's League CWL)	Lucie Desbiens 519-832-6521 or 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

Stations of the Cross for Lent: Fridays at 7:00 PM beginning February 19. For Zoom Link, please contact: tcarolan06@gmail.com.

Annual Lenten Journey: For information and additional resources for celebrating Lent in pandemic times, please see our Diocesan website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/lent2021/>

Faith Programs: To participate, please request a ZOOM invitation link from tcarolan06@gmail.com:

- **Faith Sharing:** Wednesdays at 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM to discuss up-coming Sunday readings.
- **Rosary:** Tuesdays at 7:00 PM to share in our community prayer to Mother Mary.

Upcoming Event links:

March 1: *Diving Deep into Fratelli Tutti*

March 13: *Ministers of Music Virtual Lenten Retreat*

March 25: Family Ministry Presentation:

Teresa Hartnett and Dcn Joseph DiLoreto are doing a 'free' on-line presentation about the threat and impact on children and adults from pornography with a Catholic remedy on: **March 25th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**

Registration is required for ZOOM link. Contact the Family Ministry Office via *Hamilton Diocese website* or call the Chancery 905-528-7988 ext 2250.

2nd Sunday of Lent: Prayers for Victims of Abuse:

We are committed to the protection of children and the vulnerable in our communities, bringing about healing in the lives of those who have suffered abuse. *Please pray for them this Second Sunday of Lent.*

Pope Francis Trip to Iraq: Pope Francis is preparing to make a 'risky' apostolic journey to see Christians in Iraq which have suffered 20+ years. His trip is to be a sign of solidarity and encouragement for the beleaguered Iraqi. Please keep him – and them – in your prayers.

First Reconciliation and First Communion:

Thank you for registering children in Grades 2 & 3. ****Please Note: Children must be registered to allow parish permission to perform sacrament.****

Portfolios were delivered on Thursday outlining our first 'virtual' preparation for First Holy Communion beginning: **Sunday, February 28, 2021.**

The Sacraments will be celebrated in **April 2021** for *First Reconciliation* and **May 2021** for *First Communion* (*depending on COVID-19 Government Restrictions*).

The **7 Weekly Lessons** will help Catholic and Public School parents play a primary, invaluable role in their children's Faith formation and Sacrament preparation.

St. Joseph's 'Pen Pal' Program:

This *Parish Pastoral Council* program is to help families with children Grades 2-8, to accomplish three main goals:

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

Ashley and Scott Clark manage the 'Pen Pal' Program.

More information is on our parish website:

<https://www.stjospar.com/youth.html>

Sacrament of Confirmation: Children Grades 7 & 8 are eligible to receive *Confirmation*. The Holy Spirit helps them build a strong relationship with Jesus and deep knowledge to live as a true follower of Christ.

****Please Note: Children must be registered to allow parish permission to perform sacrament.****

Confirmation is planned for: **May / June 2021** (*depending on COVID-19 Government Restrictions*).

Canadian Food for Children is operating on reduced hours to ensure they can do the best for their volunteers while providing essential goods to those they serve. 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. As always, they are very grateful for your monetary donations.

You can contact them at: (905) 274-9239.

Or Mail cheques to: Canadian Food for Children
1258 Lakeshore Rd. E., Mississauga, ON L5E 1E9

Or donate online: [Donate Now - CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN \(canadahelps.org\)](#)

Society of St. Vincent de Paul: If you wish to support St. Vincent de Paul, please send a cheque to the parish office via the rectory letterbox or donate on line via CanadaHelps.org at: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-st-josephsst-patricks-conference-port-elgin/>.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! To sanitize pews and touch points for approximately 1/2 an hour following weekend Masses. Please call or email the parish office.



Our Lenten Journey with Jesus

TIPS FOR CELEBRATING THE LENTEN SEASON
WITH YOUR FAMILY, FROM THE SAFETY OF YOUR HOME



1) CARVE OUT TIME

Together as a family try to schedule some intentional time for prayer and reflection each week as we draw closer to the great feast of Easter. When can you gather together to pray? Do you have a calendar in the home? Try counting down the 40 days of Lent with little footprints, stickers or stamps marking your journey towards the celebration of Holy Week. Remember to mark the Sacred Sundays during the Lenten Season in a special way as these are exclusive of the 40 days of preparation.

2) SET THE SCENE

Create an intentional space for prayer. Working together to create a prayer center in the home can be a lovely opportunity for the creativity of your family members to shine. Make sure the space you choose is comfortable and inviting for all children present. Think about utilizing signs and symbols from the Church to heighten awareness to the importance of this prayer time; candles, a Crucifix, a purple cloth, a Bible and signs and symbols of spring. If someone in the family is musical, the inclusion of music always elevates prayer.





3) KEEP IT SIMPLE

Engage in prayer and the Celebration of the Word throughout the Lenten season in ways that are simple and accessible for your family. Use the suggested liturgy guides and resources found on our website. Watch a live streamed or recorded parish Mass and share with one another what you heard in the Sunday Gospel and Homily. Utilize your favourite prayer to root your family's daily routine.

4) EMBRACE LENTEN RITUALS

Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving are important Lenten rituals that help us strengthen our relationship with God. A prayer routine invites God into the day-to-day pulse of our homes. Fasting is the action of choosing to go without something we enjoy. Traditionally, most Christians refrain from eating meat on Friday. Try to schedule "Fish Friday" on the menu. Almsgiving is an important act of sacrifice during Lent. Almsgiving is not necessarily a financial sacrifice, but giving of time and talents to serve those in need. Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving help us give the best of ourselves for God's glory.



5) KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING



Take time throughout the season of Lent to talk about the importance of preparing well for Easter. Consider these conversation starters in the home:

- God calls us to work hard to show our love for Him and for one another during Lent through prayer, fasting and sharing all that we have. How is God calling you to grow this Lent?
- Jesus sacrificed His life on the Cross out of love for us. Sometimes sacrifice is hard, but it can bring life to others. What have you sacrificed out of love for another today?
- How can our family continue to prepare for the joy of Easter?

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