



# 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

*April 25, 2021 – Fourth Sunday of Easter*

### 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**

**Hamilton Diocese, as per the new government directives, has closed all Churches until further notice.**

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

**During the Pandemic, Weekday Masses are celebrated in private by Pastor, Fr. Chris.**

## MASS INTENTIONS

Request by Email at [stjospar@bmts.com](mailto:stjospar@bmts.com), regular mail, leaving phone message 519-832-2202 or dropping off in Sunday collection or Rectory letter box. Give your name, name(s) for intentions and if living or deceased and if a Mass card is required. Cost is \$10, please enclose cash or cheque in an envelope.

### *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

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

26-Apr-21	Mon	*	<b>Pastor's Intentions</b>	<b>Rev. William Trusz</b>
27-Apr-21	Tue	+	Dorothy Ganton (Aunt of Carol Fortin)	Rev. David Reitzel
28-Apr-21	Wed	+	Parents of Rita and Gary Varsava	Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul of Zagreb (S.O.C.)
29-Apr-21	Thu	+	George Motz	Rev. Patras Samuel Masih
30-Apr-21	Fri	*	Minda Poole	Rev. Mariusz Durbajlo
1-May-21	Sat	+	Jacqueline Doyle	Rev. Claude Perera, O.M.I.
5th Sunday of Easter				
2-May-21	Sun	*	<b>Parish &amp; Pandemic Front-Line Workers</b>	<b>Hamilton Diocese</b>

Dear Parish Families and Friends,

The escalating rise and surge in the infections from Covid-19 and its more dangerous variants of concern have given our Provincial Government and Diocese of Hamilton no choice but to enact further, more restrictive measures to curtail the spread of the virus, especially for the sake of our hospitals' ICUs, beds, and medical response personnel.

Thus, **stay-at-home orders** plus other restrictions to public mobility were broadcast by the Govt on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 until a medical and governmental re-assessment of the severity of the situation takes place.

Therefore, as elsewhere in the province, Hamilton Diocese, as per the new government directives, has **closed all Churches until further notice**.

Meanwhile, our office will remain 'virtually' open, Tuesdays to Fridays, 10am to 3pm, with voicemail and email answered within 24 hours. Emergency calls will be responded to as soon as possible. In person appointments are discouraged, unless negotiated with pastor. The office will be closed on Mondays as usual.

For now, please keep well and safe, positive and cheerful. Jesus is always by our side. With God's grace and love for us, all will probably end sooner than we expected, and all will be forgotten except for important lessons in life and love and faith, learned from our challenges. Then, all of God's creation will renew itself with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Blessings of Peace, Hope and Joy in Christ Jesus. – Father Chris.

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

**First Holy Communion Mass Celebrations**  
*scheduled for April/May, 2021 have been*  
**CANCELLED** for now.

*New Dates are still to be determined.*

**First Reconciliation and First Communion**  
**Milestones:**



**Fall 2020:** Registration of children in Grades 2 & 3.

**February 28, 2021:** Our first ‘virtual’ preparation

**March/April 2021:** First Reconciliation completed

**April 20, 2021:** Zoom call was well attended and it gave us a chance to connect and share experiences. Parents play a primary, invaluable role in their children’s Faith formation and Sacrament preparation.

Please **complete** and **save** your portfolios so that you can submit them at your First Communion Celebration when rescheduled.

**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.

The existing program runs until June 30, 2021. Approx. 20 children are participating and have been writing back and forth to their pen pals and getting to know one another over the past few months. It’s been a wonderful way to build connection throughout the pandemic. We are grateful to those families who chose to participate and engage in this initiative.

Ashley and Scott Clark manage the ‘Pen Pal’ Program.

**Confirmation Celebrations will remain**  
*as scheduled in May/June, 2021 depending on our*  
**Government and Hamilton Diocese forthcoming**  
*assessments of the COVID-19 situation.*

**Sacrament of Confirmation**  
**Milestones:**

**Fall 2020:** Registration of Children Grades 7 & 8.

**February 2021:** Our first ‘virtual’ preparation.



**March 2021:** A new website was launched to allow a more accessible domain to students from all boards. The Holy Spirit helps build a strong relationship with Jesus and deep knowledge to live as a true follower of Christ.

**May 16, 2021:** Please **complete** and **submit** your portfolio.



Donation of \$5 for 1 Ticket  
 \$10 for 3 - \$20 for 8

All proceeds go to Women’s House of  
 Bruce and Canadian Catholic  
 Missions.

To be drawn on  
 Tuesday May 18, 2021.

Payment E-Transfer to  
[H-112@CWLHAMILTON.CA](mailto:H-112@CWLHAMILTON.CA)

Drop off in Parish Rectory Mail Box or  
 Text or call Deborah at 519-386-0384

Please contact the Parish Office for the following:	
<b>Baptism:</b>	information and registration.
<b>Marriage:</b>	an appointment 1 year in advance of date.
<b>First Communion:</b>	Grades 2 & 3 April/May 2021.
<b>Confirmation:</b>	Students in Grades 7 & 8 May/June 2021.
<b>R.C.I.A.:</b>	Adults, and children in Grade 3 and up.
<b>Care of the Sick:</b>	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

**Faith Programs:** To participate, please request a ZOOM invitation link from [tcarolan06@gmail.com](mailto:tcarolan06@gmail.com):

- **Faith Sharing:** Wednesdays at 1:00 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.

**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](#).

**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](http://CanadaHelps.org).