



# 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 23rd, 2021 – Pentecost Sunday*

### 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.

### *Pentecost Sunday*

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

24-May-21	Mon	*	<b>Pastor's Intentions</b>	<b>Rev. Peter Pigott, C.R</b>
25-May-21	Tue	+	Victor Motz	Rev. Chester Chmurzynski, C.R.
26-May-21	Wed	+	Jean McGinty	School Sisters of Notre Dame (S.S.N.D.)
27-May-21	Thu	*	Regina Kapsa	Rev. Jim Valk, C.R.
28-May-21	Fri	+	Reamonn Walsh	Rev. Raymond Reitzel, C.R.
29-May-21	Sat	+	June Peet	Rev. Frederick Scinto, C.R.
Trinity - 9th O.T.				
30-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, 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 and Confirmation Celebrations have been POSTPONED until the FALL 2021.**

**It was determined Fall Celebrations will be safer considering the Govt aims to vaccinate the majority of the population by then.**

**New Dates to be announced in the coming months.**

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 Orsztynowicz 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.

**POPE FRANCIS** has launched a Marathon of Prayer for the month of May. "Guided by Shrines around the world during this month of May, we recite the Rosary to invoke an end to the pandemic and the resumption of social and work-related activities." (*Pope Francis, General Audience, 5 May 2021*) Father Ian Duffy, Rector of our own Diocesan Shrine, the Basilica of Our Lady in Guelph, is joining the Pope's prayer marathon by praying the Rosary at noon each day. You can participate in the daily prayer with the Pope by checking the Vatican website for a listing of Shrines, or pray the Rosary in union with Father Duffy at the Basilica in Guelph.

**The Baby Bottle Campaign** will be virtual again this year. It runs from Mother's Day to Father's Day. <https://preview.mailerlite.com/o2r3h8>

### **Unpacking *Patris Corde* – With a Father’s Heart**

“WITH A FATHER’S HEART: that is how Joseph loved Jesus, whom all four Gospels refer to as “the son of Joseph””. This opening line from Pope Francis’ Apostolic Letter, *Patris Corde*, released on Dec. 8, 2020 to mark the opening of a Year of St. Joseph, sets the tone for the entire letter. In *Patris Corde*, we hear that, “St. Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation.”

You are invited to join us on **Tuesday, May, 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M. for a 90 minute ZOOM webinar** (by phone or internet) to discover more about the Patron Saint of both the Catholic Church and Canada.

Presented by Monsignor Murray J. Kroetsch (PH, VG) and Mrs. Teresa Hartnett (M.R.E.). Registration is required to receive the zoom link and can be found at

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/online-webinar-unpacking-em-patris-corde-with-a-father-s-heart-em-> (on the home page go to Upcoming Events). For further information, contact Teresa at 905-528-7988.

### **Catholic Moms Groups: Where Moms Connect and Find Support for their Journey.**

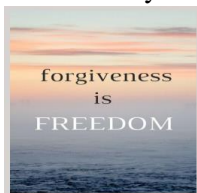
Now, more than ever, moms are feeling isolated and are craving connections. A Catholic moms’ group allows women to connect with other moms, topics of interest, topics that impact their personal selves and God; it provides both support and encouragement. Beyond that, moms groups help develop friendships with other moms providing proven mental health benefits and is a way of drawing women together to form a stronger sense of parish community. **Join us for a ZOOM session on Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 P.M.** to learn more about the what, where, when and why of starting a moms’ group and hear information on the material available to provide support. We will welcome Mrs. Dorothy Pilarski, who spearheaded this ministry in the Archdiocese of Toronto in 2015. This session will be an information sharing session, so is recommended for pastors, associate pastors, lay ministers and/or interested lay members of your parish who may be interested in starting a group, or those who would like to know what supports are available for an existing group.

A training session for those who are interested will occur later. **This event will be provided using ZOOM, so registration will be necessary.** You can register under upcoming events on the Diocesan home page at

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/catholic-moms>.

### **LEARNING TO FORGIVE VIRTUAL WORKSHOP**

Presented by: ANNA RACINE



Sat., May 29, 2021 10:00 to 3:00 Held Virtually on ZOOM Platform Cost: \$40.00

Register at: [annaracine.org@gmail.com](mailto:annaracine.org@gmail.com) or (905) 351-8367

### **THE IMPACT OF COVID 19 VIRTUAL WORKSHOP**



Presented by: ANNA RACINE

Sat., June 19, 2021 10:00 to 3:00 Held Virtually on ZOOM Platform Cost: \$40.00

Register at: [annaracine.org@gmail.com](mailto:annaracine.org@gmail.com) or (905) 351-8367

### **Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass, the 2021 Anniversary Mass has been **Cancelled due to COVID-19.****

This is an annual Mass for couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup> plus Wedding Anniversary!

As the restrictions from COVID-19 continue and for the safety of all concerned, a decision has been made to cancel the annual Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021. Bishop Crosby would still love to offer congratulations to all those who will be married 25, 40, 50, 60 plus years in 2021, so you will be able to register your anniversary via the link below, and the Diocese will send you the certificate you would have received if the Mass had gone ahead. [Register for your Wedding Anniversary Certificate.](#)

**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).



*Our Lady of  
Guadalupe Circle*

## **Message from Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle**

### **Pentecost 2021**

Send forth your spirit and renew the face of the Earth (Ps. 104)

Greetings and blessings on the Feast of Pentecost,

As Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle, focused on the work of reconciliation between Indigenous and all Canadians, we want to renew and celebrate the Spirit of Pentecost. Still relatively new as a coalition we are convinced of the importance of language, the challenges of unity in diversity, and the impossibility of progress in reconciliation in our Church and communities apart from the work of the Holy Spirit. It is urgent that we pray for each other in these times when, even as we see signs that the Covid 19 pandemic is lifting, the effects of isolation, of our immense vulnerability and of our profound loss and grief still weigh on our spirits individually and as communities. Surrounded by this shared suffering, but also grateful for the many acts of love and compassion that we have all witnessed, may we find the strength as the disciples did on the first Pentecost, to step out in faith to build a new way forward together.

Holy Scriptures tell us that the Church was born at such a time as this. The first disciples found themselves still huddled together, with the windows of their souls guarded and the doors to their hearts locked. Into this reluctance and uncertainty, the Holy Spirit poured as a mighty wind and as fire. The Church at Pentecost was born with a oneness that welcomes and celebrates a wide diversity of languages and cultures. As a part of the Community of Faith born in this outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle strives to be a sign of that “one faith expressed in many different ways.”<sup>i</sup>

In the Acts of the Apostles, we are told of people from many nations proclaiming with amazement, “we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God.” (Acts 2:11). This action of the Holy Spirit highlights the importance of speaking and hearing one’s own language. Convinced of the prophetic significance of this message, the Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle continues to emphasize the importance of Indigenous languages. We strongly support the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) which states “Indigenous peoples have the right to revitalize, use, develop and transmit to future generations their histories, languages, oral traditions, philosophies, writing systems and literatures, and to designate and retain their own names for communities, places and persons”.<sup>ii</sup> Members of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle are committed to encouraging and celebrating the revitalization of these teachings and languages.<sup>iii</sup>

More than four centuries ago the Church was again birthed in this land among Indigenous Peoples amid crisis, conflict, and cultural diversity. Indigenous members of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle express one faith in Christ through their own cultural and spiritual diversity. The Holy Spirit through them and other Indigenous people, witnesses to the truth of the words spoken by Saint Pope John Paul II at Huronia: "There can be no question of adulterating the word of God or of emptying the Cross of its power, but rather of Christ animating the very centre of all culture. Thus, not only is Christianity relevant to the Indian people, but Christ, in the members of his Body, is himself Indian."<sup>iv</sup> The Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle is committed to working to reconcile the participation of Indigenous members in the Church.

The gift of the Holy Spirit is not for the Church alone but is the Spirit renewing the whole world—the land, the people, and all living things. Moved by this Spirit and prompted by his Holiness Pope Francis we are sent to go boldly into our families and communities, into our educational, health, and social institutions, and even into the world of politics to bring the power of unity and love that are the true fruits of the presence of the Spirit of God. We are called to do the difficult work of justice and reconciliation, "to build a better kind of politics, one aimed at the service of the Common Good".<sup>v</sup> The Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle sees in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples a framework to guide our work toward this goal. In language that is embraced by the international community this declaration helps us to concretize the goal set before us by Pope Francis when he stated, "it is essential to show special care for indigenous communities and their cultural traditions. They are not merely one minority among others, but should be the principal dialogue partners, especially when large projects affecting their lands are proposed."<sup>vi</sup> With the boldness that is asked of us, we members of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle pledge to do what we can to help our Catholic community to increase awareness of the significance of UNDRIP as a framework for reconciliation and just relations in Canada.<sup>vii</sup>

On this great feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Spirit of God, we invite you to pray with us the ancient song of the People of Israel: "send forth your spirit and renew the face of the Earth." (Ps. 104)

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<sup>i</sup> Homily of Pope John Paul II at Martyr's Shrine (Huronia) September 15, 1984.

<sup>ii</sup> United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Article 13.

<sup>iii</sup> Message of Support from Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle on the occasion of the United Nations 2019 Year of Indigenous languages.

<sup>iv</sup> Homily of Pope John Paul II at Martyr's Shrine (Huronia) September 15, 1984.

<sup>v</sup> Pope Francis, Encyclical Letter Fratelli Tutti: On Fraternity and Social Friendship, October 3, 2020 (#154)

<sup>vi</sup> Pope Francis. Encyclical Letter Laudato si: On Care for Our Common Home, May 24, 2015 (#146)

<sup>vii</sup> Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle Statement on Including UNDRIP in Canadian Law