



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

June 20th, 2021 – Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time

**** GOOD NEWS ****

Thanks to the Prov. Govt “Stage One” re-opening plan, **Saint Joseph Church in Port Elgin** is now able to celebrate weekend masses at **15% capacity** while observing Govt Health and Safety Covid-19 protocols.

Mass Registration is on our Website Homepage at: www.stjospar.com

Two masses will be celebrated live in person: **Saturday – 5pm / Sunday – 9am.**

[A **Video Recording** of the mass will be available Sunday, 11am on our Website for those unable to attend.]

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

* *During Pandemic, only priest and lector visible in recorded Mass.*

WEEKDAY MASS:

Wednesday – 9:30 AM followed by Adoration and Confession

* *During Pandemic, other Weekday Masses celebrated in private by Pastor.*

MASS INTENTIONS

Request by Email at stjospar@bmts.com, regular mail, phone 519-832-2202, Sunday collection or rectory letter box.

Please provide your name, name(s) for Intentions (identify living or deceased), and if a Mass card is required.

Please enclose cash or cheque in an envelope. Cost is \$10 per intention.

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

21-Jun-21	Mon	*	Pastor's Intentions	Rev. Lech Wycichowski, C.R.
22-Jun-21	Tue	+	Frank Lynch	Rev. Stanley Zaryczny, C.R.
23-Jun-21	Wed	+	Lorraine Knudson	Comboni Missionaries (M.C.C.J.)
24-Jun-21	Thu	+	Erika Brockmann	Rev. John Redmond
25-Jun-21	Fri	*	Paul Treanor	Rev. Peter Ciallella
26-Jun-21	Sat	*	The Treanor Family	Rev. Michael Downey
13th Sunday in O.T. 27-Jun-21	Sun	*	Parish & Pandemic Front-Line Workers	/Hamilton Diocese

CHURCH COLLECTIONS During the COVID-19 Crisis

‘MANY THANKS!’ for your kind generosity during this difficult time. Peace in Christ. – Father Chris

* **CHEQUE or CASH:** Regular mail, rectory letterbox or slide underneath Office Entrance side door.

* **ON-LINE:** Use the **DONATE** Button at top of our website home page: www.stjospar.com

* **PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance):** Convenient regular monthly donations from your bank account or by credit card the 20th of each month. Complete form on our website (**PAR FORM** button) and return to parish office by regular mail or the rectory letterbox.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Celebrations

have been **POSTPONED** until dates are selected and approved for **FALL 2021** as per Covid-19 restrictions.

It was decided Fall Celebrations will be safer once the majority of people have been vaccinated, by end of summer.

New Dates will be announced in 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:

As the ‘Pen Pal Program’ ends this June with the 2020/21 school year, it is very pleasing to know how successful the program has been. Many Thanks to Ashley and Scott Clark. Parents have expressed very positive feedback, while wonderful, unexpected, cheerful, new relationships have begun for as many as 28 children who participated. If possible, we hope to see the program continue for our students next year.

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:

Baptism:	information and registration.
Marriage:	an appointment 1 year in advance of date.
First Communion:	To be celebrated in the Fall 2021
Confirmation:	To be celebrated in the Fall 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 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:

- **Faith Sharing:** Wednesdays at 1:00 to 2:30 PM to discuss up-coming Sunday readings. This program will run until the last week of June and return in September.
- **Rosary:** Tuesdays at 7:00 PM to share in our community prayer to Mother Mary. It will run throughout the summer.

Visit our Facebook page facebook.com/St-Josephs-Parish for updates and to find out more on how our parishioners are ministering in times of COVID.

Turning Concern into Action around our Community

St. Vincent de Paul Society is seeking **new members**-- parishioners who are looking for an opportunity to put their faith into action. *We are called by faith to serve our community.* We can set up an information meeting to share how we serve our friends in need. Thank you! Contact Mairead Keely at 519-832-9979, for information.

Gardeners needed!

Our Gardening Team is looking for help! Gardening is an outdoor, Covid friendly activity. indeed, it can be a relaxing exercise while keeping our churches’ gardens pretty. To join and for more information, please contact Fran at 519-389-2151 or fran.wood348@gmail.com

Time Capsule

In honour of St. Joseph Parish's 50th anniversary, we are preparing a time capsule that we will seal and open 50 years from now. The idea for this capsule is to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Parish. This will represent the present, hope for our future, and heritage and history of those who open it 50 years from now.

The Parish is thrilled to facilitate this unique opportunity for our parishioners, to leave thoughtful mementos and heartfelt messages for our far-off successors to uncover.

If you have any ideas about the size or shape of the capsule, where it might be placed (in or outside the church) or what items we could place in the time capsule, please send your suggestions to:

st.josephs.timecapsule@gmail.com.

We hope to have the capsule ready by Fall this year!

Celebrating the Year of St. Joseph

In keeping with the celebration of the "Year of Saint Joseph", the CCCB National Liturgy Office and the *Office nationale de liturgie* have composed a *Novena* and an *Act of Entrustment to Saint Joseph*, imploring Saint Joseph's intercession for the welfare of the entire country, for the many needs of society, and to pray in particular for those who passed away due to COVID-19. **The Novena begins on June 22 and ends on June 30**, and is followed by the *Act of Entrustment* on Thursday, 1 July 2021 (Canada Day). The Novena and Act of Entrustment are available here [St.-Joseph-Novena-&-Act-of-Entrustment](#)

The Dr. H. Patrick and Mrs. Gayle E. Cunningham Medical Scholarship available for 2021

Through the generosity of a benefactor in the Diocese, the *Dr. H. Patrick and Mrs. Gayle E. Cunningham Medical Scholarship* has been established and will be accepting applications for 2021. The purpose of this scholarship is to afford Catholics, faithful to the teachings of the Church, the opportunity to pursue medical education.

This scholarship has a value of \$10,000. Eligible Students are practicing Catholics who:

- Attend a parish in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton
- Are enrolled in a Canadian medical school
- Intend to practice medicine in Canada.

Application deadline is June 30, 2021. Award date is July 22, 2021.

Apply at hamiltondiocese.com/news/medical-scholarship-available-for-2021

Society of St. Vincent de Paul: To support St. Vincent de Paul, please send a cheque to the parish office via the rectory letterbox or donate on line via [Canada Helps](#)

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 on line via [Canada Helps](#)

Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel: The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during July 8th to July 16th, 2021

Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support?

You can participate in the **Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel**. 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

The Tragic Act Of Hatred which occurred in London this week has heightened our awareness of the presence of Islamophobia in our communities. An increase in Anti-Semitic attacks across the country is also troubling. The Executive Committee of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has issued a statement calling for an end to religious violence in Canada, most especially Islamophobia and Anti-Semitism. See the statement [here](#).

The Call For The Catholic Church To "Apologize" for our involvement in government sponsored Indigenous Residential Schools is loud and clear. The apologies actually began 30 years ago, when the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate offered an apology at the annual Lac Ste. Anne (Alberta) pilgrimage – a long-time sacred pilgrimage site for thousands of Indigenous Peoples from North America. The Oblates were marking their 150th anniversary of presence and ministry in Canada, and chose to make the apology an important part of the anniversary year. You can read the apology [here](#).

And Just Yesterday the CCCB announced a long-in-the-planning initiative to send a delegation of Indigenous Elders, Knowledge Keepers, residential school survivors, and young people to meet with Pope Francis in a "meaningful encounter of dialogue and healing". The event will be a rich conversation between a diverse group of Indigenous peoples and the Pope. The pandemic and subsequent travel restrictions stalled the project; however as these restrictions ease, the delegation has resumed its planning for the visit. Read the statement [here](#).

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary in 2021? The Diocese has had to cancel the annual Anniversary Mass this year, but Bishop Crosby would still love to offer congratulations to all those who will be married 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years in 2021. You can 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.](#)

"Happy Father's Day!"

On this special day, we thank God for the gift of fathers! May their actions and love, through the intercession and example of good Saint Joseph, show their deep faith and trust in God's plan.

We pray for those who do not have a father to celebrate with today.

Marriage Support - Is your marriage experiencing more trouble than joy, feeling stagnant or disconnected and/or causing you worries? The solution is Retrouvaille - a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving partnership. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. Retrouvaille is offering their weekends by zoom offering more possibilities for engagement. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.

Congratulations to St. Joseph School Grade 8 Students

Students will be graduating Tuesday the 22nd of June, virtually. Keep graduates in your prayers as they enter a new chapter of their life.



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

June 18, 2021

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ:

The sad legacy of Residential Schools and the reality that Catholic entities participated in the Government policy which removed Indigenous children from their families and from their culture has once again been brought to the attention of Canadians. The discovery of 215 bodies of children in graves beside a former Residential School in Kamloops has brought us face-to-face with the stark and tragic history that many Indigenous children in Residential Schools died. When they died, often their bodies were not returned to their families and communities for burial.

This tragic and painful part of our history as a nation and as a Church causes us to grieve with the families of these children and feel sorrow and deep shame for our participation in the policies which created the Residential Schools. The recent discovery in Kamloops moves us to renew our efforts, which began many years ago, to bring about healing and reconciliation with the Indigenous peoples of our land.

Thirty years ago, on July 24, 1991, as President of the Oblate Conference of Canada, in the presence of about 10-15,000 Indigenous peoples at Lac Ste. Anne, Alberta, I delivered an apology for the involvement of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate in government sponsored Residential Schools across the country. It was among the first of such apologies offered to the Indigenous people. In 2015, Father Ken Forster, then Provincial Superior of OMI Lacombe Canada Province, repeated the apology and outlined commitments that the Oblate community had made to the Indigenous peoples they served, including making available to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) all of their archives relative to the Residential Schools, and to offer to university archives those materials that the TRC did not require.

The Catholic Indigenous Council was established to assure that Catholic Indigenous voices might be heard at the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, and the Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle was formed so that Catholic Indigenous peoples, and other Catholic groups and organizations might come together to respond to the Calls to Action of the TRC. One of their first recommendations encouraged the Catholic Bishops to support the *United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, which the Bishops did on April 27, 2018. The Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario, including the Diocese of Hamilton, have provided financial support for the creation of a “Spirit Garden” at Nathan Phillips Square in Toronto to honour Residential School survivors.

While the Diocese of Hamilton ran no residential schools, we remain keen participants in the process of healing and reconciliation. We made a significant contribution to the *Moving Forward Together* campaign of the CCCB; funds were directed to support Indigenous education opportunities at institutions of higher education within our Diocese. We also have an on-going partnership with the Diocese of Churchill-Hudson Bay to provide financial and administrative support as well as on-site ministry formation and mental health assistance for Indigenous youth.

The work of healing and reconciliation is, and must be, ongoing. Plans for a delegation to visit the Vatican and meet with Pope Francis were derailed by travel restrictions related to the pandemic. With the easing of those restrictions, it is expected that this visit will take place later this year.

I invite Catholics in the Diocese of Hamilton, to pray this weekend and especially on Monday, June 21st, National Indigenous Peoples Day in Canada, for our Indigenous brothers and sisters – for the healing of past wounds, for wisdom to accompany one another on the path to reconciliation, and for a future full of hope.

All are invited to visit the Hamilton Diocesan website for information and resources to inform, to encourage and to heal.

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

+ Douglas Crosby, OMI

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

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