

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH



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New Email Address:
 We are transitioning to a new email address for the parish:
stjosephportelgin@hamiltondiocese.com, gradually
 replacing the BMTS email.

St. Joseph Church

Location: 920 Wellington St., Port Elgin, ON

St. Patrick Church

Location: 36 Albert St. S. (Highway 21), Southampton, ON

July 11th, 2021 – Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Until the Govt informs the Hamilton Diocese of an increase in allowed numbers, our permitted worship attendance remains at a cautious 15% capacity during Step 2 while more vaccinations are performed to reach the Provincial desired optimum levels.

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

Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Request by Email at stjosephportelgin@hamiltondiocese.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.

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

12-Jul-21	Mon	*	Pastor's Intentions	Most Rev. Anthony Tonnos
13-Jul-21	Tue	+	Theresa McGhee	Rev. Francis Salasiar, C.S.C.
14-Jul-21	Wed	+	Morley Fischer	Society of Christ (S.Chr.)
15-Jul-21	Thu	*	Haggerty Family	Rev. Ronald Hodara
16-Jul-21	Fri	+	Neil Mellon	Rev. William Foote
17-Jul-21	Sat		Simonne Lepine	Rev. Michael Isabelle
16th Sunday in O.T.		*	Parish & Pandemic Front-Line Workers	Hamilton Diocese
18-Jul-21	Sun			

Church Collections During the COVID-19 Crisis

Thank you, parishioners and visitors, for your continued financial support during this time of uncertainty. If you cannot attend one of the Masses, you can mail or drop off your envelope contribution to the parish office. You can also sign up for Pre Authorized Remittance (PAR) by completing the form on the website and submitting it to the parish office. This will be a regular monthly donation, by credit card or directly from your bank account. One-time or occasional donations can be made using the CanadaHelps button on the website.

This week's regular offerings were \$2123.00 and \$180.00 was received through CanadaHelps. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

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 Orszynowicz 519-832-9280
SJTW Secular Franciscans	Brenda Murray 519-832-6185
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Hot Line: 519-832-2207

Readings for the 16th Sunday in O.T.- July 18

First Reading – Jeremiah 23.1-6

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 23

Second Reading – Ephesians 2.13-18

Gospel – Mark 6.30-34

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

- **Faith Sharing:** This program will 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](https://www.facebook.com/St-Josephs-Parish) for updates and to find out more on how our parishioners are ministering in times of COVID.



Gardeners needed!

Our Gardening Team is looking for help! Gardening is an outdoor, COVID-friendly activity. It can be relaxing exercise while keeping our

churches' gardens pretty. We need someone to look after the St. Patrick's gardens, about 1 hour per week in spring and summer. To join please contact Fran at 519-389-2151 or fran.wood348@gmail.com

World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly July 25th

Pope Francis announced the establishment of a World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly the fourth Sunday of July, since it coincides with the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, Jesus' grandparents.

"Their voice is precious because it sings the praises of God and safeguards the roots of peoples. They remind us that old age is a gift and that grandparents are the link between generations, passing on the experience of life and faith to the young. Grandparents are often forgotten and we forget this wealth of preserving roots and passing on."

This year, the first World Day celebration will take place on **Sunday, July 25 and the chosen theme is, "I am with you always"**.

Do You Have a Passion for Social Justice Concerns?



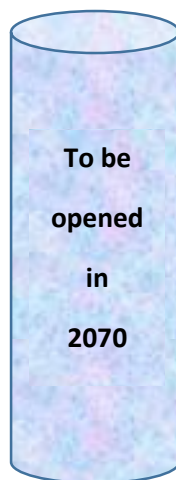
If you can answer YES, our SSVP Conference needs you:

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.

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!

Baptism – Entering into the Body of Christ!

St. Joseph Parish is pleased to welcome new Catholics:

Rowan James & Arlow Jack, children of Isaac and Samantha Wilkinson, and

Cassidy Ann, daughter of Jeff and Claire Byle, who will be baptized this Sunday, July 11.

We offer our congratulations and a warm welcome to their families and friends.



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](https://www.canadahelps.org)

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](https://www.canadahelps.org)