

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH



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 519-832-2202 - Website: www.stjospar.com



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

August 15th, 2021 – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**** Covid-19 Response: Stage 3 Update ****

The Prov. Govt and Diocese of Hamilton are permitting us to **increase mass attendance to Fall 2020 numbers**, yet still following the required distancing of two metres, the wearing of masks, and sanitizing of hands.

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

Twentieth 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]

16-Aug-21	Mon	*	Pastor's Intentions	Rev. Michael McHugh
17-Aug-21	Tue	+	William Stody - Moved from Sept. 3	Rev. Msgr. Paul Boucher
18-Aug-21	Wed	+	Doug Grant	Sisters of Immaculate Heart of Mary Mother of Christ
19-Aug-21	Thu	+	Yvon Rancourt	Rev. Mike Myroniuk
20-Aug-21	Fri	+	Doug Grant	Rev. Robert Dunn
21-Aug-21	Sat	+	Gail Weatherall	Rev. Marijan Mihokovic
21st Sunday in O.T.				
22-Aug-21	Sun	*	Parish & Pandemic Front-Line Workers	Hamilton Diocese

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 offerings were \$1565.00, received at Mass or sent to the office, and \$210.00 was contributed online through CanadaHelps. Thank you for your generosity!

First Holy Communion Celebrations

Have been scheduled for the following dates:



September: **11th** (Sat, 11am)

September **18th** (Sat, 11am)

September **25th** (Sat, 11am)

September **26th** (Sun, 2pm)

First Communion is a very important and holy day for Catholic children, because they are receiving for the first time the body and blood of Jesus Christ. By continuing to receive Holy Communion they will become one with Christ and will share in His eternal life. Please pray for the 31 candidates and their families as they enter into the great mystery of the Eucharist.

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, a chance to connect and share experiences with Fr. Chris and catechists, the children and their parents and caregivers, their primary teachers of the faith.

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

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 **June 16, 2021:**

Please complete and submit your portfolio.

Sacrament of Confirmation Celebrations

Dates will be announced soon!



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 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time- August 22

First Reading – Joshua 24.1-2a, 15-17, 18b
 Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 34
 Second Reading – Ephesians 4.32 – 5.1-2 21-32++
 Gospel – John 6.53,60-69

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

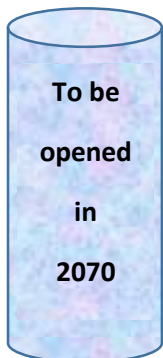
- **Faith Sharing:** This program will return in September.
- **Rosary:** Tuesdays at 7:00 PM to share in our community prayer to Mother Mary. It will run throughout the summer.

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

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul:

Do You Have a Passion for Social Justice Concerns? If you can answer YES, our SSVP Conference needs you: Contact Mairead Keely at 519-832-9979 for information. St. Vincent de Paul is collecting Cereal: Shreddies, Cheerios, All Bran, quick cooking oatmeal, packets of oatmeal, and Snack Food: apple sauce, puddings, peanut free granola bars. You can place your donations at the box at the entrance of the Church 30 minutes before Masses, or you also can support by sending your donation to the parish office via the rectory letterbox or donate on line via [Canada Helps](#)

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. 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.

The size of the capsule will depend on the amount of items to be included. You can send suggestions about the shape, and the spot where the capsule might be placed, and what items we could place in it to: st.josephs.timecapsule@gmail.com.

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

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 mail cheques to: Canadian Food for Children, 1258 Lakeshore Rd. E., Mississauga, ON L5E 1E9 or donate on line via [Canada Helps](#)

Are you celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary in 2021?

You can register your anniversary via the link below, before November 1st, and the Diocese will send you the certificate you would have received if the Mass had gone ahead. . [Register for your Wedding Anniversary Certificate.](#)

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Mary is the principal witness to Christ and to the saving power of his death and resurrection.

Addressing a jubilant crowd of more than 500,000 people packed into St. Peter's Square, Pope Pius XII solemnly defined in "Munificentissimus Deus" on Nov. 1, 1950, that the "Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." Although the solemn definition may have been at the midpoint of the 20th century, the belief in the Assumption of our Blessed Mother exemplifies the dynamism of revelation and the Church's ongoing understanding of it as guided by the Holy Spirit. Read more [here](#).

The Saints of the Week – Quotes

August 20 – St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor

“There are those who seek knowledge for the sake of knowledge; that is Curiosity.

There are those who seek knowledge to be known by others; that is Vanity.

There are those who seek knowledge in order to serve; that is Love.”

August 21 - St. Pius X:

“Holy Communion is the shortest and safest way to Heaven. There are others: innocence, but that is for little children; penance, but we are afraid of it; generous endurance of trials of life, but when they come we weep and ask to be.”