

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 29th, 2021 – Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**** 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

Twenty-second 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]

30-Aug-21	Mon	*	Pastor's Intentions	Rev. Terence Sehl
31-Aug-21	Tue	+	No Mass Scheduled - Fr. Chris on vacation	Rev. Ken Miskiewicz
1-Sep-21	Wed		No Mass Scheduled - Fr. Chris on vacation	Diaconate Formation Candidates
2-Sep-21	Thu		No Mass Scheduled - Fr. Chris on vacation	Rev. Michael Anderson
3-Sep-21	Fri	+	No Mass Scheduled - Fr. Chris on vacation	Rev. Edward J. Mahony
4-Sep-21	Sat	+	Anna Vidotto	Very Rev. David Walter
23rd Sunday in O.T.		*	Parish & Pandemic Front-Line Workers	Hamilton Diocese
5-Sep-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 \$1690.00 and \$140.00 through CanadaHelps. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

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.

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.

Readings for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 5

First Reading – Isaiah 35.4-7

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 146

Second Reading – James 2.1-5

Gospel – Mark 7.31-37

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!

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:** This program will return in September 1st at 1 pm.
- **Rosary:** Tuesdays at 7:00 PM to share in our community prayer to Mother Mary.

Welcome Fr. Adrian Lee,

Judicial Vicar at the Hamilton Diocese

Our gratitude to Fr. Lee for celebrating Masses this weekend, while Fr. Chris is away. Please note that there will be NO WEDNESDAY MASS on Sept. 1st. May God bless Fr. Chris with safe travels and a relaxed time on his vacation.

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.

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.

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

In 2015, Pope Francis declared September 1st as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Coinciding with a celebration instituted by the Orthodox Church, it is also a day of ecumenical prayer and unity. The faithful is encouraged to take practical initiatives to combat earth's environmental crisis.

In "Fratelli tutti" the Pope underlines that in the common house we all live as one family, and proposes concrete actions to restore the world and overcome the ailments generated by the pandemic crisis, which has now become a health, economic, social and political crisis: *peace*, because no work will be possible if nations and peoples continue to fight each other; *dialogue*, because each one finds its completeness in the other; the *strengthening of multilateralism* and no to any kind of war; the *fight against the globalisation* of indifference and the promotion of social inclusion. Read more [here](#).

The Knights of Columbus Annual Car Draw Tickets have changed from the traditional paper-based Lottery to a 50/50 electronic Raffle.

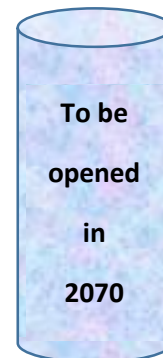
This was driven by the restrictions imposed by COVID-19. Port Elgin Council 6736 is on the vendor list of the lottery that runs July through September. Winners will be announced and then the next draw will start in October and the winner will be drawn in December. K of C Members, Parishioners, their families and friends can participate by buying tickets, have a chance to win and support the charitable works of the Councils. Participants must be residents of Ontario and 18 years of age or older. See poster below, and click [here](#) to start the ticket purchase process. If you have any questions, please call Grand Knight – Harry Orszynowicz 519-832-9280. Thank you for your support in this endeavour, it is greatly appreciated. The cash prize for the last draw ending in June was \$45,000.

Do you need support after an abortion?

Either your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is available to help. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, to find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.

Time Capsule:

In honour of St. Joseph Parish's 50th anniversary, a time capsule is being prepared that will be open 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!



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". An information meeting can be set up to share how to serve our friends in need. For more information contact Mairead Keely at 519-832-9979. 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](#)

How Can We Prepare to Welcome a New School Year in our Home?

In an effort to encourage a spirit of prayerful support for children and educators heading back into the classroom, the link below will bring you to a Back to School resource on the Diocese of Hamilton web page designed to help families and schools welcome the return of a new academic year.

There are suggestions for prayers, questions and conversations parents can share with their children, as well as a brief Liturgy of the Word celebration for use either in homes or at school.

We pray for all those who are beginning anew as well as those returning that Our Lord's spirit will guide them in a safe and welcoming environment.

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/backtoschool2021/>

The Saints of the Week - Quote

September 3 St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor

“I am an ape forced to play the lion.”

The Ministry of Intercession

The Prayer Line Ministry at St. Joseph Parish is a group of parishioners/volunteers who pray for the needs of our community and also the global needs, from their privacy of their homes. If you are living a difficult situation or know someone who are dealing with an illness or stressful situation, ask support thorough prayers to wdtv@bmts.com. You also can join this group of intercessors, by subscribing to the email address above.

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](#)