

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

September 5th, 2021 – Twenty-Third 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-third 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]

6-Sep-21	Mon	*	Pastor's Intentions	Rev. Hayden Starczala
7-Sep-21	Tue	+	Doug Grant	Rev. Fulbert Jonas Ahouansou
8-Sep-21	Wed	+	Erika Brockmann	Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate (S.O.L.I.)
9-Sep-21	Thu	+	William Motz	Rev. Ian Duffy
10-Sep-21	Fri	*	Mary Kischuck	Rev. Msgr. Dennis Noon
11-Sep-21	Sat	+	Devasia Nidiri	Rev. Vernon P. Boyd, S.J.
24th Sunday in O.T.		*	Parish & Pandemic Front-Line Workers	/Hamilton Diocese
12-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 \$863.00. 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 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 12

First Reading – Isaiah 50.5-9

Responsorial Psalm 116

Second Reading – James 2.14-18

Gospel – Mark 8.27-35

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:** 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

The Saints of the Week - Quote

September 8 – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8.

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.

Baptism – Entering into the Body of Christ!

St. Joseph Parish is pleased to welcome a new Catholic:

Isabel Mae Liner Selorio,

daughter of Justin Selorio &

Samantha Liner, will be baptized this

Sunday, September 5th.

We offer our congratulations and prayers to her family and friends.



Funeral Mass for Theresa McGhee

Family and invited guests celebrated Theresa McGhee's life in a Mass Saturday September 4.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. Almighty Father, source of forgiveness and salvation, grant that our relatives and friends who have passed from this life may, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all the saints, come to share your Eternal happiness through Christ our Lord.

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.

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.

Labour Day Weekend

Marks the end of the summer vacation period and the resumption of activities in home, parish and school.

Farewell to our summer parishioners.

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/>

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 collecting:

Fruit snack boxes, peanut free granola bars, juice boxes, rice Krispy squares, regular tea, taco shells.

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](#)

Life Chain 2021 – Peaceful, Prayerful, Public Witness of Pro-life Supporters

Sunday, October 3rd @ 2 PM in Southampton.

Signs can be picked up at St. Patrick's church steps.

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, 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.

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](#)

Novena to Little St. Therese

The Sisters of the Carmel of St. Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to Little St. Therese, September 23rd to October 1st, 2021

Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support?

You can participate in the Novena to St. Therese. 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