

# SAINT JOSEPH PARISH



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 519-832-2202 - Website: [www.stjospar.com](http://www.stjospar.com)

New Email Address:  
 We are transitioning to a new email address for the parish:  
[stjosephportelgin@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto: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 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

The Provincial Government 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](http://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:**

**Thursday Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 AM – Day of Truth & Reconciliation**

\* Please note there is **No Mass on Wednesday September 29** \*

## **Mass Intentions**

### *Twenty-sixth Week in Ordinary Time*

Request by Email at [stjosephportelgin@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto: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]

27-Sep-21	Mon	*	<b>Pastor's Intentions</b>	<b>Very Rev. Jeff Bergsma</b>
28-Sep-21	Tue	+	Ken Saunders	Rev. Gregory Merkley
29-Sep-21	Wed	+	Janet McCarthy Kirvan	Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood (R.P.B.)
30-Sep-21	Thu	+	Russell Kobzar	Rev. Wallace Metcalf
1-Oct-21	Fri	+	Ron Hulme	Rev. Robert M.F. Kiffman
2-Oct-21	Sat	+	Timmie Hickey	Rev. Msgr. Theodore Slaman
27th Sunday in O.T.				
3-Oct-21	Sun	*	<b>Parish &amp; Pandemic Front-Line Workers</b>	<b>Hamilton Diocese</b>

### COVID Vaccines

The official position of the Catholic Church is that all available COVID vaccines are ethical and all Catholics who are able are encouraged to receive the vaccine. All employees serving in the Diocese of Hamilton are encouraged to be fully vaccinated or to submit to a COVID rapid test every Monday and Thursday in order to carry out their responsibilities. Volunteer liturgical ministers are required to be fully vaccinated. Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, encourages every member of the Catholic Church within our Diocese of Hamilton to be fully vaccinated. Please see the Hamilton Diocese Covid-19 Vaccination Policy at our website [www.stjospar.com](http://www.stjospar.com)

### 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 \$1883 plus \$5048 sent through PAR and \$40 through CanadaHelps. Diocesan collections were \$175. Thank you for your generosity!

#### Please contact the Parish Office for the following:

<b>Baptism:</b>	information and registration.
<b>Marriage:</b>	an appointment 1 year in advance of date.
<b>First Communion:</b>	To be celebrated in the Fall 2021
<b>Confirmation:</b>	To be celebrated in the Fall 2021
<b>R.C.I.A.:</b>	Adults, and children in Grade 3 and up.
<b>Care of the Sick:</b>	Visits are not allowed due to COVID-19, but prayers by phone are available.

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

**Faith Programs:** To participate, please request a ZOOM invitation link from [tcrolan06@gmail.com](mailto:tcrolan06@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

#### Readings for the 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 3

First Reading – Genesis 2.7ab, 15,18-24  
Responsorial Psalm 128  
Second Reading – Hebrews 2.9-11  
Gospel – Mark 10.2-16

#### 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

#### Life Chain 2021 –

Spread the Message of Hope that Life Matters  
Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 @ 2 PM  
Southampton, in front of St. Patrick Church  
It is a time of silent prayer to end abortion.

#### The Saints of the Week -

##### September 27 - St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

St. Vincent is the patron of charities. He was born in Southwest France in 1581, died 1660 at Paris, Canonized 1737 by Pope Clement XII.

##### September 29 – St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael, Archangels

##### September 30 – St. Jerome, Priest, Doctor

##### October 1 – St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor

##### October 2 – The Holy Guardian Angels

#### Funeral John Kischuck

John, peacefully, passed away at Grey Bruce Health Services, Southampton on Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021. Friends will be received on Monday, September 27, 2021 from 7-9 pm at the T.A. Brown Funeral Home. A private Funeral Mass will follow.

## *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*

Have been scheduled for the following dates:



**September 30<sup>th</sup> (Thurs, 7 pm)**

**October 1<sup>st</sup> (Fri, 7 pm)**

Confirmation is usually administered to young people in seventh and eighth grade who are ready to take on a more adult role in the Church. These candidates for Confirmation, or *confirmandi*, as they are called, were usually baptized as infants and must now accept the Catholic faith as their own and make a commitment to live it out with God's help. The sacrament of Confirmation gives to its recipient an outpouring of the grace and power of the Holy Spirit. Let us bring our spiritual help, as well as our authentic witness, to the 18 candidates, so that they can live the sacrament that they are receiving.

## *Special collection: Needs of the Church Sept. 26*

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is the national assembly of Catholic Bishops. Contributing to this collection is an act of collaboration with the Bishops in their ministry of teaching, sanctifying and pastoral governance.

## *World Day of Migrants and Refugees September 26*

"The phenomenon of migration today is a providential opportunity for the proclamation of the Gospel in the contemporary world. Men and women from various regions of the earth who have not yet encountered Jesus Christ or know him only partially, ask to be received in countries with an ancient Christian tradition. It is necessary to find adequate ways for them to meet and to become acquainted with Jesus Christ and to experience the invaluable gift of salvation" (Pope Benedict XVI, 2012)

## *First Holy Communion Celebrations*

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.

## *Congratulations to our First Communicants who received Jesus in the Eucharist on Saturday September 25 & Sunday September 26:*

*Trayten Ayers*

*Leonardo DeVuono*

*Draper Reed*

*Ethan Hewitt*

*Hope Laliberte*

*Sebastian Miranda-Hultzsch*

*Kellen Weber*

*Liam Weber*

*Elliott Clark*

*Ethan Xavier De Melo*

*Teagan Freiburger*

*William Papineau*

*Taylor Pitt*

*Vera Quibell*

*Carter Thede*

*Violet Wolfkamp*

*We become what we receive!*

## *Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Father Thomas J Clancy – Council 6736 (Port Elgin/Southampton)*

is looking for participants for the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest - this is open to all Catholic students in public, private or parochial schools in grades 8 to 12 during the current school year. Essay(s) must be typed and be between 500 and 750 words in length on the topic: **"Describe some everyday obstacles to living a life of authentic faith, and how to overcome them, while providing examples from your own life"**

Essay Contest for Council level will be open from September to Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Entries must be submitted to Mark Lukas either via mail (Knights of Columbus, 920 Wellington Street, Port Elgin, ON N0H 2C3) or email (lukas@bmts.com).

Winners will be notified (prizes awarded for Council Level will be cash prizes). Essay(s) will be judged on the following:

-Content (35 points)

-How clearly is the theme presented, Grammar (30 points)

-Does the essay reflect proper sentence and paragraph structure and utilizes correct spelling and Style (35 points)

-Does the essay show creativity, imagination and Development of the topic in a compelling style.

A Knights of Columbus - Community/Faith in Action Program.

### ***National Day for Truth and Reconciliation***

In June, the federal government passed new legislation making September 30<sup>th</sup> a national statutory holiday: “The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation” which commemorates the history and ongoing trauma caused by residential schools and is intended to honour the survivors, families and communities who continue to grieve for those who were lost. At the direction of Bishop Douglas Crosby, Mass will be celebrated in all the parishes in the Diocese on Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Let us continue to pray for the healing of our nation and in particular for Reconciliation between the Indigenous People and all citizens of Canada.

### ***Care, Healing and Resilience during COVID-19***

Join the St. Joseph Parish CWL for a zoom session providing strategies for dealing with all of these COVID concerns and more. When: Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 8:30 P.M. Presenter: Mrs. Teresa Hartnett (Director, Family Ministry Office) Register online by e-mailing Lucie Desbiens at [desbiens@eastlink.ca](mailto:desbiens@eastlink.ca) so we can send your zoom invite!

***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](#)

***Grey Bruce Pregnancy Centre*** is offering a take-out fundraising dinner. The meal will be prepared by the volunteers at Timothy Christian School and offered for pick up on Saturday October 2<sup>nd</sup> between 4-5pm. Please see the menu in the poster attached to last weekend’s bulletin.

### ***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. 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](#)

### ***The Third Annual National***

***Catholic Health Care Week*** runs from Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> to Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. Established by the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada, this year’s celebration seeks to build understanding, connection and trust about the organization’s mission and contribution to the pandemic response in Canada. Through stories, reflection and prayer, the week also seeks to foster healing, and to advance Catholic health care’s commitment to social justice and the values of inclusiveness and compassion in the spirit of reconciliation. In the Diocese of Hamilton, St. Joseph’s Health System embodies these fundamental values! How blessed are we! This year, more than ever, we must celebrate the importance of healthcare in our community.

### ***Compassionate Care Ministry \*\*\* NEW \*\*\****

In the difficult times that the world is going through, St. Joseph Parish is working toward opening a new ministry to “Helping people understand that Jesus is truly present to them here and now, walking the path of discipleship along with them!”. If this may be of your interest, please contact the parish office for more information.



## Statement of Apology by the Catholic Bishops of Canada to the Indigenous Peoples of This Land

We, the Catholic Bishops of Canada, gathered in Plenary this week, take this opportunity to affirm to you, the Indigenous Peoples of this land, that we acknowledge the suffering experienced in Canada's Indian Residential Schools. Many Catholic religious communities and dioceses participated in this system, which led to the suppression of Indigenous languages, culture and spirituality, failing to respect the rich history, traditions and wisdom of Indigenous Peoples. We acknowledge the grave abuses that were committed by some members of our Catholic community; physical, psychological, emotional, spiritual, cultural, and sexual. We also sorrowfully acknowledge the historical and ongoing trauma and the legacy of suffering and challenges faced by Indigenous Peoples that continue to this day. Along with those Catholic entities which were directly involved in the operation of the schools and which have already offered their own heartfelt apologies<sup>1</sup>, we<sup>2</sup>, the Catholic Bishops of Canada, express our profound remorse and apologize unequivocally.

We are fully committed to the process of healing and reconciliation. Together with the many pastoral initiatives already underway in dioceses across the country, and as a further tangible expression of this ongoing commitment, we are pledging to undertake fundraising in each region of the country to support initiatives discerned locally with Indigenous partners. Furthermore, we invite the Indigenous Peoples to journey with us into a new era of reconciliation, helping us in each of our dioceses across the country to prioritize initiatives of healing, to listen to the experience of Indigenous Peoples, especially to the survivors of Indian Residential Schools, and to educate our clergy, consecrated men and women, and lay faithful, on Indigenous cultures and spirituality. We commit ourselves to continue the work of providing documentation or records that will assist in the memorialization of those buried in unmarked graves.

Having heard the requests to engage Pope Francis in this reconciliation process, a delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders/knowledge keepers, and youth will meet with the Holy Father in Rome in December 2021. Pope Francis will encounter and listen to the Indigenous participants, so as to discern how he can support our common desire to renew relationships and walk together along the path of hope in the coming years. We pledge to work with the Holy See and our Indigenous partners on the possibility of a pastoral visit by the Pope to Canada as part of this healing journey.

We commit ourselves to continue accompanying you, the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples of this land. Standing in respect of your resiliency, strength and wisdom, we look forward to listening to and learning from you as we walk in solidarity.

24 September 2021

<sup>1</sup> [Indian Residential Schools and TRC - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops \(ccb.ca\)](https://www.cccb.ca/indian-residential-schools-and-trc)

<sup>2</sup> [The CCCB website has a link to several apologies previously offered by Catholic bishops, including those offered by bishops at national TRC events](#)