

# SAINT JOSEPH PARISH



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## St. Joseph Church

**Location:** 920 Wellington St., Port Elgin, ON

## St. Patrick Church

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

*October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Thirtieth 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:**

**Wednesdays – 9:30 AM –**

\* During Pandemic, other Weekday Masses celebrated in private by Pastor.

## **Mass Intentions**

### *Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time*

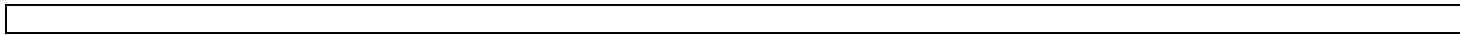
Request by Email at [stjosephportelgin@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stjosephportelgin@hamiltondiocese.com), regular mail, phone 519-832-2202, Sunday collection or rectory letter box. Please provide your name, name(s) for Intentions (identify living or deceased), and if a Mass card is required. Please enclose cash or cheque in an envelope. Cost is \$10 per intention.

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

25-Oct-21	Mon	*	<b>Pastor's Intentions</b>	<b>Rev. Joseph Abiola Akanbi</b>
26-Oct-21	Tue	+	Theresa McGhee	Rev. Charles Jordan
27-Oct-21	Wed	+	Colin Chung	Consecrated Men and Women
28-Oct-21	Thu	+	John Kischuck	Rev. Lourdy Dorismond, O.M.I.
29-Oct-21	Fri	+	Jean McGinty	Rev. Archange Kebe
30-Oct-21	Sat	+	Carl Freiburger	Rev. Jarek Pachocki, O.M.I.
31st Sunday in O.T. 31-Oct-21	Sun	*	<b>Parish &amp; Pandemic Front-Line Workers</b>	<b>Hamilton Diocese</b>

### **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 contributions were \$3073, Diocesan collections were \$170 and \$5048 from PAR. Thank you for your generosity!



<b>Please contact the Parish Office for the following:</b>	
<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 2022
<b>Confirmation:</b>	for students in Grades 7 & 8, to be celebrated in 2023
<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.

<b>Catholic Organizations:</b>	
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

**Faith Programs:** To participate, please request a ZOOM invitation link from [tcarolan06@gmail.com](mailto: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

**Readings for the 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 31**

First Reading – Deuteronomy 6.2-6  
 Responsorial Psalm 18  
 Second Reading – Hebrews 7.23-28  
 Gospel – Mark 12. 28-34

**The Saints of the Week -**

**October 28** - St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles

**First Reconciliation & First Communion 2022**  
 Registration is open for all children in Grade 2 who want to prepare for these two Sacraments. Preparation will start in January 2022, and the Sacraments will be celebrated in March (First Reconciliation) and May (First Communion).  
 Parents are the primary teachers of the faith; St. Joseph Catholic School plays an important role in helping you and the parish in your child's faith formation.  
 Fill out the [First Communion Registration Form](#) and return it to the Parish office by email, before November 30, 2021

**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 might be of interest to you, please contact the parish office for more information.

**Baptisms – Entering into the Body of Christ!**

St. Joseph Parish is pleased to welcome new Catholics:

**Landon James Hughes-Sarazin**

son of Preston Sarazin & Stephanie Hughs,  
 baptized on Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Clara Michelle Cully**

daughter of Gregory Cully & Natasha Lubimiv,  
 baptized on Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Aurora Eden Emilia Carolan**

daughter of Tomas Carolan & Victoria Barr,  
 baptized on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.



We offer our congratulations and prayers to their families and friends.

**World Mission Sunday – October 24**

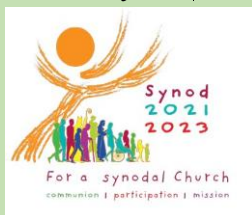
At the initiative of Pope Pius XI in 1926, the second last Sunday during October became known as World Mission Sunday. Catholics throughout the world are invited to pray for and give to the missions. The collection this Sunday is organized by the Pontifical Missions Society. The funds collected assist some 1,250 mission dioceses under the responsibility of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples.

**Online Learning for Adult Faith Formation – Youth Ministry Course**

The Diocese of Hamilton is pleased to have The University of Dayton: Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) as a partner in adult faith formation. The VLCFF is a living adult faith community offering online learning opportunities to address the learning needs of adults in our Diocese. Whether taking courses for professional development in ministry or for personal nourishment, the VLCFF provides a breadth of opportunity for learning including full certificate programs, five-week online courses and three-week intensive online seminars. For more information, check out the [Hamilton Diocese learns web page](#) or contact the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at (905) 528-7988 x 2339 or [catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com).

*The Church of God is convoked in Synod.*

**THE  
SYNOD ON  
SYNODALITY**



*With this convocation, Pope Francis invites the whole Church to question itself on synodality: a decisive theme for the life and mission of the Church.*

*Visit the site [synod.va](http://synod.va) to accompany the two-year journey (2021-2023) of reflection and sharing of the whole Church.*

*We invite you to read the homily of Father David Wynen, Rector of the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, during the Diocesan celebration for the beginning of the Synodal Path this past Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. During his homily, Fr. Wynen contextualized the Diocesan participation in the preparation of the 2023 Synod of Bishops. Read the [Homily here](#).*

**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](#)

**The Amoris Laetitia Year** of the Family was opened earlier this year by Pope Francis. See the [pastoral letter](#) below this bulletin. Today is the Feast Day of Saint John Paul II, an appropriate day for such a letter. The sainted Pope was a great advocate of the family; he published *Familiaris Consortio*, which *Amoris Laetitia* draws from, and he wrote *Theology of the Body*. Many of his works relate to the importance of marriage and family!

***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](#)

***Time Capsule 2070***

The Time Capsule will be sealed on December 19/21, and we will receive your suggestions until **November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021**. Send your ideas to [st.josephs.timecapsule@gmail.com](mailto:st.josephs.timecapsule@gmail.com).

***COVID-19 and Influenza Update***

Some of the symptoms of COVID-19 are similar to the flu, and it may be hard to tell the difference between them based on symptoms alone. If you think you have COVID-19, you can get tested. If you have symptoms, you should stay home and self-isolate for 14 days or until you get your results. If you don't have COVID-19, you may have the flu or another respiratory illness.

Starting in November, the flu shot will be available for all residents of Grey Bruce (and Ontario) through Primary Care Providers (doctor, Family Health Teams, and nurse practitioner offices), and at participating pharmacies. Flu season typically runs from late fall to early spring.

**Dr. Catherine Ferrier, President** of *Physician's Alliance Against Euthanasia* has invited Doctors and other supporters to sign an open letter unequivocally rejecting euthanasia. *Doctors Say No to Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide* is available in English, French, Spanish, and Irish. Check it out [here](#).

***Help us to keep our system updated.***

If you have moved, changed your phone number or email address, please let the Parish office know. Thank you!

***October Month of the Rosary***

Pray the Rosary with your family!





## DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

October 22, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ in the Hamilton Diocese,

Family is a powerful influence in our lives. The family models and lives the gifts of love, caring, compassion, humour, kindness and patience. It is in the family that we first learn about God and grow in faith, so we regard the family as the Domestic Church, the first community of faith for each person.

On March 19, 2021, Pope Francis officially opened a Year of Amoris Laetitia Family, celebrating and commemorating the fifth anniversary of his Apostolic Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*. The exhortation both celebrates family and looks at the challenges families face in their everyday living. In his message launching the year, Pope Francis said that the family fulfills two main functions, “*the frankness of the proclamation of the Gospel and the tenderness of accompaniment*”. These are crucial tasks and the Church supports families as they endeavour to live together in love, compassion, obedience and faith.

The Pope announced the upcoming year on the Feast of the Holy Family, Dec. 27, 2020. This year of Amoris Laetitia Family overlaps the Year of St. Joseph, which began Dec. 8, 2020. These two years are connected by the foundation of family so vital to each of us. We read at the end of the Apostolic Exhortation, “*no family drops down from heaven perfectly formed; families need constantly to grow and mature in the ability to love.*” (*Amoris Laetitia*, 325) The Pope goes on to remind us that support for this essential vocation comes by living in loving community with the Holy Family. St. Joseph played a pivotal role within the Holy Family as a faithful earthly father to Jesus and his life serves as a model for us all; the overlap of the two years unites the Holy Family and all families in their vocation.

The example of love, devotion, faith and trust in God that Mary and Joseph demonstrated in their daily living and care for Jesus should inspire us during this year. The family provides a safe refuge for us to develop ourselves fully and to cultivate the particular gifts God provides each person. The Church offers its full presence and support for families as they experience the highs and lows, the opportunities and challenges of domestic life. As you strive to teach and learn what it means to give and forgive, to work together for a common purpose, and to share both joys and sorrows, may you remember that by nurturing the gift of faith in your children they will be able to grow into mature Disciples of Christ. We look forward to offering you support through Diocesan initiatives over the coming months, including a family conference at the end of May 2022. May these events serve to provide assistance, learning and inspiration for you in your essential role as family.

Pope Francis ended his announcement of the Amoris Laetitia Family Year with the following: *“May the Virgin Mary grant that families throughout the world be increasingly fascinated by the evangelical ideal of the Holy Family, so as to become a leaven of [a] new humanity and of a genuine and universal solidarity.”* Together let us continue to work in solidarity to strengthen and care for all families.

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

*+ Douglas Crosby*, OMI  
(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI  
Bishop of Hamilton

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