



# SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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<b><u>St. Joseph Church</u></b> <b>Location:</b> 920 Wellington St., Port Elgin, ON	<b><u>St. Patrick Church</u></b> <b>Location:</b> 36 Albert St. S. (Highway 21), Southampton, ON
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## October 31, 2021 – Thirty-First 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.]

<b><u>Parish Staff</u></b> <b>Pastor:</b> Rev. Fr. Christopher Tracey <b>Administrator:</b> Rosalie Scarlett <b>Secretary/Receptionist:</b> Gloria Villamil  <b><u>Parish Office Hours:</u></b> <b>Tuesday to Friday 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM</b>	<b>WEEKEND MASSES:</b> <b>Saturday – 5:00 PM</b> <b>Sunday – 9:00 AM</b> <i>* During Pandemic, only priest and lector visible in recorded Mass.</i>  <b>WEEKDAY MASS:</b> <b>Wednesdays – 9:30 AM –</b> <i>* During Pandemic, other Weekday Masses celebrated in private by Pastor.</i>
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### Mass Intentions

#### Thirty-First 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]

1-Nov-21	Mon	*	<b>Pastor's Intentions</b>	<b>Feast of All Saints</b>
2-Nov-21	Tue	+	Estella Scarlett	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
3-Nov-21	Wed	+	Deceased of Saunders, O'Donnell & Murray Family	Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Hamilton
4-Nov-21	Thu	+	John Kischuck	Rev. Aurimas Paulius Rudinkas
5-Nov-21	Fri	+	Bill Motz	Rev. Adam Voisin
6-Nov-21	Sat	+	Colin Chung	Rev. David Wilhelm
32nd Sunday in O.T.				
7-Nov-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 \$3090. Diocesan collections were \$135. 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 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.

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

**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

**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 32 Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 7**

First Reading – 1 Kings 17.10-16  
 Responsorial Psalm 146  
 Second Reading – Hebrews 9.24-28  
 Gospel – Mark 12.38-44


In these last Sundays of the Liturgical Year, the focus turns to the return of Christ and the fulfillment of the Kingdom.

**The Saints of the Week -**

- November 1<sup>st</sup> – All Saints - solemnity**
- November 2<sup>nd</sup> – The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed – All Soul's Day**
- November 4<sup>th</sup> – St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop**

*The Church of God is convoked in Synod.*

**THE  
 DIOCESAN  
 COMMITTEE  
 FOR SYNOD  
 2023**



*has prepared the information package for distribution throughout the Diocese. It will be sent out to our Parishes, Catholic School Boards, Catholic social agencies, and other organizations, next Tuesday. It will also be available on our Diocesan website for those who prefer to respond to the questions individually. After a six-week consultation, the responses will be processed and a Diocesan report will be submitted to the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario. "I'm going to share my voice. Will you share yours?"*

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

In the difficult times that the world is going through, St. Joseph Parish is starting 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.

**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).

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

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

### ***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).

***Pope Francis has Accepted the Invitation*** of the Bishops of Canada to visit the Church in Canada in the context of a pilgrimage of healing and reconciliation with our Indigenous sisters and brothers. The statement of the Holy Father was published on the Vatican News website. While no date has been established for the visit, it will build on three years of constructive dialogue between the Canadian Bishops, the Holy See, and Indigenous Peoples who have generously shared their experiences and stories about the sufferings and challenges that continue to this day. The delegation of Indigenous Peoples and Bishops to the Vatican in December will allow the Pope to hear directly from Indigenous people on the historic and ongoing legacy of Residential Schools, and discuss with them their hopes for the visit in service of ongoing reconciliation.

### ***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.

### ***Society of St. Vincent de Paul***

“Open the Doors of my Heart” is the theme of the 5<sup>th</sup> World Day of the Poor, that will be celebrated November 14<sup>th</sup>.

The Society is collecting the following items for the Christmas Hampers:

- Socks for Children, Women & Men
- Cans of Hot Chocolate
- Tooth brushes & face clothes

You can place these items in the container at the entrance of the church when you come for Mass, or call Mairead, 519-832-9979 to arrange pick up.

### ***Heartache to Healing – Grief Support Group - Coping with Christmas***

Grieving the loss of a loved one at any time is difficult but it can seem all the worse as we approach the Christmas season. This time of year often reminds us of our loved ones who are no longer with us along with feelings of loss and sadness. We may begin to worry about our sense of belonging and how we are going to cope without our loved one.

Join us as we watch a video and discuss ways to reduce stress while still being able to find joy in each moment trusting that there will be brighter days ahead.

Date: Wednesday December 1st 2021

Time: 7 – 8:30 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm)

Location: St. Michael Parish (Parish Centre – basement) – 80 University Ave. W., Waterloo, ON

Registration is required by phoning or emailing our Parish office ( 519-884-9311 / [parish@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca)).

All COVID precautionary requirements will be in place.

Participants will be required to provide contact information and masks must be worn.

Please register to reserve your spot by Wednesday, November 17th, 2021.

Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend!

***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. 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](#)





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Participants will be required to wear masks and social distance.

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**For more information and to register:**



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