



# SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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## St. Patrick Church

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

## St. Joseph Church

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

*November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – First Sunday of Advent*



### **\*\* 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**

### 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**

### *1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent*

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]

29-Nov-21	Mon	*	<b>Pastor's Intentions</b>	<b>Rev. Tony O'Dell, O.M.I.</b>
30-Nov-21	Tue	+	John Kischuck	Rev. Kiwook Kim
1-Dec-21	Wed	*	Eileen Fortney	Disalced Carmelite Fathers (O.C.D.)
2-Dec-21	Thu	+	John Kischuck	Rev. Henryk Krajewski, C.R.
3-Dec-21	Fri	+	John Kischuck	Rev. Krzysztof Szkubera, C.R.
4-Dec-21	Sat	+	Doug Grant	Rev. Michal Kruszewski, C.R.
2nd Sunday of Advent 5-Dec-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 \$3853, Diocesan collections were \$745. 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>	To arrange pastoral visits to the sick in hospital or at home, please call the parish office.

Catholic Organizations:	
Catholic Women's League (CWL)	Lucie Desbiens 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

**Last Call to Parents of children in Grade 2  
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 **December 6, 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 Second Sunday of Advent – Dec. 4**

First Reading – Baruch 5.1-9

God will show your splendour.

Responsorial Psalm 126

The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy

Second Reading – Philippians 1.3-6, 8-11

In the day of Christ, may you be pure and blameless

Gospel – Luke 3. 1-6

All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

**St. Joseph Little Store Online**

Our little store is open online! Click [View Online Catalogue](#) to browse. If you don't see what you are looking for, send a request to the office and we will try to get it for you.

**December 4/5 Weekend Giving!**

The **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** is collecting the following items for the Christmas Hampers:

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

**Angel Tree**

Please purchase a gift card \$10 to \$25 in value from Giant Tiger, Walmart, Foodland or Independent to help with our Christmas hampers. You can place these items and the gift cards in the container at the entrance of the church when you come for Mass, or call Mairead, 519-832-9979 to arrange pick up.



**Be a part of history!**

The time capsule is almost ready to be sealed. If you have a last minute idea, please contact the office right away. There will be a viewing of the contents on the weekend of Dec. 11/12, and a ceremony on its closing on Dec. 18/19.

**Annual Service of Lessons and Carols**

**Sunday December 12 – 7:30 pm Livestream**

Southampton United Church

The Chantry Singers

A joint service with Saugeen Shores Ministerial.

### **Vocations Seeds:**

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988). [Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) [www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)

### **Bambinelli Sunday – Gaudete Sunday – Dec. 12**

For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families, and the families themselves, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. The blessing takes place on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, and is known as Bambinelli Sunday. The blessing of the 'Bambinelli' – as they are known in Rome – reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy.

All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass on Sunday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at both Masses to be blessed as we too celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day and as you lay Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.

### **Advent Resource for Families**

The Offices for Liturgy, Youth Ministry and Evangelization and Catechesis are happy to provide a resource for families to encourage prayer and celebration in the home during the Advent Season. Please see [Advent 2021](#) for suggestions, videos and a simple prayer to be prayed around the wreath each Sunday of Advent.

**Advent Retreat Online** by St. Mary and the Missions Parish in Owen Sound. All are welcome to join the livestream on the four Wednesday evenings of Advent (December 1, 8, 15, 22), at 7:00 p.m. (YouTube channel).

**The Advent Video Series**, prepared annually by the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), features Regina Archbishop Donald Bolen this year. He focuses his five presentations on current Indigenous concerns leading to healing and reconciliation. The first two talks are already available on the CCCB [website](#). This series is a prayerful way for Catholics to prepare for Advent and for the Indigenous Delegation to Rome, Dec. 12, 2021.

### **Diocesan University Chaplaincy Centres**

The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis has produced a video showcasing the wonderful ministry of our Diocesan University Chaplaincy Centres. Do share this video with a young person in your life who may be preparing for post-secondary education, or someone who is looking for a faith community on campus within the Diocese. Special thanks to the Priests Chaplains, campus ministers and students who helped make this project possible. To view the video, please see here: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/evangelization-catechesis/young-adult-ministry>

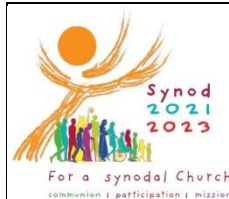


### **Christmas & Holiday schedule & registration**

Friday Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve – 4 pm & 7 pm  
Saturday Dec 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day – 11 am & 1 pm  
Sunday Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> – Sunday Mass – 9 am  
Saturday Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> – Mary Mother of God – 11 am  
Sunday Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> – The Epiphany of the Lord – 9 am  
Registration for Christmas Masses will be open in our website on Tuesday December 14<sup>th</sup> at 8 am. Other weekend Masses registration will be open on Wednesdays at 8 am.



**Choice42** is a prolife group in Canada that empowers moms with the truth that they are strong and capable of choosing life. It focusses on educating people about the dangers and consequences of abortion. Also it helps expectant moms on educational program in financial assistance. Learn more going online at [choice42.com](http://choice42.com)



### **The Church of God is convoked in Synod.**

*Pope Francis is asking each and every one of us to become involved in the synodal process leading up to the Synod of Bishops to be held in Rome in 2023. The Pope tells us that the point of a synodal Church - "is to listen, as the entire People of God, to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church."*  
Visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/#about>.  
*Extension for Synodal Process March 31/22*  
*Share your voice!*

### ***K of C 50-50 Draw***

Council 6736 is raising funds for the local Hospices units, in our area, through the Ontario State K of C 50-50 Draw - tickets are available now.

The main prize draw will be held on Friday December 31st, early bird draws on December 1st. Our Council receives funds dependent on the number of ticket.

purchased using our unique Port Elgin URL council link:

<https://ontariokofcraffle.5050central.com/?olc=6736>

Present Jackpot is \$16,780 and growing - if you are not a fan of purchasing on-line Grand Knight Harry Orszynowicz can facilitate the purchase of tickets without having to use a electronic device (email: [harryo@bmts.com](mailto:harryo@bmts.com) or phone 519-832-9280) for details.

Thank you for the support of the last draw ending September 30th - our Council raised \$165.00 for the local Special Olympics Chapter.

### ***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!

**Prepare to Live a Different Christmas,**

**Let the Hope Grow!**

### ***2022 CWL Membership Renewal***

The annual membership drive for the Catholic Women's League is now taking place. Please e-transfer your \$30 fees to [h-112@cwllhamilton.ca](mailto:h-112@cwllhamilton.ca).

You may also send to the parish office or drop into the collection box if you come to Mass. Please mark "CWL" and your name on the outside of the envelope. New members, please add email address and phone number.

***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](#)

**Santa Claus never died for anyone!**