



# 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

December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Second 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 opens Wednesdays at 8am 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]

6-Dec-21	Mon	*	<b>Pastor's Intentions</b>	<b>Rev. Lajos Angyal</b>
7-Dec-21	Tue	+	John Kischuck	Rev. Joseph Durkacz
8-Dec-21	Wed	*	Mary Kischuck & Family	Order of Preachers (Dominican) (O.P.)
9-Dec-21	Thu	+	John Kischuck	Rev. Emmanuel Azike, O.P.
10-Dec-21	Fri	+	Kay Craig	Rev. Thomas Manninezhath, C.M.I
11-Dec-21	Sat	+	John Kischuck	Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski
3rd Sunday of Advent		*	<b>Parish &amp; Pandemic Front-Line Workers</b>	<b>Hamilton Diocese</b>
12-Dec-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 contributions were \$4243, Diocesan collections were \$150. 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

### December 4/5 Weekend Giving!

The *Society of St. Vincent de Paul* is still collecting cans of Hot Chocolate for the Christmas Hampers, as well as pancake mix and syrup.

## Angel Tree

Thank you to all those who participated in the Angel Tree program donating gift cards.

Your generosity is appreciated!

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

St. Joseph Parish is pleased to welcome new Catholics:

#### Luke David Biletski

son of Brendan & Sara Biletski  
baptized on Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### Gage Brian Leslie

son of Ryan Leslie & Jessica Worden  
baptized on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.

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



### Readings for the Third Sunday of Advent – Dec. 12

#### First Reading – Zephaniah 3.14-18a

The Lord will rejoice over you with gladness.

#### Responsorial Psalm Isaiah 12. R.6

Shout aloud and sing for joy: great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel

#### Second Reading – Philippians 4.4-7

The Lord is close at hand.

#### Gospel – Luke 3. 10-18

The crowds asked, “What should we do?”



### 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.

### Prayer:

**Best wireless connection!**

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

All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass next weekend 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 is a season of joyful expectation.* It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ’s first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming, at the end of the ages. Each Sunday’s gospel reading has a specific focus: The Old Testament readings especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the Apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.

During this season, we honour Mary, the Mother of God with two feasts: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (December 8), and Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas (December 12)

**Chantry Singers**  
and  
**Saugeen Shores Ministerial**  
present their annual

**Service of Lessons and Carols**  
streaming live on the  
[Southampton United Church Youtube channel](#)  
and the  
[Chantry Singers Facebook page](#)

**Sunday, December 12th**  
7:30 PM



A donation to [Women's House serving Bruce and Grey](#)  
<http://whsbg.on.ca/donate/> would be appreciated

### ***St. Joseph Little Store Online***

Visit our [Online Catalogue](#) to browse religious articles, Advent wreaths and Nativity sets and more. 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.

### ***Vocations Seeds:***

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? 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/)

### ***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.

**Prepare to Live a Different Christmas,**

**Let the Hope Grow!**

***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.

***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 2021 – 2023 Synod of Bishops***

brings an invitation from Pope Francis to embark on a journey together. How can you get involved? Offer your thoughts on how we can deepen our communion in the Lord and how all members of the Church can participate more fully in its mission. Visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/#about>.

### ***December 12 – National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples***

The Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council, founded by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) in 1998, proposes that the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe be a National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. All are invited to join their Indigenous sisters and brothers in a special way this day through prayer and acts of solidarity.

### ***Youth Ministry Certification and Adult Faith Formation Opportunities***

- 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. The Youth Ministry office is now accepting applications for Youth Ministry Certification with courses beginning in January. For more information visit the Hamilton Diocese learns web page: <https://www.hamiltondioceselearns.com/> or contact the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis: (905) 528-7988 ext. 2339 or [catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com).

***Parenting Tip of the Month*** - Parenting Tip 135 - The excitement of Christmas begins to build even before Halloween. Children are targeted with ads and commercials to ask Santa for the latest toys, electronic device or game. As parents we love to see the anticipation, but our task is a greater one – it is to keep the reason for Christmas at the forefront of our children’s minds and understanding. Are they as excited about the coming of Christ and it’s meaning for all people? Do they have a sense that long after every gift they desire from Santa is gone, the truths, love, care, compassion, guidance and stability from God will live on to help each of us to live and, ultimately, receive the gift of eternity? The true gift of Christmas should never be the last one we think of, or getting excited about, since it is indeed the most valuable. Advent is the perfect time to daily bring all of this to light!

### ***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!

### ***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.

### ***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.

***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](#)

***The State Board and District Deputies*** of the Ontario State Council of the Knights of Columbus meet these days in Toronto. It is the first “in person” meeting in more than two years. Actually the meeting is “hybrid” because some will join the meeting online. The good works of the Knights have continued through the pandemic, but many of the Councils have cancelled “in person” meetings.

**Lord I need you!**