



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 12th, 2021 – Third 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

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 3rd Sunday of Advent

Request by Email at 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]

13-Dec-21	Mon	*	Pastor's Intentions	Rev. Sam Restivo, C.R.
14-Dec-21	Tue	+	John Kischuck	Rev. David Perrin
15-Dec-21	Wed	+	John Kischuck	Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (C.Ss.R.)
16-Dec-21	Thu	+	Jerry Valeriotte	Rev. Robert Bulbrook
17-Dec-21	Fri	+	John Kischuck	Rev. Timothy Higgins
18-Dec-21	Sat	+	John Kischuck	Rev. Lawrence Parent
4th Sunday of Advent 19-Dec-21	Sun	*	Parish & Pandemic Front-Line Workers	Hamilton Diocese

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 \$1853. Thank you for your generosity!

Please contact the Parish Office for the following:	
Baptism:	information and registration.
Marriage:	an appointment 1 year in advance of date.
First Communion:	to be celebrated in 2022
Confirmation:	for students in Grades 7 & 8, to be celebrated in 2023
R.C.I.A.:	Adults, and children in Grade 3 and up.
Care of the Sick:	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

Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Advent – Dec. 19

First Reading – Micah 5.2-5a

From you, O Bethlehem, will come the ruler of Israel

Responsorial Psalm 80

Restore us, O God;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Second Reading – Hebrews 10.5-10

I come to do your will

Gospel – Luke 1. 39-45

Why has this happened to me,
that the mother of my Lord comes to me?



Be a part of history!

The ceremony on the Time Capsule closing will take place next Sunday December 19 after the 9am Mass. Thank you to all who send ideas to be included on it. The Time Capsule goes with our prayers for the next generation who will be opening it on 2070.

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 and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? Contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988). Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

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

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.

Christmas & Holiday Schedule & Registration

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation. Let's demonstrate our desire to welcome the Lord with purified hearts:

Opportunity for Confession will be offered this Sunday, December 12th 2-3 pm in St. Joseph Church, and on Wednesdays, December 15th & 22nd after the 9:30 am Mass. You are always free to call the office to book an appointment for confession.

Marriage Tip of the Month - Marriage Tip 115 - Intentional divorce and conscience uncoupling are two terms becoming popular in North American vernacular, but what we should be promoting is intentional marriage and conscience coupling. The research is clear that couples can take steps to remain and even deepen their love. Consciously making the decision to spend time together, to share our deepest feelings (good and bad), to use touch throughout the day, to make date-night (however that looks) a priority will build your couple relationship. Looking for moments of gratitude and thanking your spouse will increase the loving bond between you. This Christmas make conscience coupling your gift to each other; it may be the best gift you will ever receive!

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

Year of Amoris Laetitia Family - Hamilton Diocesan Speaker Series - The kick off to the Diocesan speaker series, meant to celebrate the year, will be in January, with a special three part presentation by Bishop Lobsinger, with input from the Pastoral Offices staff. The evening sessions will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. on Jan. 12th, 19th and 26th, and will unpack the great wisdom in Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love in Families and Church. The presentations, by zoom, are meant to engage all members of the Diocese in looking at both the challenges and blessings of families in the world today. Check the Diocesan website at <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/> for more information about both the year and the Diocesan Speaker Series. Online registration will be necessary to receive the link, where you can join in by phone or internet. For more information contact Teresa Hartnett at thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

Christmas Midnight Mass – Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton

*His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, will celebrate Midnight Mass on December 25, 2021. The Mass will be preceded by Carols at 11:30 p.m. on December 24. The Carols and the Mass will be shown live on Salt+Light Television and CHCH-TV. Admittance to the Cathedral for Midnight Mass is by **ticket only** – a limited number of tickets are still available by contacting the Cathedral at (905) 522-5744.*

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. 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.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Many thanks to everyone who generously responded with donations to our Christmas hamper program. Your generosity allowed us to provide hampers to almost 50 needy families in our community.

Currently SSVP is collecting soap, individual toothbrushes, tissues, toilet paper, toothpaste, shampoo and dish soap.

NEW! You can now contribute regular monthly donations to St. Vincent de Paul by Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR). Contact one of the names below, or the parish office, for a registration form.

SSVP continues to seek new members. Serving those in need is a personally rewarding experience. If you would like more information about what being an SSVP member entails, please call Anna Kapshey at 226-338-9462, or Mairead Keely at 519-832-9979.

It Is Week Five For Diocesan Responses to the questionnaire for the Synod on Synodality. Already more than 900 responses have been received online from groups and individuals. 356 responses have been received from the Waterloo Deanery, 214 from the Hamilton Deanery, 173 from the Halton Deanery, 109 from the Wellington Deanery, 27 from the Bruce-Grey Deanery, and 21 from the Brant Deanery. With this kind of interest, we encourage and welcome responses from other groups and individuals. Thanks to Pastors and parishioners who are organizing the gathering of groups to respond to the questions.

Visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/#about>.

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!

The National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples is celebrated this Sunday, December 12th, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. The 2021 Message for the day, drafted and approved by the Catholic Indigenous Council can be read on the Diocese website. Additionally, you can watch the apology issued to Indigenous Peoples by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops featured in this YouTube video [Statement of Apology](#).

COVID 19 - Update

Locally, we are reminded of the importance of the basics of COVID-19 prevention, along with vaccination. These prevention strategies include:

- Stay at home if you are sick or unwell.
- Getting Vaccinated with your full series, and third dose as eligible
- Screening before work, school and childcare
 - If you do not pass the screening – follow the instructions!
- Practice Physical Distancing
- Washing your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Sneeze and cough into your sleeve
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- Clean and disinfect high-touch objects and surfaces frequently
- Wear a face covering in indoor public places or when physical distancing may be difficult.

COVID Vaccination Clinics

- December 20 CLINIC at The Plex, 600 Tomlinson Drive, Port Elgin 12:00pm - 6:00pm
- December 16 CLINIC in the Hall at the Davidson Centre, 601 Durham St., Kincardine 12:00pm - 6:00pm
- All the pharmacies in Port Elgin and Southampton by appointment.

