



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 19th, 2021 – Fourth 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 4th 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]

20-Dec-21	Mon	*	Pastor's Intentions	Rev. Pawel Stankiewicz
21-Dec-21	Tue	*	All Souls in Purgatory	Rev. Ronald Voisin
22-Dec-21	Wed	+	John Kischuck	Voluntas Dei Institute (i.v.Dei.)
23-Dec-21	Thu	+	John E. Motz	Rev. Meskel Abib Aibu, O.F.M.
24-Dec-21	Fri	*	People of the Parish	Rev. Miro Grubisic, O.F.M.
25-Dec-21	Sat	*	People of the Parish	Christmas Day (The Nativity of the Lord)
26-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 \$3308. 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.

Christmas & Holiday Schedule

Friday Dec. 24th – Christmas Eve – 4 pm & 7 pm
 Saturday Dec 25th – Christmas Day – 11 am & 1 pm
 Sunday Dec. 26th – Feast of the Holy Family – 9 am
 Saturday Jan. 1st – Mary Mother of God – 11 am
 Sunday Jan. 2nd – The Epiphany of the Lord – 9 am

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.

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.

**O come, O come, Emmanuel
 And ransom captive Israel
 That mourns in lonely exile here
 Until the Son of God appear
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

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

Marriage Support - Is your marriage experience more trouble than joy, feeling stagnant or disconnected and/or causing you worries? The solution is Retrouvaille - a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend begins March 13, 2022. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.

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.*

Choice42 is a pro-life 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

Vocations Seeds:

Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest, deacon or religious to carry the Good News of God's great Love? Contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988).

Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

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.

Save your stamps!

The stamps affixed on the right corner of your envelopes can be very useful. Members of Development and Peace, who are philatelists, sell them to stamp collectors. The proceeds will help fund development projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America. If you wish to support this initiative, simply cut off the stamps from your envelopes without damaging perforations, and drop them in the collection box near the Canadian Food for Children box at St. Joseph Church. They will periodically be forwarded to the Development and Peace office.

Feast of the Holy Family – December 26th

The Office of Evangelization and Catechesis and the Liturgy Office of the Diocese of Hamilton have prepared the following link to the diocese website with a beautiful resource for families to share and pray together in celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family. As we face new concerns with COVID-19 and in-person celebrations, many families may find this helpful in guiding their devotions at home.

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/holyfamily2021/>

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](#)

Prepare to Live a Different Christmas,

Let the Hope Grow!

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.

The Christmas Season celebrates the birth of the Lord Jesus and the ways he manifested the presence of God among us. For the Church, only the Easter celebration of the Lord's death and rising is more important than the Christmas Season.

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!