



SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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St. Joseph Church

Location: 920 Wellington St. Port Elgin, ON

St. Patrick Church

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

December 13, 2020 – Third Sunday of Advent

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Fr. Chris Tracey
Administrator: Rosalie Scarlett
Secretary-Receptionist: Kay Pyke-Mullen

Parish Office Hours:

Visits by appointment only
Tuesday to Friday
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Office will be closed from
December 24, 2020 to January 1, 2021

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.

All Masses are celebrated at St. Joseph Church. Please register online. Registration closes Friday at 12 noon. Masks are mandatory. Masses are recorded for those celebrating at home. Only the priest and lector are visible.

WEEKDAY MASS

Wednesday 9:30 a.m. Cancelled on Dec.23rd and Dec.30th

During the Pandemic, weekday Masses are celebrated in private by Pastor, Fr. Chris Tracey, except for Wednesdays which will be offered at St. Joseph Church at 9:30 a.m., followed by Adoration.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve December 24, 2020 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Day December 25, 2020 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
New Years Day January 1, 2021 11:00 a.m.

MASS INTENTIONS

A Request can be made by Email: stjospar@bmts.com / Regular Mail / Leaving a Voicemail Message on the Parish Office Number: 519-832-2202 / Dropping a Note in the Rectory Front Door Letter Box / Using the Mass Intention Button on our website.

Third Week of Advent

[Date: + Deceased or * Intention / Clergy, Hamilton Diocese / requested by]

Dec 14 (Mon):	*	Pastor's Intentions	/ Rev. Godwin Pinto, OCD	N/APPL
Dec 15 (Tue):	+	Peter Kalohn	/ Rev. Ronald Hodara	Ron & Betty Papp
Dec 16 (Wed):	+	Jeff Hatt	/ Cong. Most Holy Redeemer (CSsR)	Jo-Anne Hatt
Dec 17 (Thu):	*	Jerry Orsztynowicz	/ Rev. Edward Henhoeffler	Brenda Murray
Dec 18 (Fri):	*	Gerry MacNeil	/ Rev. John Schnurr	Brenda Murray
Dec 19 (Sat):	+	Jeff Hatt	/ Rev. Jacek Kryn, SAC	Jo-Anne Hatt
4th Advent Dec 20 (Sun):	*	Parish & Pandemic Front-Line Workers	/ Hamilton Diocese	N/APPL

Baptism: Please call the Parish Office for information and registration.

Marriage: Contact the Office for an appointment, one year in advance of the date you have for the wedding.

First Communion: Please contact Parish Office if your child is in Grade 2 or 3.

Confirmation: Confirmation will be held in 2021, for those in Grade 7 or 8.

R.C.I.A.: Adults, and children Grade 3 and over, interested in becoming Catholics, should contact the Parish Office.

Faith Sharing: Join us on Wednesdays to discuss the up-coming Sunday readings, using an easy to follow guide, via Zoom. Please email tcarolan06@gmail.com to receive the invitation.

"Important Notice for All Saugeen Shore Residents" Don't forget to join your friends at *Saugeen Shores Ministerial* for an On-Line Celebration of our **Annual Advent Service "Lessons and Carols" event!**

Simply **CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW** to experience this inspirational service streaming online

Sunday December 13, 2020 at 7:00 pm <https://www.facebook.com/southport.church>

50th ANNIVERSARY of the FIRST MASS at SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

The *First Mass at Saint Joseph Parish* was on *Saturday, December 19th, 1970* with Rev. Fr. Martin Brennan C. C. SP, founding Pastor 1970-1977, presiding.

Join us as we commemorate this sacred, historical event this *Saturday, December 19th*, at a special celebration of our *5pm Mass* in a live-recording on our parish website 'Events' page.



Scripture Readings

December 20th– Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8B-12, 14a, 16

Psalms: Ps 89.1-2, 3-4, 26+28 (R.1a)

Second Reading: Romans 16.25-27

Gospel: Luke 1.26-38

First Reconciliation and First Communion

Thank you for registering children in Grades 2 & 3. Preparation will take place virtually, and the Sacraments will be celebrated in March (First Reconciliation) and May (First Communion). Parents are the primary teachers of the faith for their child and our Catholic schools play an invaluable role in helping you and the parish in your child's faith formation.

St. Joseph's Pen Pal Program

This initiative by our Parish Pastoral Council is designed to help families with children Grades 2-8, to accomplish three main goals:

- To build community among the youngest members of our Parish.
- To provide opportunities to support children's spiritual and social development from home.
- To practice reading and writing in a non-threatening, authentic environment.

Scott and Ashley Clark will manage the Pen Pal Program. More information can be found on the parish website:

<https://www.stjospar.com/youth.html>

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

If you want to support St. Vincent de Paul, you can send a cheque to the parish office, drop it on the collection basket, or donate on line through CanadaHelps.org at

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-st-josephs-st-patricks-conference-port-elgin/>. Thank you for your generosity!

SSVP is collecting canned meat, tuna, salmon, ham. If you are attending Mass, place your donation at the entrance, or during office hours at the office entrance.

The Christmas "Angel Tree"

Although we cannot celebrate our 'Angel Tree' in the usual way, please feel free to drop gift cards in the St. Vincent De Paul boxes at the church, or call: 519-832-9979.

Journey through Advent

The CCCB has produced a four-week video series entitled, Journey through Advent. These short videos provide a heartening reflection on each Sunday's Gospel and invite the viewer into a deep and meaningful preparation for the coming of Christmas. Videos via link on the Hamilton Diocese website.

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS AT HAMILTON CATHEDRAL will still be broadcast this year. The Mass will be preceded by a Carol Service at 11:30 p.m. Both Mass and Carol Service will be broadcast by Salt + Light Media and shared with CHCH TV. Due to COVID restrictions, seating has already been reserved.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Children in Grade 7 & Grade 8 are eligible to receive the *Sacrament of Confirmation* in the Catholic Church. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, your child will develop a strong relationship with Jesus and have a proper understanding of how to live as a true follower of Christ. Preparation will take place virtually, and the sacrament will be celebrated late spring.

Church Custodian – St. Joseph Church

A Custodian with the skills, planning ability, and preferably experienced to perform cleaning duties is required at St. Joseph Parish, Port Elgin, ON. Vacuuming, sweeping, mopping, polishing floors, dusting and sanitizing are among the duties and responsibilities. Flexibility in working hours helpful where situations require special attention i.e. funerals, events. Wages discussed during interview for position which reports to pastor of parish through administrative office.

Please send résumé to St. Joseph Parish via: Email: stjospar@bmts.com or Mail (posted or dropped at): 920 Wellington St., Port Elgin, ON N0H 2C3.

Novena to Infant Jesus

The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to Infant Jesus from December 16th to December 25th, 2020.

Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to: **Carmel of Saint Joseph 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. #1 St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0**

The annual membership drive for the Catholic Women's League is now taking place. Please mail or drop off your \$30 dues for 2021 to the Parish office, or send e-transfer to h-112@cwllhamilton.ca

Use of Parish Hall and Meeting Spaces per Hamilton Diocese Directives

Unfortunately, because of current COVID restrictions on gatherings of people and the number of confirmed cases of persons who have contracted the virus climbing each day, it is not possible for Parishes to schedule events or gatherings. Private events (e.g. wedding receptions, showers, funeral luncheons), bazaars, festivals, and any new activities or groups are not permitted at this time within our parish halls or meeting spaces. Still, we are blessed to be able to keep our church open for public worship and our parish office to continue our pastoral ministry. Meanwhile, we look forward to when it is possible to hold these social activities again. - The Hamilton Diocese on behalf of Bishop Crosby.