



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 27, 2020 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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 is closed until further notice

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 until further notice**

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.

All Masses are Cancelled until further notice

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.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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

Dec 28 (Mon):	*	Pastor's Intentions	/ Rev. Joseph Michel	N/APPL
Dec 29 (Tue):	*	Mary & Alex Black & Family	/ Rev. Kiwook Kim	Margaret & Barry Osler
Dec 30 (Wed):	*	Marie Hawken	/ Cong. Sisters of St. Anne (SSA)	Margaret & Barry Osler
Dec 31 (Thu):	*	Rita O'Byrne & Family	/ Rev. Arpee Urquico	Margaret & Barry Osler
Jan 01 (Fri):	*	Mary and Tom Weadick & Family	/ Rev. Pawel Jamroz	Margaret & Barry Osler
Jan 02 (Sat):	*	Gabriel Sousa	/ Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.	Jose Santos
Epiphany of the Lord				
Jan 03 (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.

Care of the Sick: Visits to the sick are not allowed due to COVID 19, but prayers on the phone will be offered.

Provincial COVID-19 Restrictions

As per a directive from Bishop Crosby, on behalf of the Diocese of Hamilton, regarding the recent Provincial COVID-19 Restrictions, we have been granted permission to celebrate the four planned Christmas Season Masses. All of these have been fully booked. However, after these Eucharist Celebrations, there will be NO further Masses allowed as of and including Saturday, December 26th until approx. the end of January or until further notice from the Diocese. As in the March 2020 lockdown, the Church and Office will again be closed until end of January or as advised by the Diocese.

Therefore, all calls, texts, and emails will be addressed only when possible. However, Emergency and Pastoral calls will have priority.

Please observe our Provincial health guidelines: by washing hands regularly, distancing and wearing masks in social situations, and staying at home and within your personal bubble to repel this dangerous virus. Further information is on Hamilton Diocese website: <http://www.hamiltondiocese.com>

As your Pastor, together with all your friends at Saint Joseph Parish, we wish everyone to be safe and well and at peace at this glorious, joyful time in our Sacred Calendar. May God bless you and keep you and your loved ones safe in his embrace.

Merry Christmas, Everyone! - Father Chris

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.

Scripture Readings

January 3rd – Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading: *Isaiah 60.1-6*

Psalm: *Ps 72.1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13*

Second Reading: *Ephesians 3.2-3aPs 72.1-2,*

Gospel: *Luke 2.22-40*

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 in the collection box, 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/>.

SSVP is collecting canned meat, tuna, salmon, ham.

Thank you for your generosity!

The Christmas “Angel Tree”

In place of the Angel Tree, SSVP will be pleased to accept gift cards from Wal-Mart, Giant Tiger, Foodland and Independent (range value \$10- \$25). If you are attending Mass, place your donation at the entrance, or send to the Parish office, or call 519-832-9979 for pick up.

God bless your generosity!

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.

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.

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>

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@cwlhamilton.ca

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH- Parenting Tip

125 – Christmas during COVID will change many of our traditional outings and gatherings as a family, but we can still easily take part in our faith traditions. Centering our celebration on the birth of Christ is a great way to remind our children that Christmas for Catholics is the same this year as in other years. During Advent set up an Advent wreath and each week pray and talk about what each candle represents: hope, peace, joy and love; read the story of the Nativity (more than once!) and set one up in your home; adorn the tree with symbols of the faith; attend Mass and reflect on the readings each week, especially on Christmas Day. The joy of Christmas is not gone because of COVID since Christmas reminds us of something that will never change, God’s great love for each of us.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH - Tip 105 -

At the heart of every person is a desire to be known and loved for who we are. We fall in love with someone and then spend extraordinary energy and time on learning about the person. Once we marry, we can forget to keep on discovering who the person we love is becoming – because each of us is always becoming. Time and circumstance constantly change and as a result, the person changes. When the one we love stays interested in who we are, we feel secure, cared-for and loved. So spend some time asking about likes and dislikes, what bothers your spouse and what brings them joy, what is the one thing they would like to do if there were no limitations, what their favourite food is – the possibilities are endless and so is the benefit to your relationship! Make your Christmas gifts this year time and attention!

Catechetical Correspondence Courses - Programs available for children from Kindergarten through to High School not currently receiving religious instruction. Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation for children not in Catholic Schools also available. Families work through the programs at home. Contact Monica in the Catechesis Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238 or check out the website at www.hamiltondiocese.com and click on the Catechesis Office for more information, printable registration forms or to register online.