



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 20, 2020 – Fourth 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 5, 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. Canceled on Dec.23rd, 24th and Jan.6th

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.

Fourth Week of Advent

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

Dec 21 (Mon):	*	Pastor's Intentions	/ Rev. Janusz Roginski, SAC	N/APPL
Dec 22 (Tue):	+	Waytowich/Davidson Family	/ Rev. Robert Sims	Norm & Sam Waytowich
Dec 23 (Wed):	+	John E. Motz	/ Voluntas Dei Institute	Catherine & Paul Motz
Dec 24 (Thu):	*	People of the Parish	/ Rev. Michael Downey	
Christmas Day	*		/ The Nativity of the Lord	
Dec 25 (Fri):	*	People of the Parish		
Dec 26 (Sat):	*	John Kischuck	/ Rev. Martin Vallely	Brenda Murray
Holy Family	*		/ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	
Dec 27 (Sun):	*	Parish & Pandemic Front-Line Workers		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.

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. hC. SP, founding Pastor 1970-1977, presiding.

We commemorated this sacred, historical event *Saturday, December 19th*, at a special celebration of our *5pm Mass*. A live-recording will be available on our parish website 'Events' page.



Scripture Readings

**December 27th– The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph**

First Reading: Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14

Psalm: Ps 128.1-2, 3, 4-5 (R.1)

Gospel: Luke 2.22-40

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.

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.

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-josephsst-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!

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>

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.

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.

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

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.