

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

November 22th, 2020 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Fr. Chris Tracey

Administrator: Rosalie Scarlett

Secretary-Receptionist: Gloria Villamil

Parish Office Hours:

Visits by appointment only

Tuesday to Friday

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

SUNDAY MASS

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.

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASS

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.

Wednesday 9:30 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.

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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

Nov 23 (Mon):	*	Pastor's Intentions	/ Rev. Robert Stainsby	N/APPL
Nov 24 (Tue):	+	George Motz	/ Rev. Mark Sullivan	Catherine & Paul Motz
Nov 25 (Wed):	*	Mark & Louise Preston - 70th Anniversary	/ Fraternity of Poor of Jesus Christ	Nancy Lamont
Nov 26 (Thu):	+	Charlene Urbach	/ Very Rev. Wayne Lobsinger	Len & Helen Tackaberry
Nov 27 (Fri):	+	Eileen Faba	/ Rev. Gregory Merkley	Rosalie Scarlett
Nov 28 (Sat):	+	Gladys Seguin	/ Rev. Piotr Golinski	Brenda Murray
1st Advent Nov 29 (Sun):	*	Parish & Pandemic Front-Line Workers: First Advent	/ 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. More info to come.

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.

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.

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.

Liturgy this week:

November 24 – St. Andrew Dung-Lac,
Priest and Companions, Martyrs

Scripture Readings

November 29th – First Sunday of Advent

First Reading: *Isaiah 63. 16b-17; 64.1,3-8*
O that you would tear open the heavens
and come down.

Psalm 80
Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 1.3-9*
We wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: *Mark 13.33-37*
Keep alert, for you do not know when
the master of the house will come.

First Reconciliation & First Communion

Calling all children in Grades 2 & 3 who want to celebrate these two Sacraments, to contact the Parish Office to register. 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.

Registration deadline is November 30.

Coming soon... St. Joseph's Pen Pal Program

By the initiative of our Parish Pastoral Council, a Pen Pal Program is being 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.

A big thank you to Scott and Ashley Clark for their effort to create the Pen Pal Program that will benefit families and community. More information can be found on the parish website.

Novena to Infant Jesus

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

Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate in the Novena to Infant Jesus. 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

**Prepare to Live a Different Christmas...
Let the Hope Grow!**

End of the Liturgical Year

Today's celebration of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe marks the last Sunday in Ordinary Time and the end of the Liturgical Year.

The Church year, called liturgical year, is the annual cycle of the mysteries of Jesus Christ, his life, death and Resurrection, and of his virtues as exhibited in the lives of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Saints, the Angels which the Church commemorates in the Mass, the Divine Office and other forms of public worship. The liturgical year begins with the first Sunday of Advent and closes with the thirty-fourth week "through the year."

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 Lucie Desbiens at desbiens@eastlink.ca.

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 in spring. More information can be found on our website.

Registration Deadline: December 7th.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Collecting this week:

Canned meat, tuna, salmon, ham.
Toothbrushes, and children winter socks.

Virtual Christmas Angel Tree Program:

In place of the Angel Tree we used last year, 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 during office hours at the office entrance, or call 519-832-9979 for pick up.

God bless your generosity!

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

As winter approaches, we move into maintenance mode: we clear the gutters on the roof so water can flow freely, we change to winter tires to prepare for the coming cold and snow, and we gather and store outdoor summer items from the yard to keep safe for next year. Do we take the time to offer maintenance to our most important relationship? Do we discuss shifting roles as our family changes and then discuss what we both need to stay happy and healthy? Do we check to see if we have prioritized each other instead of everything else? Do we spend time making sure our finances are in order? Do we pray together for patience, love, kindness and compassion to grow and strengthen in our relationship? *Maintenance takes time, but for love to thrive, it is so necessary.*