

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 1st, 2020 – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 Saturday 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.

THIRTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Nov 02 (Mon):	*	* All Souls' Day	/ Commemoration of All Faithful Departed	N/APPL
Nov 03 (Tue):	+	Bishops, Priests & Deacons serving D of	/ Rev. David Mowat, CR	Hamilton Diocese
Nov 04 (Wed):	+	Estella Scarlett	/ Chaplains	Rosalie Scarlett
Nov 05 (Thu):	+	Ted La Belle	/ Rev. Jim Valk, CR	Karen O'Brien
Nov 06 (Fri):	*	Sr. John Marie MC	/ Rev. Raymond Reitzel, CR	John & Mary Kischuck
Nov 07 (Sat):	+	Rita Gilbert	/ Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, OMI	Jerry & Gaetanne O.
32 Sun. in O.T. Nov 08 (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. 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 2nd – All Souls' Day

November 4th – St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

The Communion of Saints

"We believe in the communion of all the faithful of Christ, those who are pilgrims on earth, the dead who are being purified, and the blessed in heaven, all together forming one Church; and we believe that in this communion, the merciful love of God and his saints is always attentive to our prayers". CCC 962

During November, mother Church entrusts to our prayer the souls in purgatory awaiting the blessedness of heaven. Our calling is to pray for our beloved dead, who need our help and consolation, knowing that they too pray for us.

Scripture Readings

November 8th – Thirty-Second Sunday

First Reading: *Wisdom 6.12-16*

Wisdom is found by those who seek her.

Psalm 63

My soul thirsts for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 4.13-18*

Through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.

Gospel: *Matthew 25.1-13*

Look! Here is the bridegroom!

Come out to meet him.

First Communion & First Reconciliation

We are now asking all children in Grade 2 & Grade 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 school plays an invaluable role in helping you and the parish in your child's faith formation.

The Catholic Women's League of Canada is

a national organization rooted in gospel values, calling its members to holiness through service to the people of God. All women are invited to join the League. Please submit your dues for 2021 by placing \$30 in an envelope with your name, and marked "CWL". You may drop it off or mail it to the parish or place it in the collection box at Mass. To find out more about the CWL or to e-transfer your dues please contact Lucie Desbiens at desbiens@eastlink.ca.

From Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has been supporting the poor in our community during the Pandemic. Currently, SSVV is collecting:

- Cans or packets of hot chocolate
- Packets of oatmeal
- Pancake mix
- Corn syrup
- Winter weight socks for adults and children
- Gift cards

If you are attending Mass, place your donation at the entrance, or during office hours at the office entrance.

If you need assistance, call 519-832-2207, or email svp@stjospar.com.

A special thank you to all our SVP members who continue delivering food to the poor, and to our parishioners for your permanent contributions, support and generosity.

How to deal with stress during COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic is presenting emotional, mental, and physical health challenges. Anxiety, fear, anger, and sadness are normal emotions most people are experiencing. Here are some tips to cope in a healthy way with these challenges:

- To get help for oneself or a loved one, begin by reaching out to a trusted friend, family member or priest.
- Stay connected with family and friends via phone or video chat as opposed solely doing this by email or texts. Speaking to someone can help reduce feelings of loneliness. We are made for community, made for love.
- Take advantage of this time to grow spiritually and in relationship with one another.
- Think about creative activities to help others.
- Make your daily routine. Start your mornings with prayer and writing down five blessings for which you are grateful.
- Do random acts of kindness, even in the distance.
- Do physical exercise, go outside, play games with your family.

"We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." Romans 8.28

Extracted from <https://catholicphilly.com/2020/05/news/local-news/catholic-experts-advise-on-coping-with-anxiety-of-pandemic/>

CWL General Meeting is Tuesday November 17, at 7p.m. via Zoom. Please stay connected! Members with no access to computers will receive minutes after.