

St. Joseph Church

Location: 920 Wellington St.
Port Elgin, ON



Masses this week:

Saturday, 5 pm
Sunday, 11 am
Tuesday, No Mass
Wednesday, No Mass
Friday, No Mass

Confessions:

Saturday, 4 – 4:45 p.m.

St. Patrick Church

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



Masses this week:

Sunday, 9 am
Thursday, No Mass

Confessions:

No confession this Thursday

Parish Office Hours :

Tuesday to Friday
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Moved?

Please keep us updated

Not Registered?

Please sign up

SSVP Hot Line:

519-832-2207

*January 7th,
2024*



SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Francisco J. Sordo
Administrator: Rosalie Scarlett
Secretary: Gloria Villamil

Welcome to St. Joseph Parish!

If you are new in the area, we invite you to register with the parish office.

Please find the registration form [on our website](#).

Sacraments:

Baptism: Contact the parish office for registration and information.

First Communion: The first preparation session is on Friday, February 16th at 6:30 pm.

Confirmation: Next Confirmation will take place in 2025.

R.C.I.A.: Adults and children Grade 3 and up, contact the parish office.

Marriage: Contact the parish office one year in advance.

Care of the Sick: To arrange pastoral visits to the sick, call the office.

Catholic Funerals: Please call the Funeral Home or the Parish at time of need. It is customary to celebrate a Funeral Mass in the church.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals are offered in Spanish upon request.

With Christ's help we can be his light for others.

We are not the source of the light that a world in darkness needs desperately.

Instead, we must *receive* Jesus, the Light of the World, so that we can in turn share it. And as we heard in the first reading:

Then you shall be radiant ... your heart shall throb and overflow.

Jesus has come to give all the love we need, all the wisdom called for, all the virtue necessary to be a light to others.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Immediately after the 5 pm Mass on Saturdays, at St. Joseph Church.

The Liturgy of the Word for Children

Sundays at the 11 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church

Children 3-9 are welcome!

Bulletin Advertising

The parish is accepting new advertisements for the bulletin. Support our parish community while promoting your business in our bulletin. Call the office.

JANUARY 7TH, 2024

Liturgy on the First Week in Ordinary Time

Date	Day	Time	+ / *	Intention + Rest in Peace / * Intentions of	Requested by	Diocese
08-Jan	Mon			Pastor's Intentions		Baptism of the Lord
09-Jan	Tue	7pm		No Mass Scheduled		Rev. David Reilander
10-Jan	Wed	9:30am		No Mass Scheduled		Sisters of St. John the Baptist (C.S.J.B.)
11-Jan	Thu	9:30am		No Mass Scheduled		Rev. Franjo Sprajc
12-Jan	Fri	9:30am		No Mass Scheduled		Rev. Matthew Durham
13-Jan	Sat	5pm	+	Dianne Dalton	Knights of Columbus # 6736	Rev. Aurimas Paulius Rudinskas
			+	Eileen & John Russell	Brian & Judy Rozee	
			*	Wayne Caskanette	Dave & Mary Lepper	
			*	Barry & Margaret Osler	Rita O'Byrne	
14-Jan	Sun	9am	+	Robert Trainor	David & Heather Starrs & Family	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
		11am	+	People of the Parish	N/A	

Divine Mercy Candle – All innocents involved in happenings in this world.

Canadian Food for Children CFFC accepts all food donations. Any items are welcome. Canned goods and personal hygiene items are requested for January. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank is offering families in need of assistance to visit the Food Bank, on the third Wednesday of each month, from 1 pm – 6 pm, in the downstairs hall at St. Joseph Church. SSVP is collecting canned meats: salmon & tuna.
NOTE: Our Society is registered at the bank as “St. Vincent de Paul”, please make your donation cheques payable to St. Vincent de Paul.

Church Collections This week’s regular contributions were \$3699, PAR \$1447/week, New Year’s \$1928.
Thank you to all who have already responded to the appeal in December to increase your Sunday offerings. To begin or change current regular contributions through PAR, please notify the parish office by the 10th of the month. This will ensure that automatic withdrawals from your bank account or credit card will begin on the 20th of the month.

First Communion 2024 Next preparation session is Friday, February 16th at 6:30 p.m. in Jubilee Hall.

R.C.I.A. Candidates gather on Saturdays at 10 a.m. in the downstairs Hall.

“The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life’s different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship but to keep her on her course.” - St. Boniface

The Baptism of the Lord – January 8th - You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased. The baptism of Jesus marks an important beginning in his ministry. While we do not know much of his life between his birth and this moment, we know of his divine calling. We know the richness of his ministry that is to come after his baptism. May it inspire in us a deeper commitment to our baptismal call.

Liturgy this week:

Mon. Jan. 8 – **The Baptisms of the Lord (F)**

Fri. Jan 12 – St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Virgin (M)

Ordinary Time - After the celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Ordinary Time begins. Ordinary does not mean plain. The name comes from "ordinalis" meaning "showing order, denoting an order of succession." It is used in this sense to refer to the order of the counted weeks. That is to say, it is a season of counted weeks.

Ordinary Time after the Baptism focuses on the early life and childhood of Christ, and then on His public ministry. The liturgical color of Ordinary Time is green; however, as in all seasons, other appropriate colors are worn on particular feast days. (For example, white is typically worn for Marian feast days, except in some Spanish countries where blue is an approved liturgical color)

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - SOLEMNITY

Vocations - The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the magi. Today, God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church. If you think that God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.** vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

Volunteer Positions Available – The office is looking for individuals that can help in the following ministries:
Historical Records Journalist: will keep a record of the important events of the Parish during the year and prepare a summary for future reference.
St. Joseph Little Store Helpers: will look after religious articles before and after the weekend Masses (Sat. 5 pm / Sun. 11 am)
Event Coordinator: will coordinate some of the social events (one or two per year) in the parish.
For more information on the involvement on these ministries, please contact the parish office.

Envelopes 2024 – If you wish to support the parish financially by using envelopes, please call the office. Envelopes will be mailed to your address every three months.

Young Adults Night - Saturday, February 3rd - Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night and vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, February 3rd at St. Michael's Catholic Church (80 University Avenue West, Waterloo, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

When Life Changes - The Hamilton Diocese is offering a new grief program. Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? You are not alone! Our six-week grief program starts January 17 and will be held from 1:30-3:00 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West. You are welcome to join in person or by zoom. To register go to hamiltondiocese.com and look for the start date under upcoming events on the home page.

Catholic School Support "A meaningful way for Catholics to advocate for publicly funded Catholic education in Ontario is to register as Catholic school supporters. Doing so will provide the opportunity to vote for Catholic School Trustees to represent your interests and assist in maintaining a Catholic school board's assessment base. There are two ways to update your school support:

1. Online through the MPAC mpac.ca/schoolsupport
2. Completing the Application for Direction of School Support Form

If you already direct your taxes to the Catholic Board, you do not need to complete the application. If your taxes have been directed to the Catholic Board the tax bill will read English Separate or French Separate. Please check your tax bill. If your support is English Public please make the change using one of the two methods. If you have any questions please email assessment@bgcdsb.org "

PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH

The Precepts of the Church describe the minimum effort we must make in prayer and in living a moral life.

1. **"You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labour."** It requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days. (CCC 2042)
2. **"You shall confess your sins at least once a year."** It ensures preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation, which continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness.
3. **"You shall receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season."** It guarantees a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feast, the origin and center of the Christian Liturgy.
4. **"You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church."** It ensures the times of asceticism and penance which prepare us for the liturgical feasts and help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart. (CCC2043)
5. **"You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church."** It means that the faithful are obliged to assist with the material needs of the Church, each according to his own ability.

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