

## **St. Joseph Church**

**Location:** 920 Wellington St.  
Port Elgin, ON



### **Masses this week:**

Saturday, 5 p.m.  
Sunday, 11 a.m.  
Tuesday, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.  
Friday, 9:30 a.m.

### **Confessions:**

Saturday, 4 – 4:45 p.m.

## **St. Patrick Church**

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



### **Masses this week:**

Sunday, 9 a.m.  
Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

### **Confessions:**

Thursday 10 – 10:45 a.m.

### **Parish Office Hours:**

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

### **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

After the 5 p.m. Mass  
on Saturdays,  
at St. Joseph Church.

### **Moved?**

Please keep us updated

### **Not Registered?**

Please sign up

**SSVP Hot Line:**

**519-832-2207**

# **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](#).

**January 21<sup>st</sup>,  
2024**



### **Jesus is calling us today.**

Maybe he is calling us to drop something we have been clinging to.  
Maybe he is calling us to lay down our weeping or rejoicing,  
to move into something new.  
Maybe he is calling us to listen.  
In the precious time we give to him,  
he will give us all we need to answer his call, big or small.

Come to be with Jesus and be transformed by his presence.

✦ *You are welcome to come to the church anytime during office hours* ✦

### **Sacraments:**

**Baptism:** Contact the parish office for registration and information.

**First Communion:** The first preparation session is on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> 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.**

### **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 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

## Liturgy on the Third Week in Ordinary Time

Date	Day	Time	+ / *	Intention + Rest in Peace / * Intentions of	Requested by	Diocese
22-Jan	Mon			Pastor's Intentions		Rev. Fernando Ferreira Pinto, C.S.sp.
23-Jan	Tue	7pm	+	Abraham Antony	Elsa Sybi	Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger
24-Jan	Wed	9:30am	+	Ron Auger	The Catholic Principals Association Bruce Grey	Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (C.M.I.)
25-Jan	Thurs	9:30am	+	Alice Winter	Knights of Columbus Council 6736	Rev. Edward Hampson
26-Jan	Fri	9:30am	+	Karl Fortney	The Family	Rev. Robert Dunn
27-Jan	Sat	5pm	+	Elsamma Antony	Elsa Sybi	Rev. George Stortz
			+	Steven Fortney	The Family	
			*	Joe & Mairead Keely	Fern & Lucie Desbiens	
			*	Dave & Mary Lepper	Regina Corp	
28-Jan	Sun	9am	*	People of the Parish	N/A	<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
		11am	+	Noreen Hilbig	The Family	

**Divine Mercy Candle** – For healing

**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. SVP 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** Regular contributions were \$1671, PAR \$1447/week.

To begin or change current regular contributions through PAR, please notify the parish office by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month; automatic withdrawals from your bank account or credit card will begin on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

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

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

**Join us** for a Prayer service at Southampton Care Centre on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 3 pm.  
Mass at Elgin Lodge on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:15 pm.

### Liturgy this week:

Wed. Jan. 24 – St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor (M)  
Thurs. Jan. 25 – The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle (F)  
Fri. Jan. 26 – St. Timothy and St. Titus, Bishops (M)

**Vocations** - The call of the disciples is so familiar to us that we tend to miss the wonder of the disciples' response, which was immediate and complete; they leave everything and follow Jesus. Can we do less if we feel that God is calling us to the priesthood, religious life or deaconate? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

[vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)  
[hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)

### January Prayers request for:

**Intentions:** Jerry Webster, Ryan Nelson

**Deceased:** Linda Hosker Albanese, Helen Tschirhart, Ann Stromsmoe

Coming soon... "A Tour Around the Globe"



## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**Volunteer Positions Available** – The office is looking for individuals that can help in the following ministries:

**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 involvement in these ministries, please contact the parish office.

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**Hospitality Sunday** – If your family or group wants to host a Hospitality Sunday any month this year, please contact the parish office.

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### **Sunday of the Word of God**

**Getting to Know Mark** – The Gospel of Mark is the briefest in length of the four Gospels and most likely the first that was written.

Most scholars agree that Mark wrote his account shortly before 70 A.D. in Rome, at a time of pending persecution, and when the destruction of Jerusalem was imminent.

The Gospel's detailed and vivid descriptions of the ministry of Jesus offer insights not provided by Matthew or Luke. Mark's message is powerful, stark, and direct.

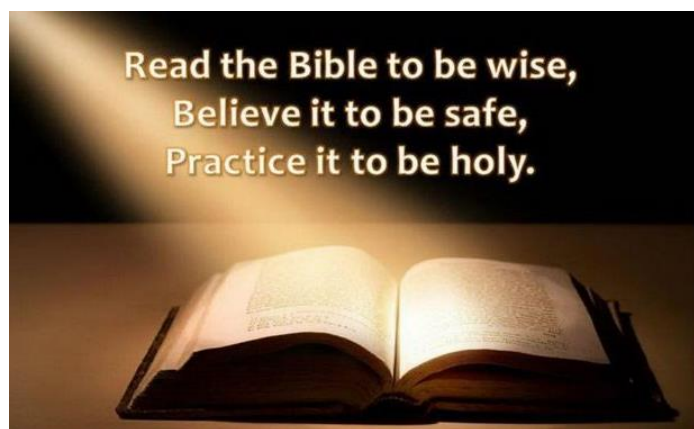
We are invited and challenged to accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour.

**The Winged Lion** – Early Christians used creatures as symbols of the four Gospels. Saint Mark is symbolized as the winged lion. An angel, represented by a winged lion, appeared to Mark in a dream exclaiming, "Peace to you Mark my Evangelist, here will rest your body."

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**Do you know we have a Bible Exhibit with the occasion of Bible Sunday?** Come and visit it at the entrance of St. Joseph Church. Gorgeous Bibles and masterpieces of art will be exposed until February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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**The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass** Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is available online at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com).

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**RESTART: Refresh, Renew, Revive** Struggling after divorce or separation? Join us for learning, support and fun on a Friday evening. Held the 2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month. These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Join in-person (700 King St. West, Hamilton), or by ZOOM. Register here: <https://sites.google.com/view/hamilton-restart/home>, or contact Sarah at [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com), or 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 if you plan to attend in person and for the Zoom link if joining online. We look forward to seeing you!

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**Smart Steps** Are you a parent or stepparent adjusting to blended family life? This program is designed to offer practical insights and suggestions on how to make the relationships work well for all. Sessions are held at Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, 28 Norfolk Street. TIME: 9:15AM - 3:30PM. PRICE: \$50 per person (includes lunch). DATE: Saturday, April 20, 2024. Register online at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) and look under Upcoming Events. For more information, contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

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**Support for your Marriage** Does your marriage feel like it is more trouble than joy, does it feel stagnant or disconnected? Is it causing you constant stress? The solution is Retrouvaille – whose one purpose is to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves. It is designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. For struggling couples, including those who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend is March 8-10, 2024. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email [teamrecine@gmail.com](mailto:teamrecine@gmail.com).

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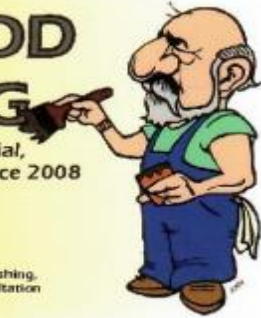
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so the world will give to me.