

St. Joseph Church

Location: 920 Wellington St.
Port Elgin, ON



Masses this week:

Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.
Friday, 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, 5 p.m.
Sunday, 11 a.m.

Confessions:

Saturday, 4 p.m.



St. Patrick Church

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

Masses this week:

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

Confessions:

Thursday, 10 a.m.

Knights of Columbus:

meet every first
Wednesday of the month
at 7 p.m. – Jubilee Hall.
Contact: Jim LaBlance
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SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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

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](#) or at both churches.

January 26th, 2025



“Do you ever reflect on your role as a student of Christ?”

The role of a student is to learn and then prepare to practice what has been studied. Prayer and attentive reception of the Word of God are how we participate in this activity with Our Lord.

Reflecting on the words of Scripture today, we are reminded of the role both the Law and the Scriptures (both New and Old) plays in our lives. Their careful study can reveal insights to guide and inspire us with our daily lives and the many decisions we are called to make every day.”

Living with Christ Sunday Missal

Sacraments:

Baptism: Contact the parish office for information.

First Communion will take place on May 3 & 4, 2025

Confirmation: will take place on June 7th, 2025

R.C.I.A.: Will gather on Saturdays at 10 a.m. in the Boardroom.

Marriage: Contact the parish office one year in advance.

Communion to the Homebound: arrangements can be made for you to receive Communion at home.

Anointing of the sick: If you are having a major surgery, have a terminal illness, or if you feel in danger of death, you can call the parish 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.

Liturgy of the Word for Children is running during the 11 a.m. Mass.

January 26th, 2025

Liturgy for the Third Week in Ordinary Time						
Date	Day	Time	+ / *	Intention <small>+ Rest in Peace / * Intentions of</small>	Requested by	Diocese
27-Jan	Mon	*	*	N/A	N/A	Rev. Ralph Diodati
28-Jan	Tue	7pm	+	Peter Kapshey	J. & M. Keely	Rev. David Lewis
29-Jan	Wed	9:30am	*	Sharon Neale	Rob, Anita, Bob, Gaetane, Deborah	Carmelites of Mary Immaculate, C.M.I.
30-Jan	Thu	9:30am	+	Maria Candiago	G. Villamil	Rev. Robert Sims
31-Jan	Fri	9:30am	*	Helen Hunter	J. Dixon	<i>St. John Bosco, Priest</i>
01-Feb	Sat	5pm	*	Sylwia Czarnik	R. Corp	Rev. Arpee Nicolas Urquico
			*	Members of the deBoer Family	S. & L. deBoer	
			+	Patricia Kelly	B & J. Smith	
			+	Terry & Paul Blackwell	B. Murray	
02-Feb	Sun	9am	*	People of the Parish	N/A	<i>Presentation of the Lord</i>
		11am	+	Michael Gates	D. & M. Lepper	

Divine Mercy Candle - Deborah Jennings - **Divine Mercy Chaplet:** After the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturdays

Liturgy this week

Tue. Jan. 28 – St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor (M)

Fri. Jan. 31 – St. John Bosco, Priest (M)

Sun. Feb. 2 – The Presentation of the Lord
World Day for Consecrated Life

Church Collections this week

Regular contributions were \$2789. PAR \$1769/week.
Thank you for your generosity!

Offertory Envelopes – The Parish can only operate with your contributions (Time, Talent and Treasure). When you contribute your treasure weekly, please register with the office to receive the collection envelopes every three months by mail.

If you choose to contribute monthly, please let us know and we will provide a set of envelopes for the year. You can also use the pink envelopes found in the pews to contribute annually or at any time.

Seminary Education Collection next weekend This collection supports the educational needs of seminarians.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank – Families in need of assistance are invited to visit the Food Bank in the downstairs hall at St. Joseph Church twice per month on the first and third Wednesday of every month **from 11:00 a.m. till 2 p.m.** SVP is collecting canned salmon, tomato sauce, pasta and canned tomatoes.

Canadian Food For Children is collecting bars of soap, shampoo, toothpaste, tooth brushes for the month of January.

Sunday of the Word of God -



The Church marks the sixth Sunday of the Word of God on January 26, 2025, a day instituted by Pope Francis on September 30, 2019, to emphasize the significance of Sacred Scripture.

Pope Francis is set to preside at Mass in St. Peter's Basilica on January 26. The theme for this year's edition is taken from the Psalms: "I hope in Your Word." The sixth edition of the Sunday of the Word of God offers Christians an opportunity to renew their commitment to reading and meditating on the Bible as a fundamental tool for growth in faith and spiritual life, as well as a source of hope for the faithful worldwide.

Vatican News

EXAMINE YOUR CONSCIENCE to remember and recognize your sins.

Do I faithfully participate at Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation, or do I miss Holy Mass without a valid reason?

Do I respect other people's property? Did I refuse, without a good reason, to give or to lend?

Do I offer up to God my work, study, sickness? In difficulties do I turn to God for help with faith and perseverance, or do I consult "mediums" and the occult? Do I have vows to fulfil?

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vocations You are the body of Christ; every one of you is a member of it. As a member of the body, we serve different roles. Are you willing to do your part? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, 905-528-7988. Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

First Reconciliation and First Communion:


Next Session: **February 28th** at 6:30 p.m. Jubilee Hall
Confirmation:

Next Session: **February 21st** at 6:30 p.m. in Jubilee Hall
RCIA – Saturdays at 10 a.m. in the Boardroom.

All parishioners are invited to join the R.C.I.A. lessons to understand and deep your knowledge in the following topics:

- Dignity of Life & Ethics of Life – February 8
 - Christian Moral Living & Social Justice - February 15
- RCIA meets on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Jubilee Hall.

World Marriage Day Celebration is celebrated every year on the second Sunday in February, sometimes coinciding with St. Valentine's Day. This year, it takes place on February 9. World Marriage Day officially began in 1983 in the United States of America. Popularized by the Catholic Church, the purpose of World Marriage Day is to emphasize the beauty of marriage and to honour husbands and wives for their faithfulness and sacrifices.



World Day of Marriage
Celebration
Sunday, February 9th at 12:15
St. Joseph Church & Jubilee Hall
Tickets \$50/couple
Contact the Parish Office
By February 1st

2024 Tax Receipts were sent by e-mail this past week.
Printed tax receipts will be sent out in early February.

If you do not have an email account, or if you want your receipt printed, please call the parish office and we will print it for you (February). If your contribution was through *CanadaHelps*, you will receive the Tax Receipt directly from them.

Giving through PAR (Pre-Authorized Giving) –

Reflect on all that God has given you, and prayerfully decide how much of this you will return to God through your offering. Using PAR is convenient for our parish, as it is a regular, dependable contribution, it reduces paperwork, and it supports planned parish programs and activities. On your side, you will automatically contribute to the parish, even when you are away. If you want to increase your current regular contributions through PAR, please notify the parish office by the 10th of the month; automatic withdrawals from your bank account or credit card will begin on the 20th of the month.

Hospitality Sunday - We need your help!

Please join us for Hospitality Sunday the last Sunday of each month. Your January hosts are the **Parish Staff**. If you would like to host it any month of the year, please contact the parish office.

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass – Save the Date! Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2025? Then you are cordially invited to join Bishop Crosby and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 1, 2025**, 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 will be available online in January at hamiltondiocese.com.

A woman was about to be stoned to death for adultery. Jesus came up and said his famous line,




"Let the one who is without sin throw the first stone."

As the crowd was backing away, a lady came up and threw a pebble at the adulteress. Jesus said, "I hate it when you do that, Mom."

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Winter Weather – In the event of severe winter weather conditions, we advise parishioners to avoid dangerous driving. However, the priest will celebrate Mass even if it is on his own. Doors will still be opened for those who are able to make it safely. Do not be obliged to come just because the Mass/priest will celebrate.



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Just for tonight, I will accept that I have done the best I could, remembering that my goal is spiritual progress and not perfection. I will let go of any expectation I had for this day, as well as any disappointment, shame or guilt I felt for not being perfect today. Al-Anon Bookmark.