

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. &
After Stations of the Cross

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. &
After Stations of the Cross

Parish Office Hours:

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

Divine Mercy Chaplet

After the 5 pm Mass on
Saturdays

Knights of Columbus:

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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](#).

**February 18th,
2024**



Repent, and believe in the gospel.

To repent means to feel regret and sorrow and to change, or "turn from" what is evil. Gospel is a word meaning "good news." To "repent and believe in the Gospel" is the twofold call of the Christian, which is brought into profound relief during the Lenten season. This time of prayer and preparation for Easter shows there is indeed cause for regret and sorrow, and a need for change. And yet, what we are turning toward as we turn from sin is always cause for joy and hope.

Sacraments:

Baptism: Contact the parish office for registration and information.
First Communion: The first preparation session is on Friday, March 1st 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!

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FEBRUARY 18th, 2024

| Liturgy First Week of Lent | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----|--------|-------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Date | Day | Time | + / * | Intention + Rest in Peace / * Intentions of | Requested by | Diocese |
| 19-Feb | Mon | | * | Pastor's Intentions | N/A | Rev. Robert Bulbrook |
| 20-Feb | Tue | 7pm | + | Benno Spitzer | Ron & Rosalie Scarlett | Rev. Ron Cote |
| 21-Feb | Wed | 9:30am | + | Joshua George | Ron & Rosalie Scarlett | Discalced Carmelite Sisters (O.C.D.) |
| 22-Feb | Thu | 9:30am | * | Valerie Munn | Mariann McArthur | Rev. William Foote |
| 23-Feb | Fri | 9:30am | + | Alice Winter | The Family | Rev. Michael Isabelle |
| 24-Feb | Sat | 5pm | + | Nora Lepper | Dave & Mary Lepper | Consecrated Virgin Candidates |
| | | | + | Natalie Elizabeth Hoffele | James Hoffele | |
| | | | + | Alicia Cook | Dave & Annemarie Kinsman | |
| | | | + | Marjorie Schmalz | Fern & Lucie Desbiens | |
| | | | * | Sharon Carere | Brenda Murray | |
| 25-Feb | Sun | 9am | + | Joseph Peter Hoffele | James Hoffele | Second Sunday of Lent |
| | | 11am | * | People of the Parish | N/A | |

Divine Mercy Candle – For healing

Canadian Food for Children CFFC accepts all food donations. Any items are welcome. Peanut Butter and granola bars are requested for February.

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 crackers: soda & Ritz.

Church Collections this week Regular contributions were \$2060, PAR \$1705/week.

First Communion 2024 Next preparation session is Friday, March 1st at 6:30 p.m. in Jubilee Hall. They are studying the Ten Commandments, and learning how to do an examination of conscience as a preparation for the First Reconciliation.

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

Join Linda Staudt virtually on Wednesday, February 21 at 7 pm. Former Catholic Central High School principal Linda Staudt attended the Synod of Sinodality. She was only one of 10 people from North America appointed to the General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. For the first time in history, lay members and women were invited. Register at [An evening with Linda Staudt](#).

Bruce County Pentecost Pilgrimage. This pilgrimage is a transformative journey of faith, penance and prayer, and will include two nights of camping along the way.

Join David Starrs & others on Saturday May 18 for a 3-day walk throughout our beautiful Bruce County countryside on concession roads and rail trails to Immaculate Conception Church in Formosa from St. Joseph Church in Port Elgin. Anyone younger than 18 years but older than 16 years is welcome but will require a chaperone. Information about itineraries, how to prepare and what to pack will be found on our [website](#), or contact davidjohnstarrs@gmail.com.

February Prayers request for:

Intentions: Ken W., Muriel Rousselle, Marg Montgomery, Mike Coughlan and Diane Becker, Kevin Cybulski
Deceased: Alicia Cook, Harriet Trepanier, Deiter Stemmler

Visit St. Joseph Little Store & St. Patrick Little Gift Shop for religious articles, rosaries, bibles and more.

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

LENT 2024

Confessions – Since Lent is the most important time of the year to consider our sins, spend time looking at your own failings from various perspectives. Do not get discouraged in the process. Ponder sin with hopeful anticipation of freedom from those sins. But that freedom will never be found unless you honestly, thoroughly, and continuously examine your soul from God’s perspective. When His mercy is incorporated, prayerfully purging even the tiniest sin from your life becomes a great joy and a path toward incredible freedom. Opportunities for Confession:

Thursdays 10am @ St Patrick

Saturdays 4pm @ St Joseph

Fridays @ 7:30 pm after the Stations of the Cross

Please plan ahead, do not procrastinate. NOTE: There will be NO CONFESSIONS HEARD DURING HOLY WEEK INCLUDING PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND (March 23rd).

“Lord of all hope, as I begin this holy season of Lent, I pray that you will change me, transform me, and reveal to me all that You wish to convey. I open myself to your holy will as completely as I am able and rely upon Your grace to do the rest. Help me to humbly and honestly examine my life so that I can be purged of my sins and more fully imitate your sacrificial love. Draw me into Your Passion and death, dear Lord, so that I can share in the glory of your resurrection. Jesus, messiah and King, I trust in you!

The Stations or the Way of the Cross

February 23 @ 7 pm @ St. Joseph Church, lead by the Secular Franciscans.



**A meditation on the
Passion of Christ
Grieving over Darkness,
Reflecting on Redemption**
Spy Wednesday – 8 pm

Deepen your faith and enrich your Spirit Join us for the Video Presentation on Wednesday @ 7 pm – Jubilee Hall. February 21, Deacon Harold Burke Siviers will talk about “Finding Hope and Holiness in the Culture of Woke” (How Today’s World is reliving the Babylonian Captivity).

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 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 now available online at hamiltondiocese.com.

Step/Blended Family: Smart Steps for Building Family

Are you a parent or stepparent adjusting to blended family life? Smart Steps offers practical insights and suggestions on how to make the relationships work well for all. The next session will be held at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, 28 Norfolk Street. TIME: 9:15AM - 3:30PM. PRICE: \$50 per person (includes lunch). DATE: Saturday, March 9, 2024. Register on line at hamiltondiocese.com and look under Upcoming Events. For more information, contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

ReSTART: Moving Forward Our 10 week program offers education and support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The sessions will run on Mondays from April 7th to June 17th from 7-9 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in person, or you are welcome to join our zoom classroom. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration is required so please call Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com or register on line at hamiltondiocese.com and look under Upcoming Events.

The Fine Art of Being Happily Married In his poem, The Art of Marriage, Wilfred A. Peterson writes, “A good marriage must be created” and creating something requires time and attention. We invite you to take the time, with your spouse, to find new and creative ways to increase your connection with each other, to discover fresh techniques for being in relationship and to deepen the love you already share. Join us on Saturday, May 4th from 9:30 – 3:00 pm at the Mount Mary Retreat Centre in Ancaster. Cost is \$50 per couple and includes lunch. To register on the website go to hamiltondiocese.com and look under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

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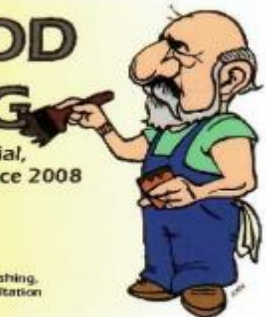
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Just for tonight I will be humble.
I will give my shortcomings to God,
trusting that doing so can bring about
changes in me
that I could not bring about by myself.