

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 p.m. Mass on
Saturdays

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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](#).

March 17th,
2024

Fifth Sunday of



Choose the path of surrender in service to the Lord

We want to serve and follow the Lord, but we also want to enjoy our lives and ensure that our children and grandchildren have a good life. In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to choose the Lord first, and the Father will honour whoever serves him. Choosing the path of surrender in service to him glorifies God and allows us to produce much fruit, including care for our own families.

Sacraments:

Baptism: Contact the parish office for registration and information.

First Communion: The third preparation session is on Friday, March 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

Confirmation: Next Confirmation will take place in 2025.

R.C.I.A.: Adults wishing to become Catholic are asked to call the parish office to arrange a meeting with the pastor to discuss the necessary steps to be taken.

Marriage: Contact the parish office one year in advance.

Care of the Sick: If you are unable to attend church, arrangements can be made for you to receive Holy Communion at home. If you wish a pastoral visit to your home or to the hospital, or wish to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the sick, contact 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!

Come and Be with Jesus

Church doors at the main parking lot entrance will remain open
Tuesday to Friday 10-4 for private prayer.

MARCH 17, 2024

Liturgy Fifth Week of Lent

Date	Day	Time	+ / *	Intention <small>+ Rest in Peace / * Intentions of</small>	Requested by	Diocese
18-Mar	Mon		*	Pastor's Intentions	N/A	Rev. Ken Miskiewicz
19-Mar	Tue	7pm	+	Michael Cillis	Fern & Lucie Desbiens	St. Joseph, Patron of Canada & the Universal Church
20-Mar	Wed	9:30am	+	Alicia Cook	Fern & Lucie Desbiens	Franciscan Fathers (O.F.M.)
21-Mar	Thurs	9:30am	+	Seanie Dalton	Joe & Mairead Keely	Rev. Msgr. Dennis Noon
22-Mar	Fri	9:30am	+	Bernadette Lawrence	Joe & Mairead Keely	Rev. Donald Sanvido
23-Mar	Sat	5pm	+	Ron Laflamme	Edith Laflamme	Permanent Diaconate Candidates
			+	Fred James	Dorothy James	
			+	Deiter Stemmler	Gary & Barb Reinwald	
			+	Alicia Cook	Carla Schmidt	
			+	Aline Bellan	Gary & Gale Walker	
24-Mar	Sun	9am	+	Karl Fortney	The Family	Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord
		11am	*	People of the Parish	N/A	

Divine Mercy Candle – Gloria Villamil

LENT 2024

March Prayers request for:

Intentions: Mark Preston on his 100th birthday, Linda Martin, children and adults receiving sacraments.

Church Collections this week Regular contributions were \$1140, PAR \$1764/week.

Canadian Food for Children CFFC accepts all food donations. Any items are welcome. Pasta and tomato paste are requested for March.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank is offering families in need of assistance to visit the Food Bank, twice a month, in the downstairs hall at St. Joseph Church, as follows:

First Wednesday from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Third Wednesday from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

SVP is collecting flaked canned ham, jam and cookies during the month of March.

Vocations - St. Paul reminds us that we are "created in Christ Jesus for good works". If you think God's plan for you could be to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, 905-528-7988. Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

The Stations or the Way of the Cross

March 22 @ 7 pm @ St. Joseph Church, led by the Funeral Luncheon Group.

The Stations of the Cross Shadow Play 2024

Performed by St. Joseph School Intermediate Students

Directed by Lucie Desbiens at St. Joseph School

Tuesday March 19, 2 p.m.

Wednesday March 20, 7 p.m.

Thursday March 21, 2 p.m.

A Meditation of the Passion of Christ




Spy Wednesday
March 27 – 8 p.m.
St. Joseph Church

Deepen your faith and enrich your Spirit -

Video Presentation

Wednesday @ 7 p.m. – Jubilee Hall

Date	Speaker	Topic	Duration
Mar 20	 Dr. Scott Hahn	Holy is His Name... The Transforming Power of God's Holiness	53 mins

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Patron's Feasts

We will celebrate the patrons of our Parish, both churches dedicated to the honour of St. Patrick on March 17th, and St. Joseph on March 19th. Since the 17th is a Sunday, all parishioners are encouraged to join us for Mass on Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Through the intercessions of St. Joseph and St. Patrick, our patrons, we have received abundant blessings as a parish during the past years. Let us gather to give thanks to God for these many blessings and for the gift of their holiness and prayer on behalf of our parish community!

A Tour around the Globe

The aim of this event is to share the richness of the countries around the world. If you would like to “adopt” a country to learn the diversity and share it with our parish community, call the parish office to register.

Join David John Starrs for a Bruce County Pentecost Pilgrimage on May 18 – 20, for three days walk throughout Bruce County countryside on concession roads and rail trails. The journey starts on Saturday at St. Joseph Church in Port Elgin, and finishes on Monday at Immaculate Conception Church in Formosa. This pilgrimage is a transformative journey of faith, penance and prayer. More information can be found in our website, or contacting David Starrs directly at davidjohnstarrs@gmail.com.

Our parishioner Mark Preston is turning **100 on March 23**



His family is offering a drop-in reception: Mark will be at the Walker House in

Southampton from 1:30 to 3:30 on Saturday, March 23, in the west dining room. There will be finger food, tea and coffee and cold drinks, and a cash bar. *Please be advised that this is a scent-free event due to two family members with bad allergies (one carries an epipen).*

Mark is a Knight of Columbus, and a devoted Catholic who gives his testimony with his life. He is currently in Southampton Care Centre, receiving Jesus in Holy Communion every Sunday, for which he is grateful.

Taize Service – March 24 at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Southampton at 7 pm. Music practice at 6:15 for instrumentalists and vocalists.

Hospitality Sunday

We won't be hosting Hospitality Sunday in March because it is Easter Sunday. However, a group of volunteer parishioners from the Bible study group will be offering a lunch for those parishioners who are not having family or going out of town. If you would like to come, please register with the parish office, for them to know how much to prepare.

Adult Faith Formation through VLCCF

The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University's Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCCF) to offer certificate programs for ministry and enrichment for adult faith formation. We are currently taking enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program and the Catechist Formation Program for the Diocese of Hamilton, which begins in September 2024. Three & five week e-seminars are also available at a discounted rate for all adults in the Diocese looking to further their learning. For more information about our programs, and how to register, visit us at www.hamiltondiocesellearns.com

Eschatology: The “Last Things”

Eschatology is the part of theology concerned with **Death, Judgment**, and the final destiny of the soul of humankind: **Heaven & Hell**. Many of us do not live a remarkable life, but by trying to live a Christian life and trusting in our faith, we are saying “yes” to God every day. But, what about those who didn't have the chance to hear the gospel or be baptized? The Catholic Church teaches us that God desires the salvation of everyone and has provided for the salvation of the whole world through the death and resurrection of Jesus. “Every man who is ignorant of the Gospel of Christ and of his Church, but seeks the truth and does the will of God in accordance with his understanding of it, can be saved”. (CCC1260)

Purgatory is a final purification in preparation for heaven. Scripture encourages us to pray for the dead, and this includes the souls in purgatory. We believe that the living members of the Church on earth, the saints in heaven, and the souls in purgatory are united as one Mystical body in Christ, and we help one another through mutual prayer.

**Arm yourself with prayer rather than a sword;
wear humility rather than fine clothes!**

– St. Dominic

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