

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.

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](#).

April 7, 2024

Second Sunday of



Divine Mercy Sunday

We are called to live out God's mercy

In today's Gospel, Jesus confers his divine power to forgive sins on the Apostles through the Holy Spirit. This forgiveness is still available to us in the sacraments. The gift of God's mercy calls us to also perform acts of mercy to ensure that, as in the earliest communities of believers, no one among us is in need.

Sacraments:

Baptism: Contact the parish office for registration and information.

First Communion: The next preparation session is on Friday, April 12th 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!

APRIL 7, 2024

Liturgy for the Second Week of Easter

Date	Day	Time	+ / *	Intention + Rest in Peace / * Intentions of	Requested by	Diocese
08-Apr	Mon	7pm	*	In Honour of our Blessed Virgin Mary	Lane MacDermid	The Annunciation of the Lord
09-Apr	Tue	7pm	+	Hector Therrien	Charlotte Therrien	Rev. Allen Varlaki
10-Apr	Wed	9:30am	+	Holy Souls in Purgatory	Gerald & Deirdre Walsh	Permanent Deacons
11-Apr	Thurs	9:30am	+	Linda Hosker Albanese	Annemarie Kinsman	Rev. Rajesh D'Souza, O.C.D.
12-Apr	Fri	9:30am	+	Alicia Cook	Joe & Mairead Keely	Rev. Jerzy Tomon
13-Apr	Sat	5pm	*	Michelle Danchak	Dave & Mary Lepper	Parents & Guardians
			*	The Cook & Jennings Families	Brenda Murray & Family	
			*	Peter & Janice Glover	Mariann MacArthur	
			*	Dave & Mary Lepper	Wendy Arscott	
			*	Thomas Family	Their Family	
14-Apr	Sun	9am	*	Edith Fries	Mariann MacArthur	Third Sunday of Easter
		11am	*	People of the Parish	N/A	

Divine Mercy Candle – Brenda Murray

March Prayers request for:

Intentions: Dave Lepper, Myles, Herman.

Deceased: Terry Blackwell.

Church Collections this week Regular contributions were \$2907, Easter \$2445, PAR \$1764/week. Thank you.

Canadian Food for Children CFFC accepts all food donations. Any items are welcome. Powdered milk and canned food are requested for April.

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 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

SVP is collecting non-sugar cereal (Corn Flakes, Cheerios, Rice Krispies) canned fruit, and peanut butter and jam during the month of April.

Vocations - Easter! Resurrection and new life; a new life shared from an earthen tomb. This has been the meaning of life for Christian people for two thousand years. There is nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. Come and share the thrill of proclaiming this truth through your life as a priest, religious or deacon.

Call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, 905-528-7988. Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

Sacraments:

Baptism



Entering into the Family of God

- St. Joseph Parish is pleased to welcome a new Catholic:

Mazie Linda Sutherland, daughter of Michael & Alisha Sutherland will be baptized on Sunday, April 7th at St.

Patrick Church. Congratulations to her family and friends.

First Communion

Please pray for Weston, Camryn, Clara, Lydia, Santino, Arabella, Loick, Miller, Isoline, Jaxson, Jett, Anais, Analia, Callaway, Hudson, Myles, Charlotte, Olivia, Waylon, Devyn and Wilma who are preparing to receive Jesus in their First Communion on the weekend of April 20/21. They went for their first Confession on Saturday.

"Hallelujah – Praise the Lord"

The Word Hallelujah comes from the Hebrew "Hallelu" that is an exhortation to a group people to praise someone or something. The English translation is "Praise, ye"

Yah" is a version of YHVH, the covenant name of Israel's God, the LORD. Hallelujah – Praise the LORD!

Second Sunday of Easter

Have you been training for the Bruce County Pentecost Pilgrimage?

Join David Starrs and others in six weeks, who will be walking from St. Joseph Church in Port Elgin throughout our beautiful Bruce County countryside on concession roads and rail trails to Immaculate Conception Church in Formosa. Mass will be celebrated on Sunday at 7 p.m. More information about itineraries, what to pack, and how to prepare can be found on our website, or contact David directly at davidjohnstarrs@gmail.com.

A Tour around the Globe



14 countries have been registered for our Tour around the Globe. On Sunday, May 26th, from 12 noon till 1 p.m. we will gather in Jubilee

Hall to learn more about these countries. If you want to adopt a country or a Canadian province, please register at the office.

Marriage Tip of the Month When we marry, we gain a spouse and his or her family. It is essential that we agree to ensure that we, as a couple, have the most important connection and that we remain united as a family unit when stresses with extended family arise. This means coming to agreement with each other on items such as how to celebrate holidays and traditions, the raising of children and other areas that directly impact us as a couple, even when family wants to have input. Our families can provide wonderful support to our marriage, but we must remember that the essential relationship is between our spouse and ourselves.

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, June 1st from 9:30 – 3:00 pm** at Catherine of Siena Parish in Hamilton. 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.

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 available on line at hamiltondiocese.com under Upcoming Events.

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, April 20, 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.

The seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost are celebrated as one great Feast day. St. Athanasius called them "the great Sunday". Christians sing the "Alleluia" during these days in their rejoicing.

Welcome seasonal parishioners!

Pope's Prayer Intention for April:

For the role of women – We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

The Annunciation of the Lord – Solemnity

The Annunciation of the Lord is celebrated on March 25, which was during Holy Week this year. It was moved to April 8, so please join us to honour our Blessed Virgin Mary on Monday, at 7 p.m.

Dear sister, dear brother, even if in your heart you have buried hope, do not give up: God is greater. Darkness and death do not have the last word. Be Strong, for with God nothing is lost!

Pope Francis

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Lost & Found

Please look at the entrance of the Church to see if
any of the items belong to you.

We have had a few mittens and hats left
over from the winter season.

We will donate any that remain after this weekend.