

## 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.

### **Church Collections**

This week's regular contributions were \$3172  
PAR \$1377/week  
Diocesan \$150  
Mission Co-op \$10

**Thank you to all who support our parish with your gifts.**

**SSVP Hot Line:**

**519-832-2207**



*October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

*Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## 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](#).

### **Sacraments:**

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

**First Communion:** Registration are open for the celebration on Easter.

**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 **Rosary Garden** is open weather permitting during office hours.

### **If we remain in Christ, we will bear fruit**

Both the first reading and the Gospel describe the people of Israel as a vineyard.

God has given them everything they need,  
sending prophets and even his own Son.

Yet the vines have yielded wild grapes,  
and the prophets and the Son have been killed.

The kingdom of God will be taken away from those who reject Christ and given  
instead to believers in Christ, who will produce its fruit.

### **"St. Catherine of Siena"**

The Dedication of a new Church in our day and age is great news because many churches have been closing around the world.

Fr. Francisco is attending on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3 p.m. in Hamilton.

*For this reason, the 11 am Mass at St. Joseph Church will be cancelled.*

Please plan to attend the 5 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church on Saturday,  
or the 9 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick Church on Sunday.

Liturgy of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time						
Date	Day	Time	+ RIP * Ints.	Intention	Requested by	Diocese
9-Oct-23	Mon	*	*	Pastor's Intentions	N/A	Rev. Timothy Higgins
10-Oct-23	Tue	7pm	+	Dianne Lasenby	Jack & Jo-anne Konings	Rev. Christopher Tracey
11-Oct-23	Wed	9:30am	+	Deceased Members of Lalonde Family	Brenda Murray	Chaplains
			*	Kevin Dashney	Paul & Catherine Motz	
			*	Dianne & Maurice Dalton	Eileen Fortney	
12-Oct-23	Thu	9:30am	+	Janine & Leonard Ross	Fern & Lucie Desbiens	Rev. Brendan McGrath
13-Oct-23	Fri	9:30am	*	Sam & Nora Waytowich	Norm & Karen Lalonde	Rev. Jason Kuntz
14-Oct-23	Sat	5pm	+	Mary-Jo Odrich	Edith Laflame	Rev. Grayson Hope
15-Oct-23	Sun	9am	*	People of the Parish		<b>Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
		11am	+	Rosemary Motz	Catherine & Paul Motz	

*Divine Mercy Candle* is lit this week for the intentions of Fr. Sordo and the Parish.  
**For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world!**

**Your actions speak louder than words** - Last Sunday, 23 parishioners gathered in front of St. Patrick Church to quietly and prayerfully defend the unborn in the Annual Life Chain.



**Canadian Food for Children CFFC** is a registered charity with the Canadian government. Donate at [Canada Helps](#) or in the collection box at the back of both churches. Donations of Salt and Bar Soap are accepted for October. Items can be placed in the bin at the main entrance to the church. A label with CFFC on the item would be appreciated to distinguish it from a SVP donation.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul** –You can contribute regular monthly donations to St. Vincent de Paul by Preauthorized Remittance (PAR). Contact the parish office to register. This week they are collecting oatmeal, granola bars, crackers. Thank you for your generosity.

**Knights of Columbus - Council 6736** is having a Fall Collection Drive in support of the Grey Bruce Pregnancy Centre - please consider donating your gently used items. This will be held from Saturday, October 7th until Sunday, October 15th, 2023 - at Saint Patrick and Saint Joseph Churches following the masses. A bin will be at the rear entryway at St Patrick's and a bin will be in the narthex of St Joseph's. Grey Bruce Pregnancy Centre has need of the following items: Rubber or Winter Boots all sizes (up to 12), Clothing for Boys - sizes 3 to 10, Clothing for Girls - sizes 5 to 10, Baby Toiletries and Strollers Single and Double, and baby toys. Please ask your family and friends if they may have some of these items available for donation. Thank you for your support of the Fall Collection. For further details, please contact Mark Lukas [lukas@bmts.com](mailto:lukas@bmts.com).

**October – Month of the Rosary** - During the month of October, parishioners will gather 20 minutes before the weekday Masses, to pray the Rosary. All are welcome to join them.

**2023 – 2024 Sunday Missals** are now available at a cost of \$5 each. We begin using the new missals on the First Sunday of Advent, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Be sure to get your copy while quantities are available.

*It is fitting for God's people to offer public thanks for all the gifts we have received.*

## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### **A call for the families of all Grade 2 Students**

This is an important year for your child!

As a parish, we are ready to support your family at the time of preparation for the Sacraments of First Communion and First Reconciliation. We look forward to helping you and your child feel welcomed, well-prepared, and ready to receive the Sacraments. If your neighbour or someone you know has a Grade 2 Student, please pass this message.

Information Night: October 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m. at Jubile Hall.

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**R.C.I.A.** Candidates are gathering to discern and gauge readiness on Saturdays at 10 a.m. in the downstairs Hall. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, or if you want to become Catholic, or you haven't received the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation, please call the parish office for more information on how to join the group.

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### **Kindergarten Registration at St. Joseph's School for children born in 2020**

When: Thursday, October 26, 2023

Time: 4pm-6pm

Location: St. Joseph's School - Gym

Please RSVP to [kelly.macarthur@bgcdsb.org](mailto:kelly.macarthur@bgcdsb.org) to confirm your attendance, or call 519-389-5435 to book an appointment.

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### **Men's Discernment Group - Invitation**

If you would like to explore the possibility of becoming a Catholic priest, please join me, Father Mark Morley, and other men who are discerning their vocation, by attending our diocesan Men's Discernment Group. Our first meeting for the Fall will be held on Friday, October 20th at 7:00pm at St. Michael Church, 80 University Ave W, Waterloo, ON. We will gather in the hall. Please use the side doors at the front of the church. If you would like to attend, or have any questions, please contact me: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

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*The bountiful produce of the earth is a visible sign of the many blessings God wants to shower on us through Christ.*

*Our God also wants us to share the goods of the earth with all people.*

### **Marriage Support**

Your marriage doesn't have to feel like it is more trouble than joy, that it feels stagnant or disconnected and/or that it is causing you constant stress. The solution is Retrouvaille - a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille has one purpose: 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, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend is Oct. 20-22. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email [teamrecine@gmail.com](mailto:teamrecine@gmail.com).

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### **Parenting Tip of the Month-** Parenting Tip 153

October is the month we celebrate Thanksgiving, a time to reflect on all God has blessed us with in our world. The harvest is evident at this time of year, but remind your children of the intricate way God created the world so humans could live. Remind them that they are part of his creative plan and their gifts and talents are like food allowing the world to thrive. And remind them that God ensured they would have faith and family to support them throughout their lives. There is so much to be thankful for, and an attitude of gratitude can provide a positive impact on our emotional and mental health, so help your children give thanks for all they have been given!

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*Don't lose heart if it is your lot to work much and gather little. If you considered what one soul alone costs Jesus, you would never complain. – St. Pius of Pietrelcina*

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### **Marriage Tip of the Month-** Marriage Tip 133

There are many strategies we use to support our partners when they are under stress, but researcher Sarah Walker of the University of Sydney and her team found that two seem to have the most impact. Receptive listening, allowing your spouse to share detail about the situation without having you providing judgment or advice, and telling your spouse how much they matter to you, called valuing, are the two that provide the most benefit to your partner. Try these proven techniques and you will find a receptive and happier husband/wife in your life!

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**Attention:**

**On Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

The 11 a.m. Mass will be

**CANCELLED**

Please plan to attend the

5 p.m. Mass on Saturday at St. Joseph Church or the  
9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday at St. Patrick Church in Southampton

**Shop LOCAL – Spend LOCAL**  
**Eat LOCAL – Enjoy LOCAL**  
And support the local business  
that support your parish