

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 \$3829

PAR \$1410/week
Diocesan \$50

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519-832-2207**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King



November 26th, 2023

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: The first preparation session is on Friday, February 16th 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.

We celebrate Jesus, our king and true shepherd

“To which king should I be loyal?”

is not a question many of us face in modern times, but for both faithful Jews and followers of Jesus, it was a decision on which their lives could literally depend. We realize how relevant the question remains when we ask, “Who or what reigns in my life?” The answer determines both our present and future joy



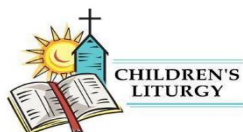
Divine Mercy Chaplet

Immediately after the 5 pm Mass on Saturdays, you are invited to pray together the Divine Mercy Chaplet at St. Joseph Church.

The Liturgy of the Word for Children is Back

Sundays at the 11 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church

Children's Liturgy is about breaking open the Word of God for young people (ages 3 – 9).



Liturgy of the Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Date	Day	Time	+RIP *Ints.	Intention	Requested by	Diocese
27-Nov-23	Mon	*		Pastor's Intentions	N/A	Rev. Roger Yaworski, S.J.
28-Nov-23	Tue	7pm	*	Harry & Leona Orszynowicz & Family	A parishioner	Parents & Guardians
29-Nov-23	Wed	9:30am	*	Trudy Cook & Family	A parishioner	Fraternity of the Poor of Jesus Christ (p.j.c.)
			*	Knights of Columbus Council 6739	A parishioner	
			+	Joseph Gerard Murray	Caroline Przybysz	
			+	Ines Scapinello	Danise Scapinello	
			+	Gus Vidotto	Sergio & Connie Vidotto	
30-Nov-23	Thu	9:30am	+	Ewa Milek	Caroline Przybysz	Rev. Edward Hampson
1-Dec-23	Fri	9:30am	+	Fr. Terry Sehl	Dave & Mary Lepper	Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger
2-Dec-23	Sat	5pm	+	Adriana Kramer	Dave & Mary Lepper	Rev. David Reilander
3-Dec-23	Sun	9am	*	Kevin & Jane Barrett	Brenda Murray	1st Sunday Advent
		11am	*	People of the Parish	N/A	

Divine Mercy Candle – For Julie Desbiens.

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world!

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 dry lentils and vegetable oil are accepted for November.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank – You can contribute regular monthly donations to St. Vincent de Paul by Preauthorized Remittance (PAR).

SVP Angel Tree – On behalf of SSVP and our families in need, please purchase a gift card from Walmart, Giant Tiger or Food Basics for a \$25 value. Gift cards are to be returned by Dec 10th.



Nothing beats a new pair of socks!



St. Vincent de Paul Society is collecting new warm socks (all sizes), for our local families in need.

Please consider buying one or two pairs, and placing them in our SVP box in the vestibule.

December 1st – First Friday. An opportunity to be in silence with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament from 10 am to 12 pm.

Liturgy this week:

Thurs. Nov. 30 – St. Andrew Aspotle (F)

F – Feast
M – Memorial
S – Solemnity

Bambinelli Sunday - For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families, and the families themselves, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. The blessing generally takes place on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent. The blessing of the 'Bambinelli' – as they are known in Rome – reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy. All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass on Sunday, Dec. 17 at all Masses to be blessed. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day and as you lay Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.

CHRIST THE KING

First Communion 2024

Next preparation session is Friday, February 16th at 6:30 p.m. in Jubilee Hall.

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 would like to sponsor or accompany a candidate, call the parish office. We will celebrate the Rite of welcoming for **Maya, Milan and Middon Verma** next Sunday, December 3rd, at the 9 a.m. Mass.

"Keep Christ in Christmas"- Father Thomas J Clancy - Knights of Columbus Council 6736 is running the traditional Poster Contest "Keep Christ in Christmas", open to youth ages 4 to 15. NEW THIS YEAR - There are five (5) categories Grade Kindergarten, Grade 1 - 2, Grade 3 - 4, Grade 5 - 6 and Grade 7 - 8.

Posters must reflect the theme of Keep Christ in Christmas, and it should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan and any visual images) of a single person. Posters should be approximately 11x17 inches (nothing larger, smaller are acceptable). If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used, the poster must be laminated or covered in clear plastic. Each poster must be accompanied by Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest entry form (5025). Please print name and grade of the entrant on the reverse side of the poster, as well. Deadline for submissions to the contest is Friday, December 8th, 2023 (all submissions will be picked up on that day) There are cash prizes being awarded to the winner of each category, at the Council Level. Any questions please feel free to contact Mark Lukas by email (lukas@bmts.com).

Christmas Potluck Dinner & Carols-

Saturday, December 16 at 6 p.m.

Please sign the potluck sheet with your name and the plate you are bringing before December 9th. Everyone is welcome!

Cookies & Carols

Join us on the first weekend of Advent (Sunday) for cookies and Carols in Jubilee Hall after the 11 am Mass. Your Hosts: The Rector Family. Everyone is welcome!

The Last Week of the Liturgical Year is devoted to eschatological themes: Christ the King will restore all creation and restore his kingdom to the Father. The risen people of God will rejoice in a new heaven and a new earth. *"There, with the whole of creation, freed from the corruption of sin and death, may we glorify you through Christ our Lord."* (Eucharistic Prayer IV)

Grief Relief

Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? Are you wondering if your feelings are normal? You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton will offer a six week grief program starting January 17, 2024. The sessions are held from 1:30-3:00pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West. You are welcome to join in person or by zoom. To register go to hamiltondiocese.com and look for the start date under upcoming events.

Coping with the Holidays

... when someone you love is gone


When:	Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023
Time:	1:30 - 3:00 P.M.
Where:	Diocesan Chancery Office (In Person) 700 King St. West, Hamilton Or by Zoom (please contact us to receive the link)
Cost:	FREE of charge
Presenter:	Mrs. Teresa Hartnett (Director of Family Ministry)

Register at hamiltondiocese.com (under Upcoming Events) or call Sarah to reserve a seat at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. You can attend this session in person or join by Zoom.

When it does not feel like "Peace on Earth"
Know that you are not alone.
Learn strategies for
Coping at Christmas because
Your loss is not forgotten.

St. Joseph Little Store - Going shopping? Please consider St. Joseph Little Store for your gifts this Christmas. It is a good way to remind family and friends that Christmas is for Christ. Open Tue-Fri 10-3, and before and after weekend Masses.

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