

## St. Joseph Church

**Location:** 920 Wellington St.,  
Port Elgin, ON



### Masses:

Saturday, 5 p.m.  
Sunday, 11 a.m.  
Tuesday, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, 9 a.m.  
Friday, 9 a.m.

### Confessions:

Saturday, 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

## St. Patrick Church

**Location:** 36 Albert St. S. (Hwy 21),  
Southampton, ON



### Masses:

Sunday, 9 a.m.  
Thursday, 9 a.m.

### Confessions:

Thursday, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

## St. Joseph Elementary School

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# SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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St. Joseph Elementary School <https://stj.bgcdsb.org>

St. Mary's High School <https://smhs.bgcdsb.org>

### Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Francisco J. Sordo

Administrator: Rosalie Scarlett

Secretary/Receptionist: Gloria Villamil

### Parish Office Hours:

Tuesday to Friday 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### Welcome and Registration:

If you are new in the area, we welcome you to worship with us.  
Please find the registration form [on our website](#).

### Sacraments:

**Confessions:** Saturdays, 4:00 – 4:45 p.m. at St. Joseph Church &  
Thursdays, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. at St. Patrick Church

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

**First Communion:** Registration for 2023 is now open.

**Confirmation:** Registration for 2023 is now open.

**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, Marriage & Funerals can also be celebrated in Spanish.**

### Church Collections

This week's contributions were \$3975.50, and \$155 for Diocesan.

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

SSVP Hot Line: **519-832-2207**

### Registrations are open for

- Sacrament of First Communion, for children in Grade 2.
- Sacrament of Confirmation for students in Grades 7 & 8.

## September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Date	Day	* / +	Mass Intention (+ Deceased or * Intention)	Requested by	Clergy Hamilton Diocese
12-Sep-22	Mon	*	Pastor's Intentions	N/APPL	Rev. Jarek Pachocki, O.M.I.
13-Sep-22	Tue	+	Anne Bartazon	Joan Schnurr	Rev. Hanh Van Tran, O.M.I.
14-Sep-22	Wed	+	Arin Vlcek	Connie Vidotto	Salesians of St. Don Bosco (S.D.B.)
15-Sep-22	Thu	+	Fred O'Donnell	Gaetane & Jerry Orsztynowicz	Rev. Adam Voisin
16-Sep-22	Fri	+	Ron Harding	Deborah Jennings	Rev. David Wilhelm
17-Sep-22	Sat	*	Dave Lepper	Margaret Predon	Rev. Jeffery Oehring
Sunday	9am -	*	People of the Parish	N/APPL	<b>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
18-Sep-22	11am	+	Emmanuel Gob	Violeta & Max Hernandez	

### Baptism. – Entering into the Body of Christ!



St. Joseph Parish is pleased to welcome a new Catholic: **Nolan Alexander**, Son of John and Katelyn Poulsen, who will be baptized this Sunday, September 11.

We offer our congratulations and prayers to her family and friends.

### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

- Have you been attending Mass with your Catholic spouse even though you are not Catholic?
- Would you like to become member of the Catholic Church?
- Are you an adult who has never been baptized?
- Were you baptized in another Christian Church?
- Are you baptized Catholic adult who has not yet received First Communion or Confirmation?

If your answer is YES to any of these questions, call Father Francisco for more information about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults R.C.I.A.

### September Hot Dog & Apple Cider Fellowship. –

Next week join us for a Hot dog supper on Saturday after the 7 pm Mass and Hot dog lunch on Sunday after the 11 am Mass at Jubilee Hall. Beverages will be provided! By donation.

**"The Knights of Columbus** would like to thank all those who contributed to the Roses For Life Campaign. \$660.00 was raised by your generosity. These funds will help local organizations to promote the value of life from conception until natural death."

**The Catholic Women's League** will resume their monthly meetings on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Mass will be celebrated at 7 pm followed by the meeting in Jubilee Hall. New members are always welcome!

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Formation Workshop - **September 17th, 2022**, St. Joseph Parish, Port Elgin, 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM  
The *Evangelization and Catechesis* and *Liturgy's offices* are pleased to offer **Children's Liturgy of the Word** ministry formation workshops which will include:

- Rebuilding after COVID
- Overview of Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Leading and participating this ministry
- Experiences
- Guidelines
- Resources
- Screening

**Jubilee Hall Rentals.** – Weddings, anniversaries, baptisms, showers, birthdays. To inquire about rentals, please contact the Parish office.

### **Life Chain 2021 –**

Spread the Message of Hope that Life Matters  
 Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 @ 2 PM  
 Southampton, in front of St. Patrick Church  
 It is a time of silent prayer to end abortion.

### **Help us to keep our Records Updated.**

If you have moved into the area and wish to join our faith community, please register using the [registration form](#). When you are moving away, please be sure to inform the parish office.

### **Protect and promote Catholic Education:**

Did you know that you have to register as a Catholic, to vote for a Catholic Trustee at the upcoming elections on Monday, October 24? If you are unsure, call 1866-296-6722 to verify your registration for school support.

### **Pray for Vocations:**

God is the Father with open arms. Who will preach this Good News of reconciliation? Consider service as a priest, deacon, brother or sister. If God is calling you contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988).

Email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)  
[www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)

**Canadian Food for Children.-** As always, we are grateful for your monetary donation. You can mail cheques to: Canadian Food for Children, 1258 Lakeshore Rd. E., Mississauga, ON L5E 1E9 or donate on line via [CanadaHelps](#). Or use a collection box at the entrance of the church.

### **Liturgy this week:**

Tues, Sept. 13 – St. John Chrysostom (Memorial)  
 Wed, Sept. 14 – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast)  
 Thurs, Sept. 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows (Memorial)  
 Fri, Sept. 16 – St. Cornelius & St. Cyprian (Memorial)

**Society of Saint Vincent de Paul** is collecting the following items

- Packets or cans of Hot Chocolate
- Tooth brushes for adults and children
- Face cloths

You can place your donations at the box at the entrance of the Church before Masses. You also can support by

- Sending your donation to the parish office
- Donating on line via [Canada Helps](#)
- Contributing regular monthly donations to St. Vincent de Paul by PreAuthorized Remittance (PAR). Contact the parish office to register.

Thank you for your generosity!

### **Parenting Tip of the Month - Parenting Tip 142.**

As parents, we love our children unconditionally, but the tasks involved are still challenging. There are many moments when our children can annoy us, test us and even defy us! Our response can be the difference between positive learning and damage to our relationship. What is a parent's best strategy? Learn to pause between the time a problem occurs and the time you respond. Take a moment to count to ten, take a deep breath, close your eyes, say a quick prayer, or take your own time out. When you are calm and collected, address the issue in the way you feel will work best to solve the issue, not one based on high emotions. Family Ministry Office: 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

### **Marriage Tip of the Month - Marriage Tip 122.**

Conflict in any relationship is inevitable, but how we handle that conflict is not. When it comes to the spousal relationship, we often experience reoccurring conflict, which is not easily resolved because it is the result of fundamental differences in how we live in and/or view our world. Since it is hard to change a person's natural inclinations, couples have to find ways to resolve the ongoing conflict in ways that do not harm the love they feel for each other. One way to do this is to sit together when you are calm and find a middle ground that will work for both of you. We like to be right, so both partners will have to suspend their own desire and look for a workable solution for both. The benefit? Calmer moments, more shared love and a happy household! Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

***On the Death of Queen Elizabeth II***, Pope Francis sent a message from the Vatican to King Charles III: “Deeply saddened to learn of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, I offer heartfelt condolences to Your Majesty, the Members of the Royal Family, the People of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. I willingly join all who mourn her loss in praying for the late Queen’s eternal rest, and in paying tribute to her life of unstinting service to the good of the Nation and the Commonwealth, her example of devotion to duty, her steadfast witness of faith in Jesus Christ and her firm hope in his promises. Commending her noble soul to the merciful goodness of our Heavenly Father, I assure Your Majesty of my prayers that Almighty God will sustain you with his unfailing grace as you now take up your high responsibilities as King. Upon you and all who cherish the memory of your late mother, I invoke an abundance of divine blessings as a pledge of comfort and strength in the Lord.” FRANCISCUS

***The Priests Serving in the Diocese of Hamilton*** completed the first Priests’ Seminar in three years this week! The three-day session, entitled REIMAGINING OUR PREACHING, focused on the art of preparing the Sunday homily. Archbishop Paul-Andre Durocher from Gatineau, Quebec, was the keynote speaker on the opening evening. He outlined the challenges and blessings of being a Priest today. Father Michael Connors, CSC, Director of the John S. Marten Program in Homiletics and Liturgies at Notre Dame University, led the Priests through an informative reflection on the preparation and delivery of homilies that touch hearers’ minds and hearts! Between the sessions, there were lively discussions and happy opportunities to welcome new Priests to the Diocese!

***The Annual Season of Creation*** began last week and continues until October 4th. The season provides special opportunities to focus our efforts and reflect on our responsibilities as stewards of creation. To be better informed and to actively participate, check out the resource guide [here](#). If you are hosting an event that you would like to share, contact Sarah Guinta at the Diocesan Office of Justice and Peace.

***Caritas Pakistan*** is responding after devastating floods have impacted one-third of the country, destroying infrastructure, and killing 1200 people so far. Donations can be made [here](#) or through Development and Peace/Caritas Canada.

***Truth and Reconciliation Week*** takes place the last week of September. The programming has expanded to include age-appropriate material for Grades 1 through 12, centered around the theme ‘Remembering the Children’. Indigenous knowledge keepers will share with young people. Further information can be found [here](#). The *Fourth Indigenous Legacy Gathering* takes place at Nathan Phillips Square, September 29-30, 2022. It is a lively event celebrating Indigenous music, dance, drumming, workshops, artists and performers.

***The Catholic Women’s League of Canada***, founded in 1920, is the largest national organization of women in Canada, with more than 63,000 members represented in every province and the military. The League has received the commendation and appreciation of federal, provincial and municipal leaders for the voluntary services performed by its membership. The priority for 2022 is to encourage the enactment of federal legislation to reduce food loss and waste. The current theme is *Catholic and Living It!* Shari Guinta, from St. Michael Parish in Waterloo, is President-elect of the League! Catholic women are encouraged to become members of The League.

***The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Reflection***  
The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. Countless generations of artists have turned it into a thing of beauty to be carried in procession or worn as jewelry. To the eyes of the first Christians, it had no beauty. It stood outside too many city walls, decorated only with decaying corpses, as a threat to anyone who defied Rome’s authority—including Christians who refused sacrifice to Roman gods. Although believers spoke of the cross as the instrument of salvation, it seldom appeared in Christian art unless disguised as an anchor or the Chi-Rho until after Constantine’s edict of toleration.

To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica’s dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.