

Liturgy for the Third Week of Lent

Date	Day	Time	Intention + Rest in Peace / * Intentions of	Requested by	Diocese
13-Mar-23	Mon		* Pastor's Intentions	N/APPL	Rev. Mark Sullivan
14-Mar-23	Tue	7pm	+ Hector Therrien	Jack & Jo-Anne Konings	Rev. David Wilhelm
15-Mar-23	Wed	9:30am	+ Yvonne Keenan	Len & Helen Tackaberry	Lay Parish Ministers
			+ Ines Scapinello	St. Joseph CWL	
			+ Hector Therrien	Dave & Mary Lepper	
16-Mar-23	Thu	9:30am	+ Marie Enright	Fern & Lucie Desbiens	Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen
17-Mar-23	Fri	7pm	+ Bill Motz	Catherine & Paul Motz	Rev. Stephen Gilbert - St. Patrick Day
18-Mar-23	Sat	5pm	+ Ron Laflamme	Edith Laflamme	Rev. George Stortz
19-Mar-23	Sun	9am	+ Yvonne Keenan	St. Joseph CWL	Fourth Sunday of Lent
		11am	* People of the Parish	N/APPL	

Prayer Hour at St. Patrick - Wednesdays during Lent, St. Patrick Church will be open from 6:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. for silent prayer. All are invited to come.

Celebrating our Patron's Feast Days:

- Friday, March 17 – St. Patrick, Bishop – 7:00 p.m. Mass, followed by the Stations of the Cross, at St. Patrick Church.
- Monday, March 20 – St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary – 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church

Canadian Food for Children is a registered charity with the Canadian government. All donations collected go towards feeding the poorest of the poor in developing countries throughout the world. Each dollar that you donate can provide 20 nutritious meals. Donate at [Canada Helps](#) or at the collection box at the back of St. Joseph Church.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul - You can now contribute regular monthly donations to St. Vincent de Paul by PreAuthorized Remittance (PAR). Contact the parish office, to register. Thank you for your generosity in helping feed our local people in their time of need.

Winter Weather – Road and sidewalk conditions remind us of the extra need to be cautious in exercising any of our commitments, including attending Mass. In the event of severe winter weather conditions, we advise parishioners to avoid dangerous driving/walking. However, the priest will celebrate Mass even if it is on his own. Doors will still be opened for those who are able to make it safely. *Do not feel obliged to come just because the Mass/priest will celebrate.*

I pray to God to give me perseverance and to deign that I be a faithful witness to him to the end of my life for my God. - St. Patrick

St. Joseph Church

Location: 920 Wellington St.
Port Elgin, ON



Masses:

Saturday, 5 p.m.
Sunday, 11 a.m.
Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

Confessions:

Saturday, 4-4:45 p.m.

St. Patrick Church

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



Masses:

Sunday, 9 a.m.
Thursday, 9:30 a.m.
Friday, 7 p.m.

Confessions:

Thursday, 10-10:30 a.m.

Parish Office Hours :

Tuesday to Friday
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Third Sunday of



March 12th, 2023

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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](#).

Church Collections

This week's contributions were \$2690.45. Diocesan \$3185.

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

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

Sacraments:

Confessions: Thursdays, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. at St. Patrick Church
Baptism: Contact the parish office for registration and information.
First Communion: will take place on Saturday **April 22, 2023**.
Confirmation: will take place on Saturday **April 29, 2023**.
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

**If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.**

Just as Jesus approaches the outcast Samaritan woman at the well with intimate knowledge of her history and her heart, so, too, does Christ approach us. He comes with the offer of living water that will forever satiate our thirst if only we soften our hearts to hear his voice.

Lenten Movie Nights

Join us on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. – Jubilee Hall
March 15 – The Potter: Reflections of a Master Artisan
March 22 – The War Room
March 29 - Mother Teresa No Greater Love (Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus)

The Potter: Reflections of a Master Artisan

Synopsis: From his studio nestled along the Arkansas River in Colorado, potter Dave Blakeslee says, “One of the things I love about God is that He is a creative God.” Watch and listen as he shapes, glazes, and fires ceramic works of art and describes how the Master Potter forms and transforms lives. Discover how God can mold you into a beautiful vessel uniquely designed for His glory in this *Day of Discovery* presentation, The Potter. 50 min
Join us this Wednesday March 15th at 7 p.m. - Jubilee Hall. Popcorn will be served.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word

**Sundays during the 11 a.m. Mass
All children ages 4 to 9 are welcome!**

Stations of the Cross: - 7 p.m.

March 17 @ St. Patrick Church – 7:30 p.m.
March 24 @ St. Joseph Church
March 31 @ St. Patrick Church
Good Friday April 7 @ St. Patrick Church



**The Stations
of the Cross**

Performed by the Intermediate
Students

Directed by Lucie Desbiens
Performances at St. Joseph School
Thursday, March 23 – 7 p.m.
Friday March 24 – 2 p.m.
Come and be with Jesus on this journey!

First Scrutiny. Catechumens (those preparing for baptism at Easter) begin three weeks of scrutinies today. They scrutinize their lives in the light of Jesus’ life. The primary symbol in the reading of this Sunday is water. Water is a symbol of life, and it indicates that God wishes to give us life, as shown in the stories of the Israelites in the desert and the woman from Samaria at the well.

The Gospel of this day, the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well, tells us of a remarkable meeting. Jesus asks her for some water, but he also offers her living waters, promising eternal life. As the woman talks to Jesus, her life is revealed to her. This does not result in scorn or condemnation, but healing, forgiveness and new life. She sees the truth about herself and sees God face to face.

**A meditation on the Passion of Christ
Grieving over Darkness,
Reflecting on Redemption**



Spy Wednesday, April 5

8:00 – 9:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Parish

The Most Anticipated Event in 2023

New Production

Tenebrae originated from an early Christian ritual. The name comes from the Latin word meaning "darkness". The service includes candles, scriptural readings and chant to help us reflect on the Lord’s Passion. During the service, a candle will be extinguished after each reading. The gradual darkness helps us experience some of Christ’s pain and suffering on the day of His crucifixion. As it becomes darker, we can meditate on the great emotional and physical pain that was very real for Jesus.

**Tenebrae....The Passion of Christ, A
Journey through the Senses**

St. Patrick’s Day

Please note that on Friday, March 17th, Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick Church at 7 p.m. and the Station of the Cross at 7:30 p.m.

There is no 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph

ReSTART: Moving Forward – Join us for our new and updated program offering support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The program runs from Tuesday, March 21st to May 23rd. The sessions take place from 7-9 p.m. at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. W. in person, or you are welcome to join using our zoom classroom. Cost is \$25 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration is required so please call Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

The 2023 Diocesan Wedding Anniversary

Time is running out! Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2023? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 16, 2023 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 1 guest if you require assistance).

Marriage Tip of the Month- Marriage Tip 128

- A fundamental principle of our Catholic faith is that mercy must be part of our lived experience. Practicing forgiveness in all areas of our lives is important, but it is especially necessary in marriage. The intimate relationship of marriage means there will be hurt, anger and resentment between us at times; and, in these moments, we must both seek and provide forgiveness. When we live with a merciful heart, instead of becoming hardened to the goodness in our spouse, we see the good, the joyful and the love that they carry for us. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

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