

## St. Joseph Church

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



### **Masses this week:**

Saturday, 5 p.m.  
Sunday, 11 a.m.  
Tuesday, No Mass  
Wednesday, No Mass  
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, No Mass

### **Confessions:**

No confessions this day

### **Parish Office Hours :**

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

### **Church Collections**

This week's regular contributions were \$2964  
PAR \$1377/week  
Diocesan \$25  
Mission Co-op \$210

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

**SSVP Hot Line:**

**519-832-2207**

Twenty-second Sunday in



September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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:** Registration will start in the Fall 2023

**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! Come and pray any time during office hours.

### **Take up [your] cross, and follow me.**

Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he would have to suffer, die, and be raised on the third day. The disciples did not immediately understand, but we know that those who wish to follow Jesus into eternal life must take up their cross as well. For whoever loses their life for Jesus' sake will find it.

### **Gospel of Matthew: The King and His Kingdom.**

Join Fr. Francisco in the 24 sessions on Thursdays, spread out through the year, starting on September 14, from 7-9 p.m.

**Mass at Elgin Lodge:** Join us for the celebration of the Holy Mass at Elgin Lodge next Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:15 p.m.

There will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** at 10 a.m. followed by Adoration in silence until 11:45, then, Benediction and Reposition, all Fridays in September.

**"... but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you'"** - Ephesians 5.13-14

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

<b>Liturgy of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time</b>						
Date	Day	Time	+RIP * Ints.	Intention	Requested by	Diocese
4-Sep-23	Mon	-	*	Pastor's Intentions	N/A	Rev. Henryk Krajewski, C.R.
5-Sep-23	Tue	-	-	No Mass Scheduled		Rev. Romelito Guillen
6-Sep-23	Wed	-	-	No Mass Scheduled		Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate (S.O.L.I.)
7-Sep-23	Thu	-	-	No Mass Scheduled		Rev. Thomas Manninezhath, C.M.I.
8-Sep-23	Fri	9:30am	*	Dave Lepper	Larry and Susan Romanowich	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9-Sep-23	Sat	5pm	*	Mary Kischuck	Brenda Murray	Rev. Lukasz Kopaniak, S.A.C.
10-Sep-23	Sun	9am	*	Murray Reid	Douglas & Pierrette Harvey	<b>Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
		11am	*	People of the Parish	N/A	



*Welcome  
our newest  
members in  
Christ*

St. Joseph Parish is pleased to welcome new Catholics:

**Ethan Fraser Jackson**, son of Dana & Eric Jackson, will be baptized this Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> during the 11 a.m. Mass.

**Ximena Guarneros Torres**, daughter of Sergio Guarneros and Veronica Torres, will be baptized this Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, at St. Joseph Church. Congratulations to their families and friends.

**Divine Mercy Candle.** This week the candle is lit for the repose of the soul of Jerzy Czarnik, and for comfort and peace for Sylwia Czarnik. **For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world!**

**Liturgy this week:**

Fri. Sept. 8 – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (F)

F- Feast  
M – Memorial  
S – Solemnity

**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.

**Pope Francis' Prayer for Workers**

Lord God lookdown upon us! Look at this city. Look upon our families.  
 Lord, you were not without a job, you were a carpenter, you were happy.  
 Lord, we have no work.  
 The idols want to rob us of our dignity. The unjust systems want to rob us of hope.  
 Lord, do not leave us on our own. Help us to help each other; so that we forget our selfishness a little and feel in our heart the "we", the we of a people who want to keep on going.  
 Lord Jesus, you were never out of work, give us work and teach us to fight for work and bless us all.  
 In the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Happy Labour Day!**

**Frassati Leadership Program** - The Office of Youth Ministry will be holding a Catholic leadership program for young people in grade ten (ages 15-16). This program will equip them and encourage them to draw closer to Christ and their respective communities. The goal of this program is that young people will join us for opportunities for formation as Catholic leaders and then go back to their respective communities to turn their learning into practice. Registration for this program closes September 30<sup>th</sup> and can be found at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/>.

**Youth Ministers Retreat-** The annual Youth Ministers' Retreat for the Diocese of Hamilton will be held the weekend of Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at Mount Mary Retreat Centre. The retreat is open to all those who minister to young people within the diocese. Information and registration about the retreat can be found at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/> or contacting [youthministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:youthministry@hamiltondiocese.com).

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**Diocesan Marian Days** – The Diocesan Marian Days continue on the first Saturday of the month (September 2 and October 7, 2023), at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. The day starts with Confessions at 9:00 a.m. followed by Holy Mass at 10:00 and a Rosary Procession at 11:00 a.m. Guided Tours of the Basilica are available during lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Holy Hour and Marian Catechesis start at 1:00 p.m. followed by the closing Benediction at 2:00 p.m. All are invited to join! Please bring a lunch. Contact the Basilica for more information: (519) 824-3951.

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#### **Struggling After an Abortion?**

Either your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is available to help. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, to find hope and healing. **Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.**

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**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. They are collecting black beans, kidney beans, bean medley, canned lentils, dry lentils, this week. Thank you for your generosity.

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#### **SSVP is making a difference in John's Life**

As told on August 29, 2023

John is a 42 year old divorced father of two daughters living in a small apartment in Port Elgin. His daughters do not live with him. He relies on SSVP to provide food and toiletries each month. He had no regular income until just recently when he was approved for ODSP after a 15 month long application process. Out of that limited income, he pays support payments to help his daughters.



*How did John end up in this situation?*

John grew up in a physically and mentally abusive household with an abusive mother and alcoholic father where he never felt safe. While his father had good work and owned a family business for a time, John lived with his mother. At age 20 he re-connected with his now recovered father and moved from the city to Port Elgin. John is a welder by trade. He has had many challenges obtaining and keeping jobs over the years due to his diagnoses of severe ADHD, panic disorder, bipolar disorder and depression. He has seen numerous doctors and been prescribed many different medications over many years to try and mitigate the effects of his mental health disorders. It was discovered that he suffered a serious head injury as a child. He has short term memory loss and struggles with sleep. He participated in research studies done on ADHD, all to try and feel better and become self sufficient. John moved around a lot in his life and tried to keep a steady job despite his disordered thinking and mental health diagnoses. He is finally on medications that make him feel more in control and capable. He works with a CMHA social worker who provides regular consultations and encouragement. His father is now retired and living in eastern Canada. John hopes to be able to move there and find steady work as the cost of living and affordable housing availability is much better than in Saugeen Shores. John states he feels more able to cope because of his CMHA social worker and SSVP's kindness, food and listening support. Along with his food delivery, an SSVP volunteer provided John with other area food bank and transportation information that he could use when needed.

John graciously agreed to tell his story, saying he is happy to do whatever he can to help SSVP help others.

If you can, please help us to help people in untenable situations like John's.

Thank you

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**September Pope's Prayer Intention** – We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

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**HA HA HAI!**

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own

cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?" "Yes, Sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago." "Oh," she paused, "Grandpa, did God make me too?" "Yes, indeed, honey," he said, "God made you just a little while ago." Feeling their respective faces again, the little girl observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't He?"