

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. **Spanish**

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 \$2738
PAR \$1377/week
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SSVP Hot Line:

519-832-2207

Twenty-fourth Sunday in



September 17th, 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 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.

We cannot claim forgiveness only for ourselves; God's mercy is for all

We are all the same flesh: fellow sinners, servants, and debtors, and God's mercy is for us all. We cannot seek pardon for ourselves yet refuse mercy to others. We must forgive as we have been forgiven. In the community of God's covenant, mercy is shared, *not seven times but seventy-seven times*, as Jesus teaches.

Gospel of Matthew: The King and His Kingdom

Join Fr. Francisco in the 24 sessions on Thursdays, from 7-9 p.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

All Fridays in September at 10 a.m. This week Kimberly Hahn will talk virtually about Mary's Sorrows, then, adoration in silence until 11:45, and Benediction and Reposition.

"... 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

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

Liturgy of the Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Date	Day	Time	+ RIP * Ints.	Intention	Requested by	Diocese
18-Sep-23	Mon	*	*	Pastor's Intentions	N/A	Rev. Krzysztof Szkubera, C.R.
19-Sep-23	Tue	7pm	+	Sergio Malpica	Jessica Malpica	Rev. Sunil D'Souza, O.C.D.
20-Sep-23	Wed	9:30am	*	Dave & Mary Lepper	Larry and Susan Romanowich	Salesians of St. Don Bosco (S.D.B.)
21-Sep-23	Thu	9:30am	+	William Motz	Catherine & Paul Motz	Rev. Melvin Pinto, O.C.D.
22-Sep-23	Fri	9:30am	*	Therese Saunders	Brenda Murray	Rev. Vivek Trindade
23-Sep-23	Sat	5pm	+	John Kischuck	Mary Kischuck & Family	Rev. Raphael Ma, C.R.
24-Sep-23	Sun	9am	*	People of the Parish	N/A	Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
		11am	+	Kevin Walker	Brent & Deborah Jennings	

World Day of Migrants and Refugees – September 24

A World Day of Migrant and Refugees is observed in many places in solidarity with the World Refugee Day promoted by the United Nations and observed since 2001 on June 20. Pope Francis moved the observance to September in 2019. *“The phenomenon of migration today is a providential opportunity for the proclamation of the Gospel in the contemporary world. Men and women from various regions of the earth who have not yet encountered Jesus Christ or know him only partially, ask to be received in countries with an ancient Christian tradition. It is necessary to find adequate ways for them to meet and to become acquainted with Jesus Christ and to experience the invaluable gift of salvation.”* (Pope Benedict XVI, 2012)

P.E.A.R.L. invites you to quietly and prayerfully defend the unborn in our **Annual Life Chain**, Sunday, October 1st from 2-3 p.m. Meet at St. Patrick Church in Southampton at 1:45 p.m. People all across the country will be gathering in their local cities and towns along the main street, quietly holding Pro-life signs which will be provided. In keeping with this quiet gathering, all participants will be socially distanced. **Prayer to end abortion** – the 40 Days of Prayer will begin at the end of the Life Chain. Copies of the prayers are available at the Life, from board members of online at <https://winghamright2life.com/>. Please join us in our prayers for 40 days.

Divine Mercy Candle. This week the candle is lit for World peace and the repose of the soul of Fred James.



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

Liturgy this week:

Wed. Sept. 20 – St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Priest, Paul Chong Ha Sang, and Companions, Martyrs (M)
Thurs. Sept. 21 – St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (F)
Sat. Sept. 23 – St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest (M)
 F – Feast
 M – Memorial
 S – Solemnity

Special collection – September 24 for the Needs of the Church in Canada. Thanks for your generosity.

Welcome our newest member in Christ

We welcome Ximena Guaneros Torres, daughter of Sergio Guarneros and Veronica Torres. Ximena will be baptized on Sunday September 17th at 1 p.m. at St. Joseph Church. Congratulation to her family and friends.

Altar Servers – Children Grade 4 and up who have received their First Communion are welcome to join the team of Altar Servers for the weekends. Speak with Fr. Francisco or call the office.

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 20th @ 6:30 p.m. at Jubile Hall.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Catechetical Correspondence Courses

These programs are interactive parent-child programs, designed to assist families in the Diocese of Hamilton whose children are enrolled in public or private schools, are homeschooled, or for other reasons unable to attend Catholic Schools. There are programs for every age and stage from Kindergarten through to high school including programs specially designed to assist children preparing for the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. Our correspondence courses currently reach over 900 children from all over the Diocese — families in the Grey-Bruce, Wellington, Waterloo, Halton and Brant regions as well as in Hamilton.

Spanish Mass on Tuesday, September 19th at 7 p.m. followed by the traditional “fiesta”. Everyone is welcome.

Life is a journey, so is faith. – But life’s journey may not be as clear as a vacation or a road trip. Some journeys in life have clear starting and ending point; for some journeys, however, we have a hard time tracing their beginning, or knowing even where the road will lead. As you think about your life, particularly from the point of view of faith, you might want to spend some time reflecting on where you are, where you’ve been, and where you think God may be leading you.

The following questions are for your personal reflection. Take time to reflect and jot down your thoughts. Perhaps one or more questions will lead you to want deeper answers.

In what ways do you feel that God is part of your life right now?

How do you think of yourself as a believer?

What have been the basic foundations of your faith experience?

How have you felt God directing you?

What have been the occasions and persons who have been part of God’s pull in your life?

Are there spiritual things you feel yourself particularly hungering for?

What are the things that make you most afraid? Uncertain? Anxious?

R.C.I.A. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults will start at the beginning of October. 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.

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.

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 regular tea and herbal tea this week. Thank you for your generosity.

Volunteer Screening – If you are involved in any of the following ministries at St. Joseph Parish, please remember to provide an updated police check for the High Risk Sector:

- Preparation for First Communion
- Children’s Liturgy of the Word
- RCIA
- Communion to the Homebound
- Collection Counters
- Finance Council
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Volunteer Screening Committee


You will be contacted soon by our team.

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 has grief programs to help. Find out more on the Diocesan website at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/grief-support>, or call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250. We have programs running in both Waterloo and Hamilton this fall.

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