

## 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 \$3701  
PAR \$1377/week  
Mission Co-op \$50  
Diocesan \$50

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

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

Twenty-fifth Sunday in



September 24<sup>th</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 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.

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### **God rewards generously those who place their trust in him.**

In the Gospel, the workers hired first entered into a legal contract with the owner.

Those hired later were promised what is just.

They trusted in the owner's concept of "just."

Those hired last weren't promised anything, yet they went to work.

The landowner was generous to all who labored for him,  
giving to all what he chose to give.

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### **October – Month of the Rosary**

Join us to pray the Rosary before the weekday Masses.

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### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

All Fridays in September at 10 a.m. This week Scott Hahn will talk virtually about Holiness, 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 24, 2023

Liturgy of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Date	Day	Time	+ RIP * Ints.	Intention	Requested by	Diocese
25-Sep-23	Mon	*		Pastor's Intentions	N/A	Rev. Murray McDermott, C.R.
26-Sep-23	Tue	7pm		Sheila Stortz	Brenda Murray	Rev. Francisco Cruz
27-Sep-23	Wed	9:30am	*	Peter Gautier	Dave & Mary Lepper	Parish Staff
28-Sep-23	Thu	9:30am	*	Holy Souls	Gerard & Deirdre Walsh	Rev. Mussie A. Keflezghi, M.C.C.J.
29-Sep-23	Fri	9:30am	+	Ken Saunders	Brenda Murray	Rev. Brian Quigley, M.C.C.J.
30-Sep-23	Sat	5pm	+	Ron Laflamme	Edith Laflamme	Rev. Jungheon (Francisco) Kwak
1-Oct-23	Sun	9am	+	Noreen Hilbig	Knights of Columbus	<b>Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
		11am	*	People of the Parish	N/A	

**P.E.A.R.L.** invites you to quietly and prayerfully defend the unborn in our **Annual Life Chain**, Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Prayer to end abortion** – the 40 Days of Prayer will begin at the end of the Life Chain. Copies of the prayers are available from board members or online at <https://winghamright2life.com/>. Please join us in our prayers for 40 days.

**Divine Mercy Candle.** This week the candle is lit for the intentions of the Kischuck family.



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

**“St. Catherine of Siena”** - The Dedication of a new Church in our day and age, is great news! As many churches have been closing around the world, you are invited to attend this experience, if you can, on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3 p.m. at 620 Rymal Road East in Hamilton.

For this reason, the 11 am Mass at St. Joseph Church will be cancelled. Please plan to attend the 5 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church on Saturday, or the 9 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick Church on Sunday.

Humility is nothing but truth,  
And pride is nothing but lying.

- St. Vincent de Paul

**Liturgy this week:**

Tue. Sept. 26 – St. Jean de Brebeuf and St. St. Isaac Jogues, Priest & Companions, Martyrs (F) Secondary Patrons of Canada

Wed. Sept. 27 – St. Vincent de Paul, Priest (M)

Fri. Sept. 29 – St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael, Archangels (F)

Sat. Sept. 30 – St. Jerome, Priest, Doctor (M)

F- Feast  
M – Memorial  
S – Solemnity

**Ushers Needed for the 11 am Mass on Sundays** to help at the moment of the offertory with the collections, and direct people at Communion time.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m. at Jubile Hall.

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**ON OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup>, POPE FRANCIS** will open the first session of the 16<sup>th</sup> Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, **“For a Synodal Church. Communion, Participation, Mission”**. In a recent letter to Bishops around the world, Cardinal Mario Grech, General Secretary of the Synod encouraged every baptized person and every particular Church to pray unceasingly that the Holy Spirit guide the Synod participants as they discern what the Lord is asking of his Church today. *“With the prayer of listening, adoration, intercession and thanksgiving, the whole ecclesial community will be present, in the power of the Spirit, at the Synodal Assembly as an event that concerns all the baptized.”* **“Without prayer, there will be no Synod”** Pope Francis, 2022

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**Life is a journey, so is faith.** – If, after reflecting on the questions last week, you have any questions, perhaps attending some RCIA lessons on Saturday mornings can help you.

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**R.C.I.A.** The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults will start on Saturday, October 7 at 10 a.m. in the downstairs Hall. 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.

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### **National Day for Truth & Reconciliation September 30**

The day honours the children who never returned home and survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process. We pray this day for our Indigenous brothers and sisters – for the healing of past wounds, for wisdom to accompany one another on the path to reconciliation, and for a future full of hope.

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**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.

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**Hospitality Sunday** – Join us for coffee, treats and fellowship this Sunday after the 11 a.m. Mass. Hosted by the Funeral Luncheon Group.

**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 Kleenex and toilet paper this week. Thank you for your generosity.

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### **Adult Faith Formation through VLCFF**

The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University's Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCFF) to offer certificate programs for ministry and enrichment for adult faith formation. The Diocese of Hamilton is also pleased to offer a special certification program in Youth Ministry and Catechesis. Three and five-week e-seminars are also available at a discounted rate for all adults in the Diocese looking to further their learning. For more information about our programs, and how to register, visit us at [www.hamiltondioceselearns.com](http://www.hamiltondioceselearns.com).

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### **World Youth Day in the Diocese of Hamilton**

Did you know that 39 delegates from the Diocese traveled to the international celebration of World Youth Day in Portugal this past summer? You can review the photo and video journals of the pilgrimage on social media: [@officeofyouthministry](#) (Instagram) or [“Diocese of Hamilton Office of Youth Ministry”](#) (Facebook). Testimonies written by participants can also be found here: <https://wyd.hamiltondiocese.com/>

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### **COSMIC CHASTITY - October 28th – Hamilton**

A Study Day co-sponsored by the Communio Circle and the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton Saturday, October 28th, 2023 - 10:00am to 2:00pm at Newman Hall, Canadian Martyrs Church, 1349 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario. In his book *Cosmic Chastity in an Age of Technocratic Lust: A Song of Three Popes* (The Legacy of John Paul II and Benedict XVI in the Francis Papacy: The Theological, Ethical, and Spiritual Heart of Their Social Message)", Jeremiah Barker makes the case that the underlying principles of Pope Francis are identical to those of the two previous popes and highlights a connection between vocational commitment and care for creation. Come and join the conversation. No need to read the book. Summaries of each chapter will be provided by our presenters and the author will be joining us for the conclusion. Refreshments and lunch provided. For more information visit <http://communiohamiltondiocese.org> or contact Father Mark Morley [mmorley@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mmorley@hamiltondiocese.com) or Deacon Charles Fernandes 519-923-0454.

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**Attention:**

**On Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

The 11 a.m. Mass will be

**CANCELLED**

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9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday at St. Patrick Church in Southampton