

## **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. &  
after Stations of the Cross

## **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. &  
after Stations of the Cross

### **Parish Office Hours:**

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

### **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

After the 5 pm Mass on  
Saturdays

### **Knights of Columbus:**

Dave Kinsman  
[kinsman@bmts.com](mailto:kinsman@bmts.com)

### **Secular Franciscans:**

Bob Perrault  
519-832-3525

### **SSVP Hot Line:**

**519-832-2207**

# 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](#).

**February 25<sup>th</sup>,  
2024**

Second Sunday of



### **This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.**

We do not have a God who sits enthroned, looking down from a great distance to arbitrarily ask us to do this or not do that.

No, we have a God who loves us enough that we can trust him completely, as Abraham did. We have a God who did not hold back anything, not even his beloved Son, to lead us to the goodness he desires for us.

### **Sacraments:**

**Baptism:** Contact the parish office for registration and information.  
**First Communion:** The third preparation session is on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm.  
**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 Liturgy of the Word for Children**

**Sundays at the 11 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church**

Children 3-9 are welcome!

### **Bulletin Advertising**

The parish is accepting new advertisements for the bulletin. Support our parish community while promoting your business in our bulletin. Call the office.

If you want to receive this bulletin by email, please send your request to  
[stjosephportelgin@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stjosephportelgin@hamiltondiocese.com)

FEBRUARY 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Liturgy Second Week of Lent

Date	Day	Time	+ / *	Intention + Rest in Peace / * Intentions of	Requested by	Diocese
26-Feb	Mon		*	Pastor's Intentions	N/A	Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski
27-Feb	Tue	7pm	+	Connie Vercillo	Jack & Jo-Anne Konings	Rev. Timothy Higgins
28-Feb	Wed	9:30am	+	Arthur Gates	Dave & Mary Lepper	Heart of Jesus (R.S.C.J.)
29-Feb	Thu	9:30am	*	Agnes Walker	Steve & Kathy York	Rev. Michael King
01-Mar	Fri	9:30am	*	Holy Souls in Purgatory	Gloria Villamil	Rev. Msgr. Earl Talbot
02-Mar	Sat	5pm	+	Denise Daguerre	Jerry & Gaetane Orszynowicz	Rev. Ronald Voisin
			+	Dianne Dalton	Gerard & Deirdre Walsh	
			+	Deiter Stemmler	Dave & Annemarie Kinsman	
			*	Alice Gariepy	Mary Kischuck & family	
			*	Those suffering from addiction	Gloria Villamil	
03-Mar	Sun	9am	*	People of the Parish	N/A	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>
		11am	+	Marie Enright	Gerard & Deirdre Walsh	

**Divine Mercy Candle** – Jerry & Gaetane Orszynowicz

**Canadian Food for Children CFFC** accepts all food donations. Any items are welcome. Peanut butter and granola bars are requested for February.

**St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank** is offering families in need of assistance to visit the Food Bank, on the third Wednesday of each month, from 1 pm – 6 pm, in the downstairs hall at St. Joseph Church. SVP is collecting crackers: soda & Ritz.

**Church Collections this week** Regular contributions were \$1996.68, PAR \$1764/week.

**First Communion 2024** Next preparation session is Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Jubilee Hall. They are studying the Ten Commandments, and learning how to do an examination of conscience as a preparation for the First Reconciliation.

**R.C.I.A.** Candidates gather on Saturdays at 10 a.m. in the downstairs Hall. They have begun the Period of Enlightenment and Purification. This week they are looking within, through a daily examen of consciousness, that moves closer to Christ. The scrutinies are rites for self-searching and repentance. During the next few Sundays, we will support our catechumen with our prayers during the scrutinies.

**Bruce County Pentecost Pilgrimage** - A transformative journey of faith, penance and prayer.

Join David Starrs & others on Saturday May 18 for a 3-day walk throughout our beautiful Bruce County countryside on concession roads and rail trails to Immaculate Conception Church in Formosa from St. Joseph Church in Port Elgin. Check our [website](#) for itineraries, suggestions for packing, and spiritual and physical preparation. For more information contact [davidjohnstarrs@gmail.com](mailto:davidjohnstarrs@gmail.com).

**February Prayers request for:**

**Intentions:** Mike Coughlan and Diane Becker, Marg Montgomery, Kevin Cybulski. For the catechumens and candidates preparing to enter the Church on Easter Vigil.

**Deceased:** Henry Martin

**Visit St. Joseph Little Store & St. Patrick Little Gift Shop** for religious articles, rosaries, bibles and more.

**Winter Weather** – In the event of severe winter weather conditions, we advise parishioners to avoid dangerous driving. 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 be obliged to come just because of the Mass/priest will celebrate.

**Hospitality Sunday** is hosted by the First Communion Families. Join them for coffee, tea, juice, goodies and fellowship, after the 11 am Mass in Jubilee Hall.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### LENT 2024

**Confessions** – Opportunities for Confession:

Thursdays 10 am @ St Patrick

Saturdays 4 pm @ St Joseph

Fridays: before, during and after the Stations of the Cross


*There will be NO CONFESSIONS HEARD DURING HOLY WEEK INCLUDING PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND (Mar. 23).*

#### **The Stations or the Way of the Cross**

March 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7 pm @ St. Patrick Church, led by the Knights of Columbus.

#### **Deepen your faith and enrich your Spirit** - Video

Presentation on Wednesday @ 7 pm – Jubilee Hall.

Date	Speaker	Topic	Duration
Feb 28	 Dr. Edward Sri	In the World but <u>Not</u> of the World	53 mins.

**Vocations** - If you need examples of persons responding to God's call, look at Abraham and Sarah - called in old age to leave their country and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith! Answering God's call to be a priest, brother, sister or deacon is also taking a great risk. If you are willing, and think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, 905-528-7988.

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

### The Stations of the Cross

#### Shadows Play 2024

Performed by St. Joseph School Intermediate Students,  
Directed by Lucie Desbiens

#### St. Joseph School

Tuesday March 19, 2 pm  
Wednesday March 20, 7 pm  
Thursday March 21, 2 pm



**Come and be with Jesus on this journey**

*My transfigured Lord, you gave your apostles a small but most glorious glimpse of your divinity. This gift strengthened them as they endured your suffering and death, as well as their own. Please give me a glimpse of your glory so that I will be able to hold onto that knowledge of who you are when I need it the most. Jesus, I trust in you!*

#### **Struggling Marriage? Find Hope with Retrouvaille**

Does your marriage feel like it is more trouble than joy? Does it feel stagnant or disconnected? Is it causing you constant stress? The solution is Retrouvaille – a program designed to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, is designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It has proven positive results for struggling couples, including those who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend is March 8-10, 2024. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email

[teamrecine@gmail.com](mailto:teamrecine@gmail.com).

**Adult Faith Formation through VLCCFF.** The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University's Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCCFF) to offer certificate programs for ministry and enrichment for adult faith formation.

We are currently taking enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program and the Catechist Formation Program for the Diocese of Hamilton, which begins in September 2024. 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).

#### **Marriage Tip of the Month - Marriage Tip 135**

The month of February, known as the month of love, can sometimes create unrealistic expectations for couples. "Real" love supports their spouse when they have had a bad day, creates ways to spend time together, offers help without asking and is self-giving, not self-receiving. Take the time to look for ways to support the one you love and you will experience a deeper, more connected relationship.

(From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

**The Pastoral Parish in the Modern World** - The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis is happy to offer a three-workshop series this spring entitled, *The Pastoral Parish in the Modern World*. This new handbook created by David Wells and Bill Huebsch provides a comprehensive outline of the new vocabulary of pastoral ministry, and how to enact it in your local setting. This workshop series is designed for anyone who is working or volunteering in parish life including pastoral teams, parish councils, and youth ministry leaders. Registration for this workshop series is now open. You can register [HERE](#).

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**Grieving over Darkness,**

**Reflecting on Redemption**

Spy Wednesday – 8 pm

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**Just for tonight** I will not attempt to rectify today's mistakes or solve tomorrow's problems. I will remind myself that I am better able to receive guidance when my mind and body are rested and refreshed.