

## 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 p.m. 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](#).

**March 10,  
2024**

**Fourth Sunday of**



**Offer gifts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving  
out of love and gratitude to our merciful God.**

We offer our humble gifts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to God  
out of gratitude. We recognize that all is gift.  
God has poured out his grace upon us. We joyfully draw near to the giver of all  
good gifts in the spiritual practices we take up in this season.

### **Sacraments**

**Baptism:** Contact the parish office for registration and information.

**First Communion:** The third preparation session is on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**Confirmation:** Next Confirmation will take place in 2025.

**R.C.I.A.:** Adults wishing to become Catholic are asked to call the parish office to  
arrange a meeting with the pastor to discuss the necessary steps to be taken.

**Marriage:** Contact the parish office one year in advance.

**Care of the Sick:** If you are unable to attend church, arrangements can be made for you  
to receive Holy Communion at home. If you wish a pastoral visit to your home or to the  
hospital, or wish to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the sick, contact 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!

### **Remember your Parish**

When estate planning, be sure to remember your Parish, your spiritual home here on  
earth, and make a contribution to the future faith life of our parish.

Church doors at the main parking lot entrance will remain open  
Tuesday to Friday 10-4 for private prayer

MARCH 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Liturgy Fourth Week of Lent

Date	Day	Time	+ / *	Intention <small>+ Rest in Peace / * Intentions of</small>	Requested by	Diocese
11-Mar	Mon		*	Pastor's Intentions	N/A	Rev. Sutherland MacDonald, C.R.
12-Mar	Tue			No Mass Scheduled	N/A	Rev. David Mowat, C.R.
13-Mar	Wed			No Mass Scheduled	N/A	Lay Parish Ministers
14-Mar	Thurs	9:30am	*	Robert & Anita Peplow	Mariann MacArthur	Rev. Harry Reitzel, C.R.
15-Mar	Fri	9:30am	*	Sylwia Czarnik & Regina Corp	Mariann MacArthur	Rev. Raymond Reitzel, C.R.
16-Mar	Sat	5pm	+	Etta Lamb	Edith Laflamme	Rev. Florian Stasinski, C.R.
			+	Alicia Cook	Jerry & Gaetane Orsztynowicz	
			+	Giorgio Raso	Denise Finora	
			+	Philip Maguire	Joe & Mairead Keely	
			+	Harriet Trepanier	Dave & Annemarie Kinsman	
17-Mar	Sun	9am	*	People of the Parish	N/A	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>
		11am	*	Vivek Anthony & Maria Abraham	On the occasion of their Anniversary	

**Divine Mercy Candle** – Fr. Francisco

### First Communion 2024

Next session is Friday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m. in Jubilee Hall. They will study about the institution of the Eucharist and the celebration of the Mass.

### 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. They will receive the Sacraments of Initiation on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for them: Bri, Maya, Milan, Maddon.

### March Prayers request for:

Intentions: Alex Millar, Kevin Cybulski, Dave & Mary Lepper

Deceased: Henry Martin, David Buchanan, Lucienne Beaugard.

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

### 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).

**Canadian Food for Children, CFFC**, accepts all food donations. Any items are welcome. Pasta and tomato paste are requested for March.

**St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank** is offering families in need of assistance to visit the Food Bank, on the first and third Wednesday of each month, from 1 p.m. – 6 p.m., in the downstairs hall at St. Joseph Church. SVP is collecting flaked canned ham, jam and cookies.

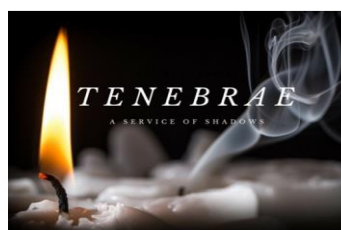
### Church Collections this week

Regular contributions were \$6917, PAR \$1764/week. Note that these amounts include contributions that are made monthly or annually.

### Pre-Authorized Giving

Your chosen donation amount will automatically be withdrawn from your bank account or credit card on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. To set this up, pick up a form at the Parish Office.

### A Meditation of the Passion of Christ



**Grieving over  
Darkness, Reflecting  
on Redemption**  
Spy Wednesday  
8 pm  
March 27, 2024  
St. Joseph Church

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## LENT 2024

### **Why priests wore rose (not pink)**

This Sunday has a place apart amongst the Sundays of Lent. As in Advent we had *Gaudete Sunday*, so in Lent we have a Sunday called *Laetare Sunday*. The whole week, with its wealth of liturgical significance, is intensely interesting.

Lent is half over, and Easter is enticingly near.

This Sunday is our foretaste of Easter joy. Knowing the ebb and flow of intensity even in our best efforts, God deals with us tenderly in rhythms of consolation and desertion. So today, thoughts of freedom and joy come in the middle of Lent. It is a positive, meaningful joy, born of our fruitful life in Christ and of our sweet freedom as His purchased children.

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

March 15 @ 7 p.m. @ St. Joseph Church, led by the St. Patrick's choir.

March 15 @ 1 p.m. – Join us to meditate on the Stations of the Cross outside at the Romanowich's Place (057002 Concession 11 Georgian Bluffs)

### **The Stations of the Cross Shadow Play 2024**

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


Tuesday March 19, 2 p.m.  
Wednesday March 20, 7 p.m.  
Thursday March 21, 2 p.m.

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



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

Video Presentation on Wednesday @ 7 p.m. -Jubilee Hall.

Date	Speaker	Topic	Duration
Mar 13	 Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers	The Beatitudes as a Roadmap to Holiness	55 mins

### **Confessions**

Opportunities for Confession:

Thursdays 10 a.m. @ St Patrick

Saturdays 4 p.m. @ St Joseph

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

### **Share Lent Collection**

The annual Share Lent Collection will be received on the weekend of March 17-18, 2024, in support of our brothers and sisters in developing countries.

### **Vocations**

St. Paul reminds us that we are "created in Christ Jesus for good works". If you think God's plan for you could be to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, 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/)

### **Pope's Prayer Intention**

For the new martyrs: We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

### **The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass**

Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 26, 2024, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 p.m. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is available online at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) under Upcoming Events.

### **ST. JOSEPH PARISH**

#### **HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2024**

##### **Mar. 23/24 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

Every Mass this weekend recalls the Messianic entrance of the Lord Jesus into Jerusalem, coming to complete his Paschal Mystery.



##### **Mar. 25 Chrism Mass at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King**

This Mass is presided over by the Bishop and concelebrated by the priests from all parts of the Diocese. It is a sign of the unity and communion of the Priests with their Bishop.



##### **Mar. 27 Spy Wednesday – Tenebrae – 8 p.m. (1 hour) at St. Joseph Church**

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



#### **THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM**

(The celebration of the Easter Triduum opens with the Thursday evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by Good Friday, then reaches its climax in the Easter Vigil, closing with Easter Sunday)

##### **Mar. 28 HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER – 7:30 p.m. St. Joseph Church**



The Washing of Feet represents the service and charity of Christ. The procession with the gifts includes gifts for the poor. This Mass is followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Jubilee Hall until 10 p.m.

##### **Mar. 29 GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – 3 p.m. St. Joseph Church**



Celebration of the Lord's Passion with Adoration of the Cross and Holy Communion  
*Special Collection for the Needs of the Church in the Holy Land*  
**(Universal day of fasting and abstinence)**

**Stations of the Cross – 7 p.m. St. Patrick Church**

##### **Mar. 30 HOLY SATURDAY Blessing of Baskets of Easter Food – 10 a.m. St. Joseph Church**



##### **THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD – EASTER VIGIL – 8 p.m. St. Joseph Church**

During this night, the people of God keep watch as they await the resurrection of the Lord and further celebrate it in the Sacraments of Initiation.

##### **Mar. 31 THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD – EASTER SUNDAY**

9 a.m. St. Patrick Church  
11 a.m. St. Joseph Church



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