

St. Joseph Church

Location: 920 Wellington St.
Port Elgin, ON



Masses this week:

Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.
Friday, 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, 5 p.m.
Sunday, 11 a.m.

Confessions:

Saturday, 4 p.m.



St. Patrick Church

Location: 36 Albert St. S. (Hwy 21)
Southampton, ON

Masses this week:

Thursday, 9:30 a.m.
Sunday, 9 a.m.

Confessions:

Thursday, 10 a.m.

Knights of Columbus:

meet every first
Wednesday of the month
at 7 p.m. – Jubilee Hall.
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SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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

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](#) or at both churches.

**February 2nd,
2025**

The Presentation of our Lord



**Today's Gospel, highlights the light-bearing work of
the Holy Spirit called "the light of life"**

The Holy Spirit rested in Simeon... "revealed to him by the Spirit... guided by the Spirit." Just as the Spirit rests on Jesus at his baptism, so the Spirit rests on Simeon, enabling him to recognize and witness to Christ.

Similarly, the Spirit rests on us in our baptism and confirmation; similarly, when we celebrate Eucharist the Spirit transform us, the Body of Christ, broken and emptied by last week's mission, and sends us again into our dark, hungry, war-ravaged world as light and food and peace... and to embrace Christ in our enemies and in those excluded by Church or society.

Living with Christ Sunday Missal

Sacraments:

Baptism: Contact the parish office for information.

First Communion will take place on May 3 & 4, 2025

Confirmation: will take place on June 7th, 2025

R.C.I.A.: Will gather on Saturdays at 10 a.m. in the Boardroom.

Marriage: Contact the parish office one year in advance.

Communion to the Homebound: arrangements can be made for you to receive Communion at home.

Anointing of the sick: If you are having a major surgery, have a terminal illness, or if you feel in danger of death, you can call the parish 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.

Liturgy of the Word for Children is running during the 11 a.m. Mass.

February 2nd, 2025

Liturgy for the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time						
Date	Day	Time	+ / *	Intention <small>+ Rest in Peace / * Intentions of</small>	Requested by	Diocese
03-Feb	Mon		*	Pastor Intentions	N/A	Rev. James Petrie
04-Feb	Tue	7pm	+	Maria Candiago	The Potvin Family	Rev. Charles Galea
05-Feb	Wed	9:30am	*	Forgotten Souls in Purgatory	G. Dorzek	Hospitaller Order of St. John of God, O.H.
06-Feb	Thu	9:30am	+	Karl Fortney	E. Fortney	Parents & Guardians
07-Feb	Fri	9:30am	+	Maria Nabagto	S. Czarnik	Rev. Pablito Labado
08-Feb	Sat	5pm	*	Michael Sebastian & Marjorie Dorzek	G. Dorzek	Rev. William Meehan
			*	Edith Fries	R. & A. Peplow	
			+	Steven Fortney	E. Fortney	
			+	Jamie Scarlett	M. Kischuck	
09-Feb	Sun	9am	*	Bill Barrett	The Barrett Family	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
		11am	*	People of the Parish	N/A	

Divine Mercy Candle - Anita Peplow - **Divine Mercy Chaplet:** After the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturdays

Liturgy this week

Wed. Feb. 5 – St. Agatha (M)

Thurs. Feb. 6 – St. Paul Miki and Companions (M)

Sun. Feb. 9 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Church Collections this week

Regular contributions were \$2274 PAR \$1769/week.
Thank you for your generosity!

St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank – Families in need of assistance are invited to visit the Food Bank in the downstairs hall at St. Joseph Church twice per month on the first and third Wednesday of every month **from 11:00 a.m. till 2 p.m.** SVP is collecting canned salmon, tomato sauce, pasta and canned tomatoes.

Canadian Food For Children is collecting Granola bars and peanut butter for the month of February.

Altar Servers Wanted - Calling children Grade 3 and up who want to ministry at the Altar, by assisting the priest during the Saturday or Sunday Masses. Their tasks such as carrying items like the cross or candles, ringing the altar bell, presenting the bread and wine during the offertory, and generally supporting the smooth flow of the Mass, all while demonstrating reverence and proper decorum throughout the liturgy. Training will be provided by the end of February. Please contact the Parish office.

Exposition and Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament

February 7th is First Friday of the month! Exposition at 10 a.m., followed by adoration in silence until 11:45, and Benediction and Reposition.


Vocations No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering priesthood, diaconate, or religious life. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, 905-528-7988. Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

First Reconciliation and First Communion:

Next Session: **February 28th** at 6:30 p.m. Jubilee Hall
Confirmation:

Next Session: **February 21st** at 6:30 p.m. in Jubilee Hall
RCIA – Saturdays at 10 a.m. in Jubilee Hall.



World Day of Marriage
Celebration
Sunday, February 9th at 12:15
St. Joseph Church & Jubilee Hall
Tickets \$50/couple
Contact the Parish Office
By February 1st

9. To emphasize the beauty of marriage and to honour husbands and wives for their faithfulness and sacrifices, we invite every couple in the parish to join.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

National Catholic Health Care Week takes place from Sunday, February 2 to Saturday, February 8, 2025. The special week celebrates Catholic health institutions and organizations across Canada united in a 400-year healing mission inspired by a Spirit-led calling to care for all with compassion and humanity in body, mind and spirit. This year's theme, "CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME", celebrates the interconnectedness of all creation and inspires us to work toward environmental sustainability and human health and well-being in our homes, workplaces, and communities. In Canada, Catholic healthcare serves over 5 million Canadians each year and employs over 88,000 people – something to celebrate! Learn more by registering at [National Catholic Health Care Week | Catholic Health Alliance of Canada](#) for a free webinar on February 6th, 1:00-2:30 ET.

Virtual Learning with the Diocese of Hamilton: Information Night 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. Interested in learning more about our programs? Have questions about the structure, course content and fees? A brief information session will be hosted by the VLCFF Coordination Team for the Diocese of Hamilton on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 @ 7pm. Registration for this event can be found here: <https://bit.ly/VLCFFinfo>.

The Reel Justice Film Festival offers another crucial dialogue with Resilient Genius February 25, 7:00 – 9:00 PM. The film gives voice to children and youth affected by war, conflict, and political unrest. Thirteen children and youth immerse us in memories of Syria, Ethiopia, Ukraine, Rwanda, Afghanistan and Iraq, reflecting on their lives before, during, and after experiences of violence. Their raw recollections, expressions of wisdom, and transformative acts provide a powerful call to action. Film Director Joanne Hodges and Rita Balla, Director, Diocesan Office for Refugees will provide further discussion following the film. **The event will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule at:** <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/> A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

Jubilee of Hope, 2025 The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this Ordinary Jubilee Year, 2025, as "Pilgrims of Hope!" We are all invited to journey through this year drawing closer to God through prayer, service and experiences of renewal. Six churches have been marked as pilgrimage sites across the Diocese, welcoming you as a visitor over the course of the Jubilee to come and pray.

Bruce-Grey Deanery

Immaculate Conception Church

212 Concession 12, Formosa, ON NOG 1W0

Pilgrimage Hours & Masses:

Fridays, March 14, May 9, August 8

Monday, December 8, 2025

Church will be open on these days at 10 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mass at 5 p.m. Day of Reconciliation: Saturday, April 5, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.


The logo shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples. The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need. There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolising the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope. That's why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. In maritime jargon the 'anchor of hope' refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency manoeuvres to stabilise the ship during storms. It is worth noting that the image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking, but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross. The cross in the logo is by no means static, but it is also dynamic. It bends down towards humanity, not leaving human beings alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope. At the bottom of the logo is the motto of the 2025 Jubilee Year: Peregrinantes in Spem (Pilgrims in hope), represented in green letters.



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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 the Mass/priest will celebrate.



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Just for tonight, I will be humble. I will give my shortcomings to a Power greater than myself, trusting that doing so can bring about changes in me that I could no bring about by myself.

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