

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 6:30 p.m. – Jubilee Hall.
Contact: Jim LaBlance
jimlablance@hotmail.com

Secular Franciscans:

Bob Perrault
519-832-3525

St. Vincent de Paul

Food Bank:
519-832-2207

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 23rd,
2025**



Seventh Sunday in

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to love our enemies as he does. He asks us to love as God loves, whose love is generous and forgiving.

We cannot accomplish this alone. We need to ask God for his gift of grace to forgive others, to be aware that he is present within us and in each person. On our own, loving our enemies is very difficult. It is only by turning to the Lord in prayer and trusting in his mercy that it becomes possible. Let us ask him to transform our hearts so that we may love as he loves and be reflections of this mercy with others.

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 Jubilee Hall.

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 23rd, 2025

Liturgy for the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time						
Date	Day	Time	+ / *	Intention <small>+ Rest in Peace / * Intentions of</small>	Requested by	Diocese
24-Feb	Mon		+	Beno Spitzer	R. & R. Scarlett	Rev. Lourdasamy Subramani, SMA
25-Feb	Tue	7pm	+	Norm Smits	D. & M. Lepper	Rev. Mark Morley
26-Feb	Wed	9:30am	+	Arthur Gates	D. & M. Lepper	Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, R.S.C.J.
27-Feb	Thu	9:30am	*	Michael Sebastian & Marjorie Dorzek	G. Dorzek	Very Rev. Adrian Lee
28-Feb	Fri	9:30am	+	Michael Donnelly	G. & D. Walsh & Family	Rev. Fadi Wajih Rizk
01-Mar	Sat	5pm	*	Michael Sebastian & Marjorie Dorzek	G. Dorzek	Rev. Marko Stefanec
			+	Norm Smits	W. Arscott	
			+	Mark Preston	J & G. Orsztynowicz	
			+	Julia Grant	M. Melanson	
02-Mar	Sun	9am	*	People of the Parish	N/A	<i>Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
		11am	*	Edith Fries	D. & M. Lepper	

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

Liturgy this week

Fri. Feb. 28 – St. Gregory of Narek (OM)

Sun. Mar. 2 – 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Church Collections this week

Regular contributions were \$1605, 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 a.m.

till 2 p.m. SVP is collecting canned ham, canned chicken, almond and oat milk boxes, large boxed juices (apple and orange).

Our Saint Vincent de Paul, St Joseph / St Patrick Conference is in need of a secretary.

If you have ever thought about volunteering with SVP, could this be your time? If so, please contact Deborah Jennings, President, to discuss: 519-386-0384.

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

Vocations The Lord calls us to do God's Will. Pray that you may know God's Will in your life; especially, if you have the inclination that you are being called to the ordained or consecrated life. If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, 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: **March 21st** at 6:30 p.m. in Jubilee Hall

RCIA – Saturdays at 10 a.m. in Jubilee Hall.

Saying YES to Jesus

On the First Sunday of Lent, catechumens celebrate the Rite of Election, and enter the period of purification and enlightenment which leads to the celebration of the Easter Sacraments. Election comes from a word that means “choose”.

**Jesus has been calling you your entire life.
How have you responded to that call?**

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Countdown for Lent

Why is Easter 2025 later than usual? Easter's date varies each year between March 22 and April 25. In 2025, Easter is on April 20, which is toward the later end of this range. This is because the Paschal Full Moon falls on April 12, the first full moon after the March 21 equinox, placing Easter on the following Sunday.

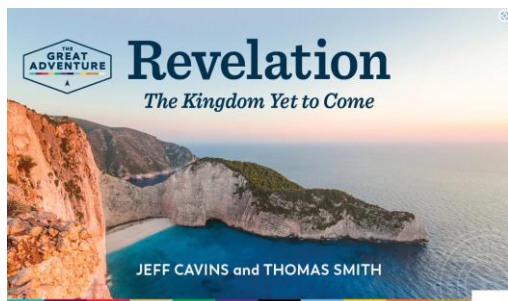
- Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5th this year. Receiving the ashes on our foreheads reminds us of the passage of time, and our constant need to turn away from wrongdoing. Wearing ashes on our foreheads indicates our willingness to do penance.
- All Fridays in Lent there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and the opportunity to enrich your faith with a video of about 50 minutes.

Parish Photo Directory

The purpose of a parish photo directory is to help people within our church community easily identify each other by name and face, by providing a compilation of photos alongside names. It will also serve to update our system; many families move away and move in, and forget to inform the home parish about their moving, or to register. We are a family of faith, and we believe that a photo directory will contribute to a feeling of belonging and strengthen community bonds.

"Year of Hope" is the theme of the parish photo directory.

If you have not yet registered with the parish, pick up the registration form at the back of both churches, or come to the parish office. We will be happy to meet you.



Thursdays,
From April 24
to June 26,
2025
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Jubilee Hall
Cost \$50
Register at
the office.

Jubilee of Hope, 2025



A church in each Deanery of our diocese has been declared as the Jubilee Pilgrim Centre. These churches will have a replica of the Holy Door. Parishioners of the Deanery can visit the Pilgrim Centre on certain days when the church

will be open. Our Deanery church for Jubilee 2025 is **Immaculate Conception Church, Formosa**. Parishioners from our Deanery can visit it on the following days to receive graces:

- Friday, March 15, 2025
- Friday, May 9, 2025
- Friday, August 8, 2025
- Monday, December 8, 2025

The church opens at 10 a.m.; Exposition at 10:30 a.m., Reposition at 4:30 p.m.; Mass at 5 p.m.

Reconciliation Day: Sat, April 5, 2025 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
All are warmly invited to share these moments of grace!

Bruce County Pentecost - Join David John Starrs and others in this Jubilee Year for a 3 day Walking Pilgrimage.

A Pilgrimage of Hope on June 7-9, 2025, starts at daybreak on Saturday June 7th at St. Joseph Church, Saugeen Shores, Port Elgin. Father Francisco will send us off with a blessing for this 80km journey. For 3 days we'll travel throughout our beautiful Bruce County countryside on concession roads and rail trails. Our journey finishes at Immaculate Conception Church in Formosa, also known as the Cathedral of the North, where we will be received and celebrate Mass.


The pilgrimage involves walking approximately 26.3kms for the first day, 33.2kms for the second day, then 19.5kms for the last day. There will be two overnight designated camping rest stops in the countryside. For further details such as the route, how to prepare physically, spiritually, or what to pack, and to register, contact davidjohnstarrs@gmail.com.

Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come! Bible Study

An intriguing look at one of the most-talked about books in Scripture, **Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come** shows how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven. Presenter Jeff Cavins pulls back the veil on the rich symbolism present in Revelation. Discover what the mysterious figures and images of Revelation mean and see how Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the "end times."

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