

St. Joseph Church

Location: 920 Wellington St.
Port Elgin, ON



Masses this week:

Saturday, 5 p.m.

Sunday, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, No Mass

Wednesday, No Mass

Friday, No Mass

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, No Mass

Confessions:

Parish Office Hours :

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

Church Collections

This week's regular contributions were \$2851

PAR \$1410/week

Diocesan \$50

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SSVP Hot Line:

519-832-2207



First Sunday of

**December 3rd,
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: The first preparation session is on Friday, February 16th 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.

We must be active in our hope for Christ's return.

Hope is a theological virtue:

“We desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit” (CCC 1817).

Hope is an active state of being, not passive.

During this Advent season we must be fully alive and fully engaged. We must be committed in our pursuit of the Lord; we must be people of hope!

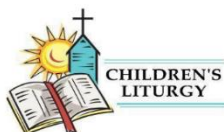
Divine Mercy Chaplet

Immediately after the 5 pm Mass on Saturdays, you are invited to pray together the Divine Mercy Chaplet at St. Joseph Church.

The Liturgy of the Word for Children is Back

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

Children's Liturgy is about breaking open the Word of God for young people (ages 3 – 9).



Liturgy of the First Week of Advent

Date	Day	Time	+RIP * Ints.	Intention	Requested by	Diocese
4-Dec-23	Mon	*		Pastor's Intentions		Rev. Pierre Caouette, L.C.
5-Dec-23	Tue	-		No Mass Scheduled		Grandparents & Elderly
6-Dec-23	Wed	-		No Mass Scheduled		Order of Preachers (Dominican, O.P.)
7-Dec-23	Thu	-		No Mass Scheduled		Rev. Donald Sanvido
8-Dec-23	Fri	-		No Mass Scheduled		The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9-Dec-23	Sat	5pm	+	George Bugiardini	Vinnie his wife	Rev. David Perrin
10-Dec-23	Sun	9am	*	Joe & Mairead Keely & Family	A Parishioner	Second Sunday of Advent
		11am	*	People of the Parish	N/A	

Divine Mercy Candle – For Connie Vercillo

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

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. CFFC accepts all food donations. In December we are focusing on rice and sugar. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank – You can contribute regular monthly donations to St. Vincent de Paul by Preauthorized Remittance (PAR).

SVP Angel Tree – On behalf of SSVP and our families in need, please purchase a gift card from Walmart, Giant Tiger or Food Basics for a \$25 value. Gift cards are to be returned by Dec 10th.



Nothing beats a new pair of socks!



St. Vincent de Paul Society is collecting new warm socks (all sizes), for our local families in need.

Please consider buying one or two pairs, and placing them in our SVP box in the vestibule.

Season of Advent - Advent has a twofold nature: It prepares for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of expectation!

Liturgy this week:

Thurs. Dec. 7 – St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor (M)

Fri. Dec. 8 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (S)

F – Feast
M – Memorial
S – Solemnity

Bambinelli Sunday - All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass on Sunday, Dec. 17 at all Masses to be blessed. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day and as you lay Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.

Grandparenting - Grandparents have a special role in their grandchildren's lives because they share a special bond of love that isn't marred by the day to day events that can sometimes stress families. Grandparents delight in their grandchildren and develop a special and unique connection with them. It is no wonder someone developed the bumper sticker that states, "If I'd known grandchildren were so much fun I would have had them first!"

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

First Communion 2024

Next preparation session is Friday, February 16th at 6:30 p.m. in Jubilee Hall.

R.C.I.A. Candidates are gathering to discern and gauge readiness on Saturdays at 10 a.m. in the downstairs Hall. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, or if you would like to sponsor or accompany a candidate, call the parish office.

"Keep Christ in Christmas"- Father Thomas J Clancy - Knights of Columbus Council 6736 is running the traditional Poster Contest "Keep Christ in Christmas", open to youth ages 4 to 15. NEW THIS YEAR - There are five (5) categories Grade Kindergarten, Grade 1 - 2, Grade 3 - 4, Grade 5 - 6 and Grade 7 - 8.

Posters must reflect the theme of Keep Christ in Christmas, and it should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan and any visual images) of a single person. Posters should be approximately 11x17 inches (nothing larger, smaller are acceptable). If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used, the poster must be laminated or covered in clear plastic. Each poster must be accompanied by Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest entry form (5025). Please print name and grade of the entrant on the reverse side of the poster, as well. Deadline for submissions to the contest is Friday, December 8th, 2023 (all submissions will be picked up on that day) There are cash prizes being awarded to the winner of each category, at the Council Level. Any questions please feel free to contact Mark Lukas by email (lukas@bmts.com).

Christmas Potluck Dinner & Carols-

Saturday, December 16 at 6 p.m.

Please sign the potluck sheet with your name and the plate you are bringing before December 9th. Everyone is welcome!

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass!

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 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 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration will be available online in December at www.hamiltondiocese.com

Vocations - The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master's return so that we live each day according to the teachings of Christ. Could God's "particular task" for you be a call to a Church vocation? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, **contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.**

vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

St. Joseph Little Store - Going shopping? Please consider St. Joseph Little Store for your gifts this Christmas. It is a good way to remind family and friends that Christmas is for Christ. Open Tue-Fri 10-3, and before and after weekend Masses.



Christmas & New Year's Schedule 2023 - 2024

Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent

Regular Reconciliation Time	Saturdays 4 - 4:45 pm
Additional Reconciliation Time	After Saturday Mass & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday	Dec. 23	St. Joseph	5:00 PM
Sunday	Dec. 24	St. Patrick St. Joseph	9:00 AM 11:00 AM

Nativity of the Lord - Christmas

Sunday	Dec. 24	St. Joseph St. Patrick	5:00 PM 8:00 PM
Monday	Dec. 25	St. Joseph St. Joseph	Midnight 11:00 AM

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday	Dec. 30	St. Joseph	5:00 PM
Sunday	Dec. 31	St. Patrick St. Joseph	9:00 AM 11:00 AM

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God - New Year

Monday	Jan. 1	St. Joseph	11:00 AM
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The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday	Jan. 6	St. Joseph	5:00 PM
Sunday	Jan. 7	St. Patrick St. Joseph	9:00 AM 11:00 AM

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RECESSIONAL HYMN The last song at Mass often sung a little more quietly, since most of the people have already left.

INCENSE Holy Smoke!

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<https://www.jokes4us.com/religiousjokes/catholicjokes.html>

Just for today I will adjust myself to what is, and not try to adjust everything to my own desires. I will take my "luck" as it comes, and fit myself to it. Al-Anon Family Groups