

St. Joseph Church

Location: 920 Wellington St.
Port Elgin, ON



Masses this week:

Saturday, 5 pm
Sunday, 11 am
Tuesday, 7 pm
Wednesday, 9:30 am
Friday, 9:30 am

Confessions:

Saturday, 4 – 4:45 p.m.

St. Patrick Church

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



Masses this week:

Sunday, 9 am
Thursday, 9:30 am

Confessions:

Thursday, 10 – 10:30 am

Parish Office Hours :

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

Church Collections

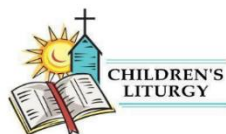
This week's regular contributions were \$3246

PAR \$1410/week

Christmas \$300

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**SSVP Hot Line:
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Second Sunday of **December 10th, 2023**



SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Francisco J. Sordo
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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.

Prepare for the coming of the Lord.

Today's readings speak to us of preparing for the coming of the Lord through repentance. Repentance requires us to be honest about the times we have fallen short in loving God and our neighbor as the Lord commands. Knowing that we are sinners is a necessary step in recognizing our need for the forgiveness God has graciously offered us through his Son, whose coming into the world we prepare to celebrate.

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 Second Week of Advent

Date	Day	Time	+ RIP * Ints.	Intention	Requested by	Diocese
11-Dec-23	Mon	*	*	Pastor's Intentions	N/A	Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk
12-Dec-23	Tue	7pm	*	Bernhard & Beth Schropp	Brenda Murray	Married Couples
13-Dec-23	Wed	9:30am	*	Trudy Cook	Bob & Anita Peplow	Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (C.Ss.R.)
			+	Connie Vercillo	Fern & Lucie Desbiens	
			+	Noreen Hilbig	The Family	
			+	Dianne Dalton	Jerry & Gaetane Orszynowicz	
			+	Marshall Villeneuve	Gloria Villamil	
14-Dec-23	Thu	9:30am	+	Marie Perreault	Mary Kischuck & Family	Rev. Wallace Metcalf
15-Dec-23	Fri	9:30am	+	Peter C. Hickey	Len & Helen Tackaberry	Rev. Charles Galea
16-Dec-23	Sat	5pm	+	Jose & Luisa Costa	Jose & Luisa Santos	Rev. Robert Kiffman
17-Dec-23	Sun	9am	*	People of the Parish	N/A	3rd Sunday Advent
		11am	+	Joan La Blance	Jim La Blance	

Divine Mercy Candle – For Trudy Cook

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).

SSVP is offering the families in need of assistance to visit the Food Bank, on the third Wednesday of each month, from 1 pm – 6 pm, at the downstairs hall at St. Joseph Parish. No proof of income or documentation required.

Advent Taize service on Sunday, December 17th at St. Paul's Anglican church in Southampton, 7 pm. There will be a music practice at 6:15 for instrumentalists and vocalists who would like to prepare ahead of the service.

Join us to sing carols and pray with the residents with at [Southampton Care Centre](#) this Sunday December 10th at 3 pm, and Mass at [Elgin Lodge](#) next Sunday December 17th at 2:15 pm.

Multiple Intentions Masses – In 2024, Multiple Mass Intentions will be scheduled on Saturdays at the 5 pm Mass.

Liturgy this week:

Tue. Dec. 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas (F)

Wed. Dec. 13 - St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr (M)

Thurs. Dec.14 – St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor (M)

F – Feast
M – Memorial
S – Solemnity

Bambinelli Sunday - 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.

St. Joseph School Christmas Concert will be celebrated on Wednesday December 20th at 12:30 pm and 6 pm at the School gym.

**Do not be troubled or weighed down with grief.
Do not fear any illness or vexation, anxiety or pain...
Are you not under my shadow and protection?**

Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego Cuauhtlatatzin

SECOND 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. We will resume our lessons on January 6th.

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. Everyone is welcome!

Vocations - John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, **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. **New! Boxed Christmas cards available.**

The National Day Of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples is held on December 12th, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. This year's message recalls the Holy Father's Penitential Pilgrimage to Canada in the summer of 2022, and in particular his prayer at Lac Ste. Anne. The entire text may be read [here](#).

The Statue of Our Lady of Lourdes, once located at Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Mohawk Road in Hamilton, has been transferred to the new St. Catherine of Siena Church on Rymal Road in Hamilton. The grotto, a long-time place of pilgrimage and prayer for many parishioners, again welcomes pilgrims from across the Diocese!

Catholic School Support

A meaningful way for Catholics to advocate for publicly funded Catholic education in Ontario is to register as Catholic school supporters. Doing so will provide the opportunity to vote for Catholic School Trustees to represent your interests and assist in maintaining a Catholic school board's assessment base.

There are two ways to update your school support:

1. Online through the MPAC mpac.ca/schoolsupport
2. Completing the Application for Direction of School Support Form

If your taxes have been directed to the Catholic Board the tax bill will read English Separate or French Separate.

Please check your tax bill. If you have any questions, please email assessment@bgcdsb.org



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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Just for today I will try to strengthen my mind. I will study. I will learn something useful. I will not be a mental loafer. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration. Al-Anon Family Groups