

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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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.



Let the people of God rejoice this day.

The God who was, who is, and is to come is in our midst.

As we approach the Advent of our Lord into the very marrow of our humanity,
let us muster the hope and the audacity to ask,

What must I do, to open my heart to this grace today?

As we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, our Liturgy of the Word emphasizes
our call to rejoice. We rejoice because the Messiah is coming.

We rejoice because God has fulfilled his promises.

We rejoice because there is no more need for fear or anxiety.

In Christ, we are fulfilled. Rejoice! One mightier is coming!

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.

DECEMBER 15th, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

Date	Day	Time	+ / *	Intention + Rest in Peace / * Intentions of	Requested by	Diocese
16-Dec	Mon	--	*	Pastor's intentions	N/A	Rev. Ljubo Branimir Lebo, O.F.M.
17-Dec	Tue	7pm	*	In thanksgiving to the People of the Parish	Annemarie Kinsman	Rev. Stipe Rotim, O.F.M.
18-Dec	Wed	9:30am	+	Peter Knowlton	Mary Kischuck & Family	Voluntas Dei Institute (i.v.Dei.)
19-Dec	Thu	9:30am	*	Michael Sebastian & Marjorie Dorzek	Gary Dorzek	Rev. Ilija Petkovic
20-Dec	Fri	9:30am	*	Alen & Esther Lepper	Dave & Mary Lepper	Rev. Vinko Nenadic
21-Dec	Sat	5pm	+	Jeff Hatt	The Hatt Family	Rev. Pierre Caouette, L.C.
22-Dec	Sun	9am	*	People of the Parish	N/A	Fourth Sunday of Advent
		11am	+	Joan LaBlance	Jim LaBlance	

Divine Mercy Candle - The Kischuck Family **Divine Mercy Chaplet:** After the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturdays

Canadian Food for Children CFFC is collecting flour and sugar during the month of December.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. - Matthew 25:35-36

CFFC Christmas Mass will be Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. at the warehouse in Mississauga. They are forever grateful for your continued giving. You can read their Newsletter and insert at [Christmas Newsletter](#) [Amazing Grace Canada](#) Monetary donations can be made by clicking here [Donate Now](#), by cheque payable to: Canadian Food for Children, or by e-transfer to: cffc.aasimone@yahoo.ca.

If you wish to receive your tax receipt via email, please call at 905-274-9239 or send an email at cffc.aasimone@yahoo.ca with your donation details and they will send it to you electronically.

Farewell to Parishioners Mark & Lynne Lukas!

When a parishioner leaves a parish, it is a time of sadness. Yet we also rejoice because they will be ambassadors for us, representatives of Christ to a new community. They will spread the Good News they have heard from this community. Thank you to Mark and Lynne who contributed their talents to St. Joseph for many years. We send them with our prayers and blessings. Please be sure to inform the parish office when you are moving away from the parish.

Liturgy this week

Sun. Dec. 22 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Church Collections this week

Regular contributions were \$1946, PAR \$1759/week. Thank you for your generosity.

Catholic Health International – Journey through

Advent You can find a weekly Advent reflections from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops for your Advent journey. Click on this link to watch it:

<https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>



Jubilee Year of Hope The Year of Jubilee, also known as the Year of Pilgrims of Hope, is a time for renewal, hope, and spiritual focus. At our Parish, we celebrate 25 years of Jubilee Hall, named after the Jubilee year in 2000. We are symbolically opening the Holy

Door to Jubilee Hall on December 29th, when the doors of the Lateran Basilica in Rome and other cathedrals will also be opened. Please join us after the 11 a.m. Mass to celebrate, along with the Universal Church. We will share a toast and appetizers.



Third Sunday of Advent

St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank will be Closed December 24th to January 6th – “Wishing you a Merry Christmas & a Blessed New Year!” – Since the first Wednesday of the month is New Year’s Day, the schedule will change slightly. Families in need of assistance are invited to visit the Food Bank in the downstairs hall at St. Joseph Church, as follows:

- Wednesday, December 18th 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Wednesday January 8th 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 15th 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

SVP is collecting sugar, boxed salt, boxes of chocolate, 2T & 3T pull-ups, Size 5 diapers.

Volunteer Spotlight: More hidden ministries: Dianne, a prayer warrior, leads a group of others to pray for the needs of the sick through the prayer line. Patrick, Arun & Kiran streamed Masses during Covid.

Mandy, Keven and Doria, hosted the Cookies and Carols. The Wurml family placed the outdoors Nativity sets at St. Patrick and St. Joseph Churches. Gary W. placed the Angels at the side of St. Joseph entrance, and the Knights of Columbus turn on the lights around St. Joseph.

Christmas is a blessing with a group of active volunteers who give themselves for the life of the Church. Thank You!

The Third Advent Candle – Joy - “Gaudete Sunday”

“But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’” (Luke 2:10-12)

The third candle of Advent symbolizes **Joy**. As we continue to approach Christmas Day, our joy grows more and more. The third candle takes us back to the joyful anticipation of the shepherds who journeyed to see Jesus in Bethlehem, even before the wise men. On this third Sunday of Advent, which the Church calls “Gaudete Sunday,” meaning rejoice or praise, we light the third candle and rejoice like the shepherds. For this reason, the third candle of Advent is called the **“Shepherd’s Candle,”** and its color is **pink**, the liturgical color for joy.

Christmas Potluck Dinner

Saturday, December 21 at 6 p.m.

Please sign the sheet at St. Joseph Church entrance with your name and the plate you are bringing.

Everyone is welcome!

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.

Collection Envelopes In light of the postal strike, the contribution envelopes for the next trimester will be sent to St. Joseph Parish. You can pick them up at before or after Masses next weekend, or during office hours. If you attend St. Patrick Church and are unable to come to Port Elgin, please call the office and we will make arrangements.

The Nativity of the Lord Christmas

**Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th
St. Joseph at 5:00 p.m.**

**Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th
St. Patrick at 8:00 p.m.**

Christmas Eve

St. Joseph at Midnight

**Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25th
St. Joseph 11:00 a.m.**

Opening (symbolically) the Holy Doors of the Jubilee Year of Hope

**Sunday, December 29th – Jubilee Hall
St. Joseph Church after
the 11 a.m. Mass**

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

**New Year’s Eve - St. Patrick - 5:00 p.m.
New Year’s Day - St. Joseph - 11:00 a.m.**

Beware of babbling tongue and of itching ears.

- St. Jerome

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