

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 \$4376
PAR \$1410/week

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SSVP Hot Line:
519-832-2207

Third Sunday of



*December 17th,
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.

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.

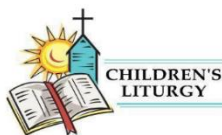
In today's readings Isaiah, Paul, and John the Baptist rejoice because they have Good News. God is with them and working through them. They are anointed, blessed, and sent to do God's will. On this Gaudete Sunday, we, too, find reason to rejoice. Let us rejoice in sharing the Good News of Christ.

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

There will be NOT Children's Liturgy of the Word on
December 24, or on Christmas Day.
We will RESUME on December 31st.



DECEMBER 17th, 2023

Liturgies of the Third Week of Advent till Christmas						
Date	Day	Time	+RIP * Ints.	Intention	Requested by	Diocese
18-Dec-23	Mon	*	*	Pastor's Intentions	N/A	Rev. Msgr. Theodore Slaman
19-Dec-23	Tue	7pm	*	Mary Kischuck	Secular Franciscans	Single Catholics
20-Dec-23	Wed	9:30am	*	The Desbiens Family	Fern & Lucie Desbiens	Voluntas Dei Institute (i.v.Dei.)
			*	Wayne Caskanette	Dave & Mary Lepper	
			+	Dianne Dalton	Len & Helen Tackaberry	
			+	John Vallieres	Vallieres Family	
			+	Hector Therrien	Charlotte Therrien	
			+	Noreen Hilbig	Hilbig Family	
21-Dec-23	Thu	9:30am	+	Dianne Dalton	Frances Vallieres	Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino
22-Dec-23	Fri	9:30am	+	Dcsd. Members of Bugiardini & Infurnari Families	Their families	Rev. Ronald Hodara
23-Dec-23	Sat	5pm	+	Evelyn Gates	Dave & Mary Lepper	Rev. Donald Wilhelm
24-Dec-23	Sun	9am	+	John E. Motz	Catherine & Paul Motz	4th Sunday Advent
		11am	+	Joao & Oclia Santos	Jose & Luisa Santos	
Christmas Eve	Sun	5pm	*	People of the Parish	N/A	Christmas Eve
		8pm	+	George Bugiardini	The Family	
Christmas Day	Mon	Midnight	+	Alice Winter	Len & Helen Tackaberry	Christmas Day (The Nativity of the Lord)
25-Dec-23		11am	+	Marie Perreault	Mary Kischuck & Family	

Divine Mercy Candle – For Trudy Cook

- THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 25TH TO JANUARY 1ST -

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. **Thank you so much** to those who support the Society through their generous contributions, and the gift cards from the Angel Tree. Your generosity makes possible to provide with 60 Christmas Hampers this week.

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

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

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.

Vocations - There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? 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.

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT - Maranatha - The Lord is coming!

When we each spiritually flourish from a healthy, happy and holy interior life with God, one of the happy side effects of our deeper union with God is that parish life flourishes as well.

We want to give our gratitude to each one of our parishioners for their contribution to our parish with their Time, Talent and Treasure.

Special thank you to all those who have responded to our appeal from last week.

God bless you and multiply your generosity.

Several catechists signed to help with the sacramental preparation: Baptism, Confirmation, First Communion and RCIA. Thank you for your time and effort to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and his Church.



Your active participation at Mass, by greeting parishioners, serving as Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Ushers, Children's Liturgy and Altar Servers enhances our worship to the Lord. THANK YOU! Music and choirs members, as well as Sacristans in both churches are key for the celebration of Sunday Masses and Funerals.



Our gratitude and prayers to those acting behind the scenes, by cleaning of linens, collection counting, finance council, decoration, gardening, building maintenance, website maintenance, volunteer screening and ministry schedules.



Fellowship and social is what keep us together as a community of faith. We are grateful to our so many volunteers who have been in the kitchen cooking, serving, decorating and cleaning that we can enjoy our multiple gatherings (Hospitality Sundays, Spanish Fiesta, Funeral Luncheons, and special occasions).



Our recognition to the members of the Parish Groups, Knights of Columbus, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Mission Rosary Making, Secular Franciscans, each with an important mission, who make their acts of mercy, spending hours organizing and supporting the community in different ways.



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



Christmas Joy!

Dear God, thank You for bringing us through the Advent season to this holy day. May our hearts be ever open to receive You and to receive others in Your name. Help us celebrate with great joy the birth of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen. Glory to God in the Highest!

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- ✓ I will do somebody a good turn, and not get found out; if anybody knows of it, it will not count.
- ✓ I will do at least two things I don't want to do – just for exercise.
- ✓ I will not show anyone that my feelings are hurt; they may be hurt, but today I will not show it.

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