

St. Joseph Church

Location: 920 Wellington St.
Port Elgin, ON



Masses this week:

Saturday, 5 pm
Sunday, 11 am
Monday, 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.

SSVP Hot Line:
519-832-2207

The Holy Family



December 31st, 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 next 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.

Imitate the Holy Family, the true model of life.

Even in their holiness, Mary, Joseph, and their child Jesus were not exempt from suffering, and the difficulties of life. Yet they never wavered in their commitment to God or to each other. There was a home where *the child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.*

Let us strive to make our homes a haven for others to grow in love, virtue, and favour.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Immediately after the 5 pm Mass on Saturdays.

World Day of Peace – January 1 was established by Pope Paul VI in 1968.

DECEMBER 31th, 2023

Second Week after Nativity						
Date	Day	Time	+ / *	Intention <small>+ Rest in Peace / * Intentions of</small>	Requested by	Diocese
01-Jan	Monday	11am	*	Rita O'Byrne	Joe & Mairead Keely	<i>The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</i>
02-Jan	Tuesday	7pm	+	Annama Chacko	Elsa Sybi	Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.
03-Jan	Wednesday	9:30am	+	Shirley Martin	Knights of Columbus Council 6736	Diocesan Priests
04-Jan	Thursday	9:30am	+	Marie Perreault	Len & Helen Tackaberry	Rev. Jason Kuntz
05-Jan	Friday	9:30am	*	Fern & Lucie Desbiens	Joe & Mairead Keely	Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino
06-Jan	Saturday	5pm	*	Brenda O'Regan	Joe & Mairead Keely	Rev. David Perrin
			+	Ron Auger	Fern & Lucie Desbiens	
			+	Kevin Parrot	Knights of Columbus Council 6736	
			+	Connie Vercillo	Sergio & Connie Vidotto	
07-Jan	Sunday	9am	*	People of the Parish	N/A	<i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>
		11am	*	Maria Melanson	Brenda Murray	

Divine Mercy Candle – For + Mary Ann Murray

Church Collections This week's regular contributions were \$3415, PAR \$1447/week, Christmas \$8275.

Thank you to all who have already responded to the appeal in December to increase your Sunday offerings. To begin or change current regular contributions through PAR, please notify the parish office by the 10th of the month. This will ensure that automatic withdrawals from your bank account or credit card will begin on the 20th of the month.

GRATITUDE leads me away from darkness and into light; it helps me stop focusing on what's lacking in my life and brings me complete attention to all that I do have. Gratitude brings joy and laughter into my life and the lives of those around me. Gratitude's lessons are revealed through glimmers of joy. I find calm in a life lived in gratitude – a quiet joy. Gratitude holds me together even when I am falling apart. Gratitude make sense of my past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow. Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what I have into enough and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos into order, confusion into clarity.

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Thank you to all the people who expressed their gratitude to Fr. Francisco and the Staff. God bless your generosity.

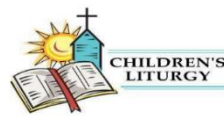
First Friday of the month– January 5th

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 10 am, followed by Adoration in silence until 11:45, then Benediction and Reposition.

Canadian Food for Children CFFC accepts all food donations. Any items are welcome. Canned goods and personal hygiene items are requested for January. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank is offering families in need of assistance to visit the Food Bank, on the third Wednesday of each month, from 1 pm – 6 pm, in the downstairs hall at St. Joseph Church. SSVF is collecting canned meats: salmon & tuna.

The Liturgy of the Word for Children



Sundays at the 11 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church.
Children 3 – 9 are welcome!

First Communion 2024

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

R.C.I.A. Candidates gather on Saturdays at 10 a.m. in the downstairs Hall. We will resume our lessons on January 6th.

Vocations - By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If God is calling you, **contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.**

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