

## St. Joseph Church

Location: 920 Wellington St.  
Port Elgin, ON



### Masses:

Saturday, 5 p.m.

Sunday, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

Friday, 9:30 a.m.

### Confessions:

Saturday, 4-4:45 p.m.

## St. Patrick Church

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



### Masses:

Sunday, 9 a.m.

Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

### Confessions:

Thursday, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

### Parish Office Hours :

Tuesday to Friday  
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

# SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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*December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Christmas Day*

*January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 – Mary The Holy Mother of God*

### Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Francisco J. Sordo

Administrator: Rosalie Scarlett

Secretary: Gloria Villamil

### Welcome and Registration:

If you are new in the area, we welcome  
you to worship with us.

Please find the registration  
form [on our website](#).

### Church Collections

This week's contributions were \$3829. PAR \$5811.  
Thank you to all who have continued to support our parish with your gifts.

SSVP Hot Line: 519-832-2207

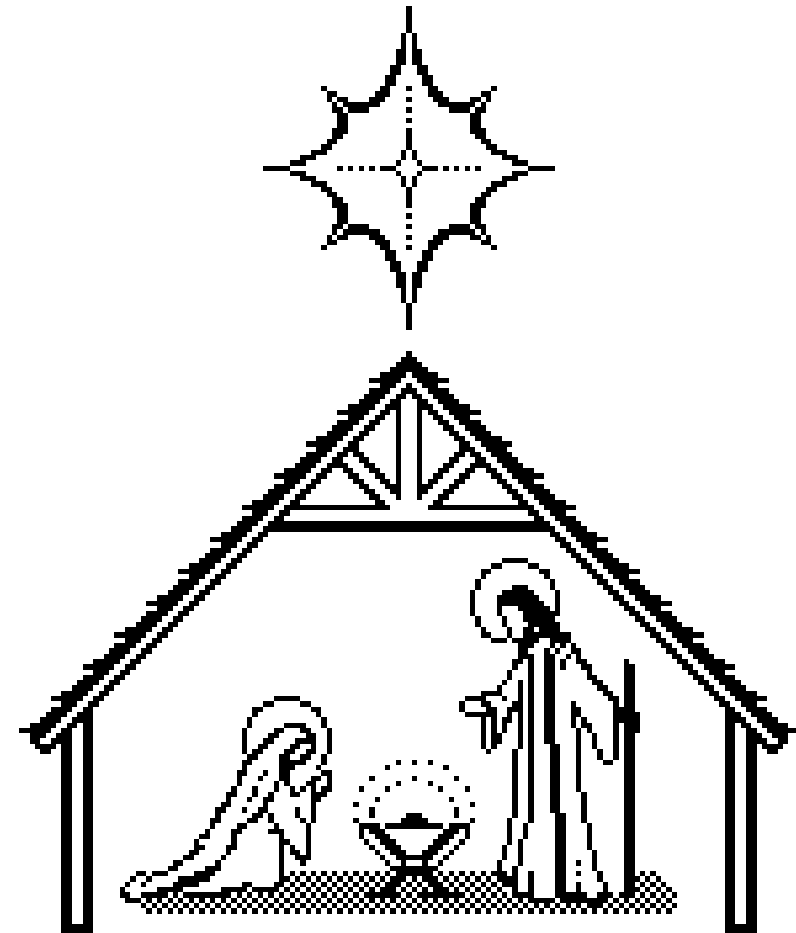
### Baptism – Entering into the Body of Christ!

St. Joseph Parish is pleased to welcome a new  
Catholic:

### Amelia Elizabeth Anne Vinandy

daughter of Jason Vinandy and Stephanie Murray.

Amelia will be baptized on Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022,  
at St. Joseph Church. We offer our congratulations to her  
family and friends.



## BISHOP OF HAMILTON

Christmas 2022

*"Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." Luke, Chapter 2*

Dear Friends,

Christmas is a time of familiarity. We sing familiar songs, share familiar greetings, we pray and gather and celebrate in all those ways to which we are accustomed. Yet does this familiarity numb us to the awe-inspiring reality of the Lord's Nativity? Look into the Christmas crèche: what do we see here? The King of the Universe - lying helpless in a manger. The Lord God Almighty – wrapped in swaddling clothes. The Eternal Word – an infant, unable even to speak!

The Creator of Heaven and Earth is held in the arms of one he has created, and upon opening his eyes *looks up at his mother* - and so looks up at each of us. God so loves us that *he comes to us*, he lowers himself for us, he refuses to be distanced from us and so becomes one of us – taking on the frailty of the human form, yet losing nothing of the greatness of his Divine power.

May we never grow tired of discovering anew these jarring truths, which turn upside-down our expectations of power, greatness, kingship, and so much else. May we renew with fervour our adoration of the God who has become a child, who for love of each one of us has inserted his very self into our human story. This is the blessing of Christmas – may it fill our hearts during these holy days!

*May God, who by the Incarnation  
brought together the earthly and heavenly realm,  
fill you with the gift of his peace and favor  
and make you sharers with the Church in heaven!*  
(From the solemn blessing of Midnight Mass)

Merry Christmas!

*+ Douglas Crosby, OMI*  
(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI  
Bishop of Hamilton.

## Liturgy for the Christmas Season

Date	Day	* / +	Intention	Requested by	Diocese
26-Dec-22	Mon	*	Pastor's Intentions	N/A	<b>Feast of the Holy Family</b>
27-Dec-22	Tue	*	Yvonne Keenan	Sam & Nora Waytowich	Rev. Jerry Punnassery, C.M.I. Congregation of the Sisters of St. Anne (s.s.a.)
28-Dec-22	Wed	*	John Vallieres	Helen McGregor & Family	Rev. Nishil Varghese, C.M.I.
29-Dec-22	Thu	+	Rosemary & Jack Davidson	Sam & Nora Waytowich	Rev. Peter Nwachukwu, O.C.D
30-Dec-22	Fri	+	John Kischuck	Trudy Cook & Deb Jennings	Very Rev. Cornelius O'Mahony, E.V.
31-Dec-22	Sat	+	Mike Chabrak	Sam & Nora Waytowich	<b>The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</b>
Sunday	9 a.m.	+	Gisele Charette	Fern Desbiens	Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.
1-Jan-23	11a.m.	*	People of the Parish	N/A	Rev. Piotr Machnacki, S.A.C.
2-Jan-23	Mon		No Mass Scheduled	N/A	Diocesan Priests
3-Jan-23	Tue		No Mass Scheduled	N/A	Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D.
4-Jan-23	Wed		No Mass Scheduled	N/A	Rev. Joseph Ahilan, C.R.S.P.
5-Jan-23	Thu		No Mass Scheduled	N/A	Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P.
6-Jan-23	Fri		No Mass Scheduled	N/A	
7-Jan-23	Sat	+	John Kischuck	Sam & Nora Waytowicz	
Sunday	9 a.m.	*	People of the Parish	N/A	<b>Epiphany of the Lord</b>
8-Jan-23	11a.m.	+	Beluah May Lalonde	Sam & Nora Waytowicz	

The Office will be closed December 27<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>. Although if an emergency arises please call the parish office. We will check the voicemail message regularly.

There will be no weekday Masses celebrated on January 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> while Fr. Francisco is on vacation. We welcome Fr. Adam Zettel who will celebrate the Weekend Masses. We offer our prayers for safe travels.

The Christmas Season celebrates the birth of the Lord Jesus and the ways he manifested the presence of God among us. For the Church, only the Easter celebration of the Lord's death and rising is more important than the Christmas Season.

Jesus brings salvation to God's people. Let us rejoice!  
Christ lights the way to freedom and salvation.

**Merry Christmas! – Feliz Navidad!**