

## **St. Joseph Church**

**Location:** 920 Wellington St.  
Port Elgin, ON



### **Masses this week:**

Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
Thursday, 9:30 a.m.  
Friday, 7 p.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:**

Sunday, 9 a.m.

### **Knights of Columbus:**

meet every first  
Wednesday of the month  
at 7 p.m. – Jubilee Hall.  
Contact: Jim LaBlance  
[jimlablance@hotmail.com](mailto:jimlablance@hotmail.com)

### **Secular Franciscans:**

Bob Perrault  
519-832-3525

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**519-832-2207**

# SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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**Visit our Facebook page** [facebook.com/St-Josephs Parish](https://facebook.com/St-Josephs Parish)

**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.

***January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025***



***Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.***

Today's feast celebrates the revelation of the Messiah  
to those outside the Jewish Covenant.

The three Magi were among the first to recognize Jesus as King, and Tradition holds that their encounter transformed them from outsiders (Gentiles) to faithful believers who proclaimed this Good News.

God desires salvation for the whole world, and we are commissioned by our baptism to bring others to encounter Christ, so that they, too, might be transformed.

### ***Sacraments:***

**Baptism:** Contact the parish office for information.

**First Communion** will take place on May 3 & 4, 2025

**Confirmation:** will take place on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 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.**

January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Liturgy for the Last Week of Christmas						
Date	Day	Time	+ / *	Intention + Rest in Peace / * Intentions of	Requested by	Diocese
06-Jan	Mon	*		N/A	N/A	Rev. Joseph Ahilan, C.R.S.P.
07-Jan	Tue	9:30am	+	Martha Jones	D. & M. Lepper	Rev. Benedict T. Insigne, C.R.S.P.
08-Jan	Wed	7pm	*	Rob Peplow	G. & R. Reinwald	Diocesan Priests
09-Jan	Thu	9:30am	+	Maria Candiago	B. & D. Jennings	Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P
10-Jan	Fri	7pm	*	Sharon Neale	G. & R. Reinwald	Rev. David Avila
11-Jan	Sat.	5pm	*	Pedroso Family	R. Corp	Married Couples
			*	Gaetane Orztynowicz	B. & D. Jennings	
			*	Holy Souls in Purgatory	G. Dorzek	
			+	Connie Vercillo	B. Murray	
12-Jan	Sun	9am	*	People of the Parish	N/A	<b>Baptism of the Lord</b>
		11am	+	Maria Candiago	The Potvin Family	

**Divine Mercy Candle - Lukas Family**

**Divine Mercy Chaplet:** After the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturdays

**Liturgy this week**

Tue. Jan. 7 – St. André Bessette, Religious (M)

Sun. Jan. 12 – The Baptism of the Lord (F)



**Jubilee Year of Hope** – Symbols from the Scripture, prepared by David and Heather Starrs, are hanging in Jubilee Hall that reminds us that the Hall is used not only for social gatherings, but it has been and is going to be used also for Spiritual instruction.

**Sacramental Preparation next sessions:**

*First Reconciliation and First Communion:* January 24<sup>th</sup>

*Confirmation:* February 21<sup>st</sup>

Both at 6:30 p.m. in Jubilee Hall.

RCIA gathers on Saturdays at 10 a.m. in Jubilee Hall.

**Prayer Line** A group of parishioners prays for your needs from their homes. Your request for prayers can be emailed to [wdtv@bmts.com](mailto:wdtv@bmts.com). Please include your name and phone number.

**Every action of our daily life should be influenced by gentleness, temperance, humility and purity.**

St. Francis de Sales

**St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank** – 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 January 8<sup>th</sup> 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

SVP is collecting laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, toothbrushes and toothpaste.

**CFFC** is collecting bars of soap, shampoo, toothpaste, tooth brushes for the month of January.

**From January 6<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup>**

Fr. Ian Duffy, Rector of the Basilica of Our Lady in Guelph, will celebrate the weekend Masses as per the regular schedule.

Fr. Thomas Manninezhath, Administrator of St. Anthony of Padua in Kincardine, will celebrate the weekday Masses, all at St. Joseph Church, but on an adjusted schedule:

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

Fridays at 7 p.m.

Our appreciation goes to Fr. Duffy and Fr. Thomas for accepting the request to cover Fr. Francisco while he is on his very well-deserved vacation.

## The Epiphany of the Lord - Christmas

### **Jubilee 2025 – New Year’s Resolutions**

The purpose of a Jubilee year is to intensify our experience of God’s grace (Divine life) within and around us. We might cooperate with that ever-present grace, to have that renewal in the Church.

Here we present some suggestions that you might include in your resolutions:

Rediscover the Hope in the Sacrament of Penance: How can I improve my preparation for the Sacrament of reconciliation? Can I include a monthly visit with Christ in the confessional?

Frame each day with daily prayer: How can I improve my morning and my evening prayer?

Make a regular Holy Hour: At St. Joseph we offer Adoration every First Friday, but the church is open during office hours. Can I spend more time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament?

Give the tithe of your time to God: Can I schedule daily time in silence to listen what God wants to tell me?

Deepen our lives into the Gospel: How can I practice the works of mercy? How do I incorporate a bigger understanding of the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes?

To have a real renewal, we need to focus our attention in Christ. He must be the centre of our lives, and we must follow the footprints of the Teacher.

**Support for your Marriage** – Does your marriage feel like it is more trouble than joy, does it feel stagnant or disconnected? Is it causing you constant stress? The solution is Retrouvaille – whose one purpose is to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves. It is designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. For struggling couples, including those who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend is March 7-9, 2025. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email 1013r@helpourmarriage.org.

**The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass – Save the Date!** Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2025? Then you are cordially invited to join Bishop Crosby and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 1, 2025**, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration will be available online in January at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com).

**Reel Justice Film Festival** Join on January 23, 2025, 7:00 – 9:00 PM for *She Rises Up*, a revealing look at the power of women’s economic participation. The film follows radically different women from Sri Lanka, Peru, and Senegal who are working to build businesses, create job opportunities for women, and contribute to the reduction of poverty in their communities. Film Director, Maureen Castle Tusty and Executive Producer James Tusty will join us as guest speakers. In 2008, they founded Sky Films Inc. to produce documentary films that inform, uplift, and inspire. The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule of events at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/> A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

**Jubilee of Hope, 2025** The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this Ordinary Jubilee Year, 2025, as “Pilgrims of Hope!” All are invited to journey through this year drawing closer to God through prayer, service and experiences of renewal. Six churches have been designated as pilgrimage sites across the Diocese, welcoming you as a visitor over the course of the Jubilee to come and pray. Resources, information and locations of the pilgrimage sites are all available on the Diocesan Website: [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

Each month in the Diocese of Hamilton, we will pray for **Heroes of Hope** – those members of our parishes and communities who offer hope to those in need by their ministries and service. During January, we pray for those who serve in Parish Ministries:

**Lord God, by the grace of our baptism,  
you have given us new life in Christ and called us to  
serve as pilgrims of hope.**

**We pray in thanksgiving for those who have  
responded to your call to be leaders in our parish  
community  
and for the volunteers who dedicate their gifts  
for the building up of your Church  
and the service of their sisters and brothers.**

**Through their varied ministries,  
may they touch the hearts of all in our community  
who long for the hope, born of our Christian faith,  
that never disappoints.**

**We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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### Vocations

“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ’s name? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Mark Morley,



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