

## 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.

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# SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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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.

**December 1<sup>st</sup>,  
2024**



### **"Happy New Year!"**

We begin our journey with Jesus through the liturgical year with a call to be alert.  
There is a great temptation to close our eyes to the ugliness of the world.

But when we choose voluntary blindness,  
we can often become closed to wonder and grace...

Advent is a time of deep discernment – the great gift that helps us convert vision  
into action. Our pre-Christmas preparations are often marked by haste and  
distraction, but Advent calls us to embody hope, peace, joy and love.

We are to become the Advent candles we light.

As we become these Advent candles, may we illuminate the dark places in the  
world and light the path of the coming of Christ Child, again and again. Living with Christ

### **Sacraments:**

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

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

**Confirmation:** will take place on Saturday 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.

### **Care of the Sick:**

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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

First Sunday of Advent						
Date	Day	Time	+ / *	Intention + Rest in Peace / * Intentions of	Requested by	Diocese
02-Dec	Mon	--	*	Pastor's intentions	N/A	Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger
03-Dec	Tue	7pm	+	Paul Blackwell	Joe & Mairead Keely	Rev. Carlos Diaz
04-Dec	Wed	9:30am	*	Michael Sebastian & Marjorie Dorzek	Gary Dorzek	Order of Preachers (Dominican, O.P.)
05-Dec	Thu	9:30am	*	Rita O'Byrne	Joe & Mairead Keely	Rev. Fulbert Jonas Ahouansou
06-Dec	Fri	9:30am	+	Phyllis & bill Fairfield	Dave & Mary Lepper	Rev. John Van Hees
07-Dec	Sat	5pm	+	Joan Rankin	Bev Rankin	Engaged Couples
08-Dec	Sun	9am	*	People of the Parish	N/A	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>
		11am	+	Marie Perreault	The Perreault Family	

**Divine Mercy Candle** - Annemarie Kinsman - **Divine Mercy Chaplet:** After the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturdays

**Liturgy this week**

Tue. Dec. 3 – St. Francis Xavier, Priest (M)  
 Sat. Dec. 7 – St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor (M)  
 Sun. Dec. 8 – Second Sunday of Advent  
 Mon. Dec. 9 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (S)

**Vocations** – "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, 905-528-7988. Email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) [hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)

**Cookies & Carols** –

Join us on the first weekend of Advent (Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>) for Cookies and Carols in Jubilee Hall after the 11 am Mass.  
 Your Hosts: The Rector Family.  
 Everyone is welcome!

**Knights of Columbus** meet every first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. – Jubilee Hall.

**Church Collections this week**

Regular contributions were \$2860, PAR \$1759/week. This amount includes annual contributions. Thank you for your generosity.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

*Please pray for those who are preparing to receive God's grace through the Sacraments:*

**First Reconciliation and First Communion:**

First Session:  
 January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Jubilee Hall

**Confirmation:**

Second Session:  
 February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Jubilee Hall

**RCIA:**

Saturdays at 10 a.m. in the Boardroom.

**Rosary of the Seven Sorrows.** To honour Our Lady of Guadalupe for the conclusion of Cardinal Burke's 9-month novena, Larry Romanowich (519-378-1417) is hosting an outdoor Seven Sorrows Rosary and candlelight procession, weather permitting. It starts at 5 p.m. on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 057002 Concession 11 of Georgian Bluffs (or Tara for Google maps). Dress appropriately, (0.5 km trail is through a forest) and bring a weatherproof candle/lantern/flashlight.

**Ladies Christmas Party!**

Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

6 p.m. – Jubilee Hall

Tickets: \$40 cash

Buy yours at the parish office or at the weekend Masses at St. Joseph Church before December 6<sup>th</sup>



[50/50 draw to support the St. Joseph School new playground]  
 (Your Organizer Volunteers: Connie, Marjorie, Tatiana)

# First Sunday of Advent



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

**St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank** invites families in need of assistance to visit the Food Bank, twice a month, in the downstairs hall at St. Joseph Church, as follows:

First Wednesday 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Third Wednesday 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

SVP is collecting coffee, fruit cocktail, peaches, hamburger helper.

**St. Vincent de Paul Angel Tree** – The SVP Angel Trees are up at both churches. Please purchase a \$25 gift card from Wal-Mart or Food Basics for our families in need to buy a Christmas turkey and for a gift for children 17 years and younger. Please place the gift card on the SVP boxes or drop it at the collection basket during Masses before December 8<sup>th</sup>.



**Volunteer Spotlight:** Dave K. helps with the sound system and microphones maintenance. Wayne, Trudy and Trenton, and Jo-Anne and Jack organize and drive the food and donations for Dr. Simone.

## **Our Volunteers make this a Vibrant Church!**

**The Light** – “There are times when we sense the light within us, urging us forth to delight in truth, the truth in our own being, the truth of the Word of God, of reality, of people. The light urges us to separate ourselves from anything which is not true, from all that is darkness, lies or illusion, for we sense that light is the truth, which will set us free... This is the light, which grows in us, urges us on to a greater understanding of the beauties of people and of the universe and gradually calls us forth to wonderment and contemplation. We begin to look at the universe and at Jesus with the eyes of a child, with the peace, the excitement, the adoration of a child. This is the light as it grows in us: to love reality...”

Jean Vanier, Be not Afraid, Griffing House, 1975

**December Pope’s Prayer intention** Let us pray that this Jubilee strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

## **Jubilee Year – Pilgrims of Hope**

“Hope” is the overarching theme of the upcoming Ordinary Jubilee of 2025.

“Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future will bring.” Expressing his desire that the Jubilee might be “an opportunity for us to be renewed in hope”, Pope Francis recalled that pilgrimage is “a fundamental event of every Jubilee event.”



## **Christmas and New Year Schedule 2024 / 2025**

### **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)**

Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> St. Joseph 7:00 p.m.

### **Our Lady of Guadalupe – Patroness of the Americas (Feast)**

Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> St. Joseph 9:30 a.m.

### **The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas**

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> St. Joseph 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> St. Joseph Midnight

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> St. Joseph 11:00 a.m.

### **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Feast)**

Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup> St. Joseph 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick 9:00 a.m.

St. Joseph 11:00 a.m.

### **New Year - Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> St. Patrick 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> St. Joseph 11:00 a.m.



We are led to God by desire,  
drawn as if pulled by a rope.

St. Gregory of Nyssa

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### Exposition and Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament

December 6<sup>th</sup>

Exposition at 10 a.m., followed  
by adoration in silence  
until 11:45 a.m., then  
Benediction and Reposition.



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### 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!