

St. Joseph Church

Location: 920 Wellington St.
Port Elgin, ON



Masses this week:

Monday, 7 p.m. Solemnity
Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, 9:30 a.m.
Friday, 9:30 a.m. – (School Mass)
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.

Confessions

Thursday 10 a.m.

Knights of Columbus:

meet every first
Wednesday of the month
at 7 p.m. – Jubilee Hall.
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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 8th, 2024

Second Sunday of



John the Baptist is a perennially challenging and important figure in salvation history.

As Christians, we naturally associate the new and definitive liberation from sin and suffering that John proclaims with the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. John's message - his call to repentance in the face of immanent judgment – would have been disturbing back then, but perhaps we need to hear it even more today. His ministry challenges us this Advent season to recall and embrace the radical nature of our baptismal calling to repent and believe in the Good News – to witness to and prepare the way for the renewal of all creation that we associate with Christ's return. Living with Christ

Sacraments:

Baptism: Contact the parish office for information.

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

Confirmation: will take place on June 7th, 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.

DECEMBER 8th, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent						
Date	Day	Time	+ / *	Intention <small>+ Rest in Peace / * Intentions of</small>	Requested by	Diocese
09-Dec	Mon	7pm	+	Soren Dixon	Mary Ann & Jennifer Dixon	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10-Dec	Tue	7pm	*	Rob & Anita Peplow	Trudy Cook	Rev. Lawrence Parent
11-Dec	Wed	9:30am	*	Deborah Jennings	Trudy Cook	Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (C.Ss.R.)
12-Dec	Thu	9:30am	*	Forgotten Souls in Purgatory	Gary Dorzek	National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples
13-Dec	Fri	9:30am	*	Valerie Sebastian	Gary Dorzek	Rev. John Ha
14-Dec	Sat	5pm	*	Michael Sebastian & Marjorie	Gary Dorzek	Rev. Robert Kavelj, O.F.M.
15-Dec	Sun	9am	*	People of the Parish	N/A	Third Sunday of Advent
		11am	+	Sam Waytowich	Joe & Mairead Keely	

Divine Mercy Candle - Sansotta & Mariani Families **Divine Mercy Chaplet:** After the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturdays

Liturgy this week

Mon. Dec. 9 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (S)

Thurs. Dec. 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas (F)

Fri. Dec. 13 – St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr (M)

Sat. Dec. 14 – St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor (M)

Sun. Dec. 15 – Third Sunday of Advent

This week there is Mass on Monday at 7 p.m. at the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, followed by Adoration, and on Thursday on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mass will be at St. Joseph, followed by Adoration.

There will be opportunities for confession after Exposition begins on these two days.

Vocations – Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister to help our world of today to truly “prepare the way of the Lord”? Contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, 905-528-7988. Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

Church Collections this week

Regular contributions were \$2160, PAR \$1759/week. Thank you for your generosity.

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

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 12th 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.

This Christmas Eve, Pope Francis will mark the start of the



Jubilee Year of Hope by opening the doors of St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. The Year of Jubilee, also known as the Year of Pilgrims of Hope, is a time for renewal, hope, and spiritual focus. At our Parish, we celebrate

25 years of Jubilee Hall, named after the Jubilee year in 2000. We are symbolically opening the Holy Door to Jubilee Hall on December 29th, when the doors of the Lateran Basilica in Rome and other cathedrals will also be opened. Please join us after the 11 a.m. Mass to celebrate, along with the Universal Church. We will share a toast and appetizers afterwards.

**The more one is humbled,
the more one is exalted.**



Second Sunday of Advent

St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank Closed December 24th to January 6th – “Wishing you a Merry Christmas & a Blessed New Year!” – 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, December 18th 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Wednesday January 8th 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Wednesday, January 15th 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

SVP is collecting sugar, boxed salt, boxes of chocolate, 2T & 3T pull-ups, Size 5 diapers.

St. Vincent de Paul wants to express the gratitude to all the parishioners who contribute in different ways to help the poor, especially through the Angel Tree campaign. Thanks to your generosity, several families in our area will receive a Christmas Hamper on December 18th

Volunteer Spotlight: This time we recognize the Lectors or Ministers of the Word: Miguel, Lucie, Wanda, Doug, John, Kelsey, Richard, Brenda, Bob, Jackie, Rosalie, Kiran, Caroline in St. Joseph; and Jane, Pat, Chris, Stephen, and Mary in St. Patrick. They proclaim the readings from Sacred Scripture, and announce the intentions for the Universal Prayer.

Our Volunteers make this a Vibrant Church!

The second candle of Advent – Peace

“May we be in this world a ray of that light which shone forth from Bethlehem, bringing joy and peace to the hearts of all men and women.” – Pope Francis

The second candle on the Advent wreath represents **Peace**. Like the first candle, it is also purple. Often called the **“Bethlehem Candle,”** the second Advent candle reminds us of Mary and Joseph’s journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem before Mary gave birth to Jesus. Building on the meaning of the Prophecy Candle, this second candle recalls that after all of the division, destruction, and dispersion of the kingdom in the Old Testament, there might finally be peace on Earth – Jesus is coming, and so is his Kingdom of Peace. As we read in the quote from Pope Francis, this light of peace shone forth from Bethlehem for all the world.

Advent Confessions

In addition to the regular times on Saturdays and Thursdays, Fr. Francisco will be hearing confessions during the Adoration hour at St. Joseph Church, as follows:

December 6th (First Friday) – 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Monday, December 9th (Immaculate Conception) – 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 12th (Our Lady of Guadalupe) – 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)

Monday, December 9th St. Joseph 7:00 p.m.

Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 8:30 p.m.

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

Thursday, December 12th St. Joseph 9:30 a.m.

Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12:00 noon

Bambinelli Sunday

Gaudete Sunday, December 14th /15th at all Masses

Families are invited to bring the baby Jesus figurines from their home Nativity set, for a special blessing.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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

First Reconciliation and First Communion:

Next Session: **Jan. 24th** at 6:30 p.m. in Jubilee Hall

Confirmation:

Next Session: **Feb. 21st** at 6:30 p.m. in Jubilee Hall

RCIA: Saturdays at 10 a.m. in the Boardroom.

If you did not receive an email from the Parish, with the Christmas schedule, please call the office. Copies are also available at the back of both churches.

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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!