

St. Joseph Church

Location: 920 Wellington St.
Port Elgin, ON



Masses this week:

Tue. Christmas Eve. 5 p.m.
Wed. Christmas Midnight
Wed. Christmas Day 11 a.m.
Friday, 9:30 a.m.
Saturday, 5 p.m.
Sunday, 11 a.m.

St. Patrick Church

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



Masses this week:

Tue. Christmas Eve 8 p.m.
Thursday, 9:30 a.m.
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 22nd, 2024

Fourth Sunday of



***Luke gives us an insight into the heart and person of Mary:
prompted by the Spirit, she unselfishly forgets her own needs and
visits her cousin who has miraculously conceived in her old age.***

Mary did not think twice, but in haste took the arduous journey to share the joy of her own impending motherhood. This Gospel invites us to journey with Mary into the Judean hill country – a journey that will continue with Joseph to Nazareth, in flight after the Nativity and ultimately to the Cross.

When our journey is challenging, we can take heart from Mary. She followed the promptings of the Spirit, found the strength to carry out her journey and received blessings in return.

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 22nd, 2024

Fourth of Advent & Christmas Liturgy

Date	Day	Time	+ / *	Intention <small>+ Rest in Peace / * Intentions of</small>	Requested by	Diocese
23-Dec	Mon	--	*	Pastor's intentions	N/A	Rev. Jerek Scherber, L.C.
24-Dec	Tue	5pm	*	People of the Parish	N/A	Rev. Adam Zettel, L.C.
		8pm	*	Robert & Anita Peplow	Marianne MacArthur	
25-Dec	Wed	12 mdn	+	Evelyn Gates	Dave & Mary Lepper	Christmas Day -The Nativity of the Lord
		11am	*	Joy & Christopher Dias	Rochelle & Paul Grimoldby	
26-Dec	Thu	9:30am	*	Robert Peplow on his birthday	Marianne MacArthur	Rev. Jerry Punnassery, C.M.I.
27-Dec	Fri	9:30am	*	Forgotten Souls in Purgatory	Gary Dorzek	Rev. Rijo Jose, C.M.I.
28-Dec	Sat	5pm	*	Deborah Jennings	Gary & Barb Reinwald	The Holy Innocents
29-Dec	Sun	9am	*	People of the Parish	N/A	Feast of the Holy Family
		11am	*	Fr. Francisco Sordo	Annemarie Kinsman	

Divine Mercy Candle - Gloria & Rosalie **Divine Mercy Chaplet:** After the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturdays

Liturgy this week

Tue. Dec. 24 – The Nativity of the Lord (S)
 Wed. Dec. 25 – Christmas - The Nativity of the Lord (S)
 Thurs. Dec. 26 – St. Stephen, First Martyr (F)
 Octave of the Nativity
 Fri. Dec. 27 – St. John, Apostle, Evangelist (F)
 Octave of the Nativity
 Sat. Dec. 28 – The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (F)
 Octave of the Nativity
 Sun. Dec. 29 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (F)

The Children's Liturgy of the Word team wishes everyone a Merry Christmas. Please note that there won't be Children's Liturgy on Sunday, December 29th.

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

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. - Matthew 25:35-36

Church Collections this week

Regular contributions were \$3133, PAR \$1756/week. Thank you for your generosity.



Jubilee Year of Hope 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.

CFFC are forever grateful for your continued giving. You can read their Newsletter and insert at [Christmas Newsletter](#) [Amazing Grace Canada](#) Monetary donations can be made by clicking here [Donate Now](#), by cheque payable to: Canadian Food for Children, or by e-transfer to: cffc.aasimone@yahoo.ca. If you wish to receive your tax receipt via email, please call at 905-274-9239 or send an email at cffc.aasimone@yahoo.ca with your donation details and they will send it to you electronically.

In the event of a severe winter conditions during Christmas Eve or Christmas Day Masses, or if you cannot attend for healthy reasons, the 5 p.m., Midnight, and 11 a.m. Masses will be streamed at our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@stjosephparishsaugeneishore8308>



Fourth Sunday of Advent

St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank will be 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 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.

Volunteer Spotlight: Especially this time, we recognize the time and talent of ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS, the ones who have been named and the ones who go unnoticed, but that we all are benefit from their effort. Christmas is a busy time at the Church. A HUGE THANK YOU to those who help in different ways: sacristans, musicians, choirs, lectors, ushers, greeters, ministers of Communion, altar servers; decorating the Churches, cleaning vessels, cleaning the altar clothes, cleaning and dusting the churches; those doing hospitality, bringing Communion to the homebound, visiting the sick at Southampton Care Centre, serving the poor through St. Vincent de Paul; keeping records of the main events, praying for the sick, updating the website and the Facebook page. Thanks to your Volunteer contribution we can enjoy a vibrant and alive Church!

Advent Candle/Sunday: Love

“And in the end, everything else will turn out to be unimportant and inessential, except for this: Father, Child, and Love.” - St. (Pope) John Paul II

The fourth candle of Advent represents **Love**, the ultimate love of God that He might send His only Son for us. Called the “Angel’s Candle,” the fourth candle of Advent is lit the Sunday before Christmas, and it is the color purple, leading us to eagerly await the new Kingdom of God on earth.

If you want an offering counted in 2024, please bring it by December 29th in order to be counted as this year’s contribution.

All for God and for God’s glory.
 In whatever you do, think of the glory of God
 as your main goal. St. John Bosco

The Nativity of the Lord Christmas

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th

St. Joseph at 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th

St. Patrick at 8:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve

St. Joseph at Midnight

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25th

St. Joseph 11:00 a.m.

Opening (symbolically) the Holy Doors of the Jubilee Year of Hope

Sunday, December 29th – Jubilee Hall

St. Joseph Church after
the 11 a.m. Mass

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

New Year’s Eve - St. Patrick - 5:00 p.m.

New Year’s Day - St. Joseph - 11:00 a.m.

Fr. Francisco and the staff want to express their gratitude:

To all those who have shown your appreciation with cards, prayers, gifts and goodies.

To all our Parishioners who are sharing your generosity with the Church.

To all those who support SVP Angel Tree program and helped preparing the Christmas Hampers.

To all who come to worship together and give praise to God by participating in the Masses.

Merry Christmas & a Blessed New Year!

Please notice that the parish office will be closed from December 23 until January 1st.
 Reopen on January 2nd.

We wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with Peace!

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