

April 3, 2020

Dear people of God,

I pray this update finds you all doing very well. I continue to lift you in prayer, and I feel your prayers too!

As you know, I am Live Streaming every day – hoping to assist you in raising your hearts to God.

Please take the time to read the Bishop's Memo sent out today to all parishes. The new memo states that all parishes and offices are to be closed until May 30, 2020 at the earliest. COVID is serious and we all need to take it seriously adhering to health officials instructions. Please do so on a personal level.

Here are the quick links for you:

Facebook – for Livestream (Fr-Rico Passero)

Parish YouTube Channel – https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX5_TJMB7GpOw6MOLV8t9pw

Parish Website – www.stjosephgrimsby.ca (note only Sunday and Holy Week Masses will be uploaded to parish website and the site is undergoing construction)

Here is the schedule for the LIVESTREAM Masses (uploaded to YouTube shortly after)

Sunday 10:30am Mass

Monday through Saturday 9:00am Mass

Holy Hours – including Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet – 3pm daily

Monday to Thursday, 12pm on Fridays, 9:30am on Saturday.

1. **Schedule for Holy Week is as follows** (*Note these times are for the Live stream on Facebook, they will be uploaded to YouTube channel just after their conclusion*)

Palm Sunday – April 5 –

Mass celebrated at 10:30am

Holy Thursday – April 9th

Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:00pm

Good Friday April 10th

Children / Family Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 10:30am

Adult and Solemn Service of the Lord's Passion – 3:00pm

Stations of the Cross – 7:00pm

Holy Saturday April 11th

Blessing of Easter Foods – 12:00pm

Easter Vigil Mass– 5:00pm (*with Bishop Bergie's special permission to celebrate before sunset*)

Easter Sunday

Resurrection of the Lord – Mass 10:30am

2. Note that due to Bishop Bergie's Memo – confessions in the parking lot will not happen tomorrow and confessions are suspended until further notice.

3. We are no longer allowed to distribute palms anymore. I trust that most of you picked your palms up this week given the previous memos I sent out. For those who did not yet get a palm, I will hold onto them and at a later date they will be made available to you.
4. Please continue to remember the parish in your weekly offerings. Either send an e-transfer to the email – myparishgift@gmail.com or hold onto your envelopes to be dropped off in the future. Thank you for your generosity.
5. 1st Communion Masses & Confirmation Masses are postponed until further notice. I emailed all 4 of our Catholic schools today with this information.

For any pastoral needs – please email the parish or call the parish office 905-945-2661. Let us make this Holy Week a true encounter with God through our digital liturgies and your active participation from home – the domestic church.

God bless,

Fr. Rico