

May 9, 2020

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Joseph,

May the Lord continue to fill you with the joy of Easter!

It's been a good week celebrating Catholic Education Week (though learning at home of course) – and giving thanks to God for the gift of Catholic Education. We thank God specifically for our own local board – the Niagara Catholic District School Board. I pray that we never take Catholic Education for granted as we continue as a society, and especially when it comes to voting for candidates who actively support keeping Christ in the classroom.

Links to virtual Masses

Facebook – (Fr-Rico Passero) and the Parish Page – St. Joseph Catholic Church Grimsby

YouTube Channel –

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX5_TJMB7GpOw6M0LV8t9pw

Parish Website – www.stjosephgrimsby.ca

Here are the updates for the week:

1. I am working on creating some short videos to help families grow in praying together. I am working on a Primary level video on the Rosary and some other helpful tools. They are being edited and I hope to release them shortly. Also I will be filming a few videos to enhance faith for young people, and adults alike. I will inform you of their completion for you to enhance faith life at home.

2. Beginning Tuesday May 12 from 7:00-8:30pm, and reoccurring weekly, I will be hosting my GOD TALK bible study through the Zoom platform. See the instructions on how to join. All parishioners are welcome – we will be learning about the passage – Jeremiah Chapters 7-12. To join, click on the link below. Again this is free for everyone. If you need help setting this up – contact the parish office.

Fr-Rico Passero is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Fr-Rico Passero's God Talk

Time: May 12, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/78913771178?pwd=TERNbGhHSm1xdUhMWER1WFRPVn pEUT09>

Meeting ID: 789 1377 1178

Password: Godtalk

For those who wish to phone in and join through phone (not the computer) – call the below number and follow the prompts – (you will have to enter the meeting ID and password will be 344929

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3. Sunday is of course Mother's Day. While we likely cannot spoil our mothers in the way we would normally like to, we can definitely pray for them and thank God for the love they show to us every day. Join me for Mass on Sunday as we give thanks to God for them and also have a special blessing of mothers. Note – women take on the form of motherhood in many ways – biological mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, godmothers, aunts, sisters, friends, etc. Let's not forget the importance that women play in general in our lives. Let us also remember in our prayers, the mothers and women that have passed away and rest in the mercy of God – let's pray for them as well. God bless you all!

4. Thank you all for your generosity towards our Haiti Mission project. While we can no longer send our 8 youth along with their chaperones, we have forwarded the funds collected from our parish to our partners at Haiti Mission Inc. I am proud to announce that \$20,863 was raised from donations, raffles and fundraising. Please note – those who purchased tickets for the raffle, the draws will take place once we re-open the parish (to create some welcome back hype!) These funds were forwarded to assist in continuing the Lord's work. Many thank you to all who donated to this worthwhile cause. I will share with you the Thank you letter from Haiti Mission Inc and the particular projects these funds will support upon receiving it from them. God is so good! Thank you St. Joseph Family!

5. In continue to invite you all to utilize the FORMED.org platform. Again free to all parishioners, there are NUMEROUS resources for you to check out as an individual and as a family. Free to all parishioners. I have again included the instructions to enroll here: To log onto FORMED (again FREE to all parishioners)

- Visit www.formed.org
- Click Sign up
- Click – I belong to a parish or organization
- Type St Joseph Grimsby – in the “find your parish or organization” box and click on our parish name once it populates
- Click Next
- Add your name and email address – then click sign up
- Enjoy FORMED

6. Please find the Daily Mass Intentions for the upcoming week attached to this email. Note – if you wish to have a Mass celebrated for a loved one – please contact the office. Let us continue to remember all of the dead, even if they died many years ago, in our prayers. It is our responsibility to pray for the deceased and assist them to attain eternal life – passing through the waters of death, through purgatory, to eternal glory. Mass intentions can also be offered for those who are alive – and we call them

“special intentions” this can be for a birthday, anniversary, anticipation of surgery or special need of any kind. The grace from gifting a Mass to someone is significant. Offerings for a Mass in the Diocese of St. Catharines are \$10 per name per Mass. Contact the parish office for more details.

7. I continue to encourage parish groups – especially leaders, to look to use electronic measures to reach out to one another – email, Facetime, Skype, Zoom, Microsoft Teams, and many other platforms are a great way of staying connected to one another. Please continue to pray for and care for one another. I continue to make several calls myself and encourage all parishioners to reach out to one another – we all share the responsibility to look after each other. There are many groups using these platforms – let’s stay connected!

8. Thank you again for remembering the parish in regard to finances. **Please continue to use the parish e-transfer email – myparishgift@gmail.com** (remembering there is to be no security question or password) **If you use the e-transfer option – please add your envelope number in the message line.** You can also continue to drop off your parish envelopes in the mailbox just outside the parish doors. I check and empty it several times a day. God bless you for your generosity.

9. The St. Joseph Schedule for the week ahead (remember times given are for the Live Stream on Facebook, uploaded later to YouTube). Everything given here is ONLINE only – please stay home

Saturday May 9

Mass - 9:00am

Holy Hour - 9:30am

Sunday May 10 – 5th Sunday of Easter (Blessing of Mothers for Mother’s Day)

Mass – 10:30am

Holy Hour – 3:00pm

Monday May 11

Mass – 9:00am

Holy Hour – 3:00pm

Tuesday May 12

Mass – 9:00am

Holy Hour – 3:00pm

Wednesday May 13

Mass – 9:00am

Holy Hour (Worship Wednesday) - 3:00pm

Thursday May 14

Mass – 9:00am
Holy Hour – 3:00pm

Friday May 15

Mass - 9:00am
Holy Hour – 12:00pm

If you have any pastoral needs, please email or call the parish.
You remain in my daily prayers – please pray for me and for each other.

St. Joseph – pray for us. Mary, Mother of the Church – pray for us.

God bless,
Fr. Rico