

April 23, 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Joseph,

Happy Easter! Christ is truly Risen! We continue to celebrate the Risen Christ! The Season of Easter is indeed 50 days and so let us rejoice and celebrate the Joy of Jesus!

We continue to be OPEN at a TEN people limit inside at any Mass – meaning 9 parishioners and the priest.

Parishioners are invited to attend ONE Mass for the week (April 26-May 2). Please do NOT sign up for multiple Masses. I want to maximize the number of people attending Mass each week. Note that any Mass you attend for the week will count as worship of God. Recall also that Bishop Bergie has dispensed all of us from attending Mass (announced March 2020).

Anyone wishing to attend Mass must do so through our parish website (www.stjosephgrimsby.ca). Only parishioners of St. Joseph Grimsby may attend Mass under this restriction. Thank you for your assistance and understanding.

The Mass Schedule at St. Joseph is as follows:

**Saturday 9:00am / 10:00am / 11:00am / 12:00pm / 1:00pm / 4:00 pm / 5:00pm / 6:00pm
Sunday 8:30am / 9:30am / 10:30am / 12:30pm / 4:30pm / 5:30pm / 6:30pm**

Monday 9:00am

Tuesday 9:00am

Wednesday 9:00am / 6:30pm

Thursday 9:00am

Friday 9:00am

You are again reminded that the office is closed to parishioners at this time in person, your pastoral needs can be answered via phone or email. This has been mandated by Bishop Bergie and is for your safety and to protect the pastoral team here. Thank you for respecting that.

Mass will continue to be livestreamed on Sundays at 10:30am and daily from Monday to Saturday at 9:00am through the Parish Facebook Account (www.facebook.com/StJoesGrimsby) and the Parish YouTube channel (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX5_TJMB7GpOw6M0LV8t9pw).

Please also note that, at the request of the Bishop, there is to be no parish meetings here on the campus during the lockdown – we are encouraging all parishioners to exploit the digital meetings held here at the parish each week.

Important updates:

1. I wish to inform you all that our beloved Evangelization Minister – Jody Robertson – has decided to step back from her position here at St. Joseph. Jody has decided to step back from work and spend more quality time with her family overall. She has also gone back to school to enhance her skills for the future when all of her children attend school full-time. Jody will thankfully continue to be an active member of the parish. On behalf of the parish, I would like to once again thank Jody for all of her efforts and hard work here on the Pastoral Team. You will be missed, but we look forward to you continuing to share your talents and gifts as a member of the St. Joseph Parish family. God bless you Jody in your future endeavors! Our new Evangelization Minister will be introduced at a later time.

2. This weekend brings our final week of METANOIA to a close. We have been reflecting on “Do you love me.”

I remind you to watch the video at least once during the week and perhaps continue to reflect upon the questions that I have outlined below if you find them helpful for you.

I have included the questions here for those who are not following on our Parish Facebook page.

Who are the people God is asking you to share this amazing resource with?

Questions to Ponder....

METANOIA Discussion Session #10 – Do you love me?

1. Do I love God? How do I show Him my love?
2. Do I believe that God loves me? Have I asked God that same question – “do you still love me?” If I slipped him the piece of paper with Y or N – giving Him the option to check the box.
3. Peter is lost without Jesus. Is this true of me as well? Have I had an experience of God in this way? Have I “jumped into the water” to encounter the Lord?
4. Is God calling us back to himself again? If so, is it based out of love?
5. Peter’s life is full of Metanoia moments. Can you identify with Peter? Is the Lord calling you? Are you having a Metanoia moment(s)?
6. Jesus asks Peter – do you love me? How do I feel when Jesus asks me this question? Do I feel excited, sad, shamed for the times I betrayed Him?
7. What are the things that I love more than God? Is there anything I love more than God? (health, job, house, material things)
8. Who are the people that I love more than God? (spouse, kids, siblings, parents, etc.) Is God number one in my life? If not, why not?
9. Do I allow the influences of others dictate my life, or am I more concerned about what God thinks? Does my lifestyle change depending on who I am with?
10. What are the attachments that keep me as a disciple of Jesus? What are the things that keep me from becoming a more faithful follower of Jesus?

11. Is Family Night a priority for my family? Do I share my faith in God with my immediate family? (spouse, kids, parents, siblings) those I live with? Am I living my vocation to the full – as a married person, single person, priest? What is my relationship like with those to whom God has called me to love?
12. Am I committed to make my family / house a place of love, making God the center of my family, home?
13. Am I living my life, so the Lord does not have to question my love for Him? If so, how? If not, what needs to change in my life so God will absolutely know?
14. Do I feel loved? By whom? Do I feel that God loves me?
15. What does evangelization mean for me?
16. Do I share my faith story with others? How? With whom? Am I shy, ashamed to share my faith story with others?
17. Am I currently sharing my faith story? Am I active in my faith community? Am I planning to share my story with others?
18. Have I invited anyone I know to come to know Jesus more? Have I invited anyone to ALPHA, METANOIA, Formed.org, Wildgoose.net or other great resources?
19. Do I feel fulfilled in my faith life – especially in reference to evangelizing to others?
20. The atheist told Fr. Dave “If I truly believe in the story of Jesus, I would tell everyone about it!” How does this statement apply to me? If I claim to be a believer, am I sharing it with others?
21. Now completing this METANOIA series, what am I committed to doing to enhance, deepen, expand my relationship with Jesus Christ? Am I willing to share what I have learned and loved with others? Who are the people who need to be exposed to METANOIA / ALPHA / other amazing Catholic tools geared towards helping others come to know Jesus?

This has truly been an amazing Journey of Faith for these last 10 weeks. I know Fr. Dave has given us all much to reflect upon moving forward as we deepen our relationship with God. I pray that each of us will delve deeper in our relationship with the Lord and look to share this resource with others. Feel free to use the videos and my discussion questions to form little faith groups with family members, friends, colleagues, or neighbours. We are all called to Evangelize..... what are you committed to doing to build the Kingdom of God?

3. Now that METANOIA has ended, for those who participated in the program – you may wish to make a financial contribution towards the good work that Fr. Dave and the Franciscans do with wildgoose.tv. As a parish, just as we would offer to a retreat master, a stipend for their work in leading us spiritually, the parish will be making an overall contribution to support the work of the Franciscans. For those who wish to also donate, you may send the parish an e-transfer with the word ‘METANOIA DONATION’ on the subject line or drop money in an envelope with the words “METANOIA DONATION” on it. Just as we would give money for something we have purchased, a service received, or goods enjoyed, I recommend that all who participated should make a donation to support this good work. We continue to need to fund good, sound Catholic resources that continue to enhance faith. Thank you for your generosity.

4. **The Knights of Columbus will be holding a Wine Bottle sale** in a partnership with Fielding Estate Winery to support the Parish Heating and Air Conditioning Campaign as well as their other local charitable events.

The fundraising event will run from April 10 until Saturday May 8th. Orders MUST be submitted by Saturday May 8th.

Select your wine and quantity from the order form attached to this message. Ask your friends and family to join you and place their order together. This is a great gift idea for Mother's Day, preparing in advance for the BBQ season or treating yourself.

To place an order – please email the parish office at sjrc.grimsby@cogeco.net or contact the parish office 905-945-2661.

Methods of payments:

- Etransfer: myparishgift@gmail.com memo line "WINE"
- Cheque payable to St. Joseph's Parish memo line "WINE" and bring to the office.
- Pay cash and make arrangements with the parish office 905-945-2661

Wine pick up is Sat, May 15th 2:00pm - 3:30pm St. Joseph church parking lot. Thank you for supporting the parish and the Knights of Columbus.

5. I continue to remind all families with young children of the 4 videos I have produced to help families pray the Rosary together as a family. Find these videos on our parish website at the following link: <https://www.stjosephgrimsby.ca/resources/> - scroll to the bottom and you will see the Video links. What a great opportunity to join in prayer as a family and pray the rosary together during Lent.

6. Development and Peace Share Lent Campaign

Thank you for sharing love this Lenten season!

The *Share Love, Share Lent* campaign called you to share love, and you opened your hearts.

Our parish has collected \$12,195.00 so far, as well as many parishioners who have donated online directly to D&P.

This money will help sustain programs and projects that serve some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers in the Global South!

Thank you for your generosity. If you have not already done so, please consider donating at devp.org/lent.

CHILDREN LITURGY / LITTLE SPIRITS RESOURCES

Use the link for the most up to date resources for Children's Liturgy (<https://www.stjosephgrimsby.ca/childrens-liturgy/>) and Little Spirits (<https://www.stjosephgrimsby.ca/little-spirits/>)

OTHER IMPORTANT UPDATES

1. Please continue to remember the parish regarding financial giving. We rely on your weekly contributions to sustain and build the kingdom of God in our parish. You can drop your offerings off in the boxes following Mass this weekend, drop it off in the outside mailbox, bring it to the parish office all week, or through the etransfer option – myparishgift@gmail.com. Thank you in advance to those families who continue to sustain our parish through their contributions.
2. Please continue to support our campaign for the new Heating and Air Conditioning units here at St. Joseph. **This project will cost the parish \$120,000** and your generosity is required to meet these costs. Thank you to those who have already stepped up and made donations – to date, we have **currently raised \$59,425 towards the total**. I am asking all parishioners to contribute significantly to this project since we all expect a warm church in the winter and cool church in the summer months. The old units, original to this church building, lasted us 25 years – and for those of us who are homeowners, we know that we certainly 'soaked' every ounce of life out of them. As you make your contribution, please write **"HEATING / AIR"** on the front of your envelope or in the memo line of an etransfer (myparishgift@gmail.com) and those funds will be counted towards your tax receipt for the end of the year. Special envelopes will be available to pick up for this project next weekend. Thank you in advance for your assistance.
3. 2021 envelopes are available for pickup in the foyer of the Church. Please pick up your envelopes for the new year which begins the end of November. **Please contact the parish office if you are shifting from the paper envelope to e-giving only. We can cancel your box order for 2022 and save on the purchase of envelopes, in addition to being more environmentally friendly. Thank you!**
4. 2020 tax receipts are now available for pickup in the foyer of the Church. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the parish this past year.
5. Confessions will be heard on April 24 from 3-4:00pm in the St. Nicholas Room.
6. The parish website continues to help so many – visit www.stjosephgrimsby.ca – and our social media accounts to help enhance your faith. Also please continue to look at the parish YouTube channel for daily updates.

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/StJoesGrimsby/>

Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/stjoesgrimsby/>

Twitter - <https://twitter.com/stjoesgrimsby>

The parish YouTube channel once again is

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

7. The parish Bible Study – God Talk - continues with its **next session on Tuesday April 27 at 7:00pm**. We will be studying the Gospel of Matthew Chapters 8-9. Click on the link below and join as you are encouraged to deepen your relationship with God and the study of the scriptures. 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 God Talk Meeting

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82763215683?pwd=TnFENVhveEF5VktKem1NMDVMdldzQT09>

Meeting ID: 827 6321 5683

Password: GodTalk

8. I 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

9. The parish schedule for Mass is posted on the sign-up page on the parish website. Again, the Mass is livestreamed daily along with an opportunity to attend Mass physically for those who have registered.

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