

April 30, 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Joseph,

I continue to greet each of you a Happy Easter! Christ is truly Risen!

We remain 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 (May 3 - May 10). 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. Enjoy this email – it is short and sweet (for a change).
2. I am pleased to say that the front doors of the church have been repaired. Now all the main doors can be used again (not merely the far-left door). Rather than replacing them, I have had the outer and inner doors of the church as well to eliminate the noises as much as possible during use. Thank you for your patience.
3. Once the government lockdown ends, I look forward to announcing rescheduled dates for 1st Communion. I am hesitant to announce any dates at this time, since an extension could cancel the dates again. I appreciate everyone's patience at this time.
4. 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.
5. **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

NOTE – The Wine Pick up date has been moved to May 22nd 2:00pm to 3:30pm in the parking lot.

Thank you for supporting the parish and the Knights of Columbus.

6. 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.

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 \$59,630 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. Confessions will be heard on May 1 from 3-4:00pm in the St. Nicholas Room.

4. 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

5. The parish Bible Study – God Talk - continues with its **next session on Tuesday May 4 at 7:00pm**. We will be studying the Gospel of Matthew Chapter 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

6. 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

7. 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