

November 20, 2020

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Joseph,

I pray that you are all doing well. Be assured of my ongoing prayers and support.

Once again, I strongly encourage you all back to Mass. Our parish is extremely safe, and it is vital for you to receive a **Sacramental Communion**. Our parish ensures that all parishioners wear masks, sanitize their hands and the pews are wiped down between Masses. If you have returned to work, school, and shopping, I strongly urge you back to Mass.

The Weekend Masses are – Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm and 6:30pm. Daily Masses are held Monday to Saturday at 9:00am. Holy Hour takes place Monday to Thursday at 3:00pm, Fridays at 12:00pm, Saturdays at 9:30am.

The Sunday Mass will continue to be live streamed for parishioners at 10:30am for those who are sick, homebound and for those who do not feel ready to leave their homes yet.

Other important updates:

1. This weekend is my mother Carmelina's jewellery and framed art sale beginning tonight and lasting through the weekend in the Gathering Room. She will be selling religious rosary bracelets, necklaces and other secular Swarovski crystal jewelry in the Gathering Room. This is open to all parishioners and friends of the parish to purchase in anticipation of gifting others at Christmas, birthdays and awesome gift ideas for children preparing for the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. Carmelina will be selling in an "Open House" format to allow for social distancing and following health regulations. Payments are accepted via cash, cheque, debit or credit card (both with tap capability). The Open House will be held in the parish Gathering Room:

Friday November 20 – from 7:00-9:00pm

Saturday November 21 – from 10:00am to 6:00pm

Sunday November 22 – following the 8:30am/10:30am and 12:30pm Masses

NOTE – that some of the proceeds of the sale of the items will once again go to support Fr. Rico's friend – Sr. Lucy Magumba – Mother Superior of the Immaculate Heart Sisters of Africa – over 150 religious sisters who promote education and support to women in Tanzania Africa. Thank you for your generosity.

2. Please continue to remember the parish regarding financial giving. While I have worked hard to keep expenses as low as possible since March – we rely on your generosity to keep our parish going. Please continue your weekly giving. **For those who have not been back to Mass since March – I am asking that you give your regular offerings from March until now to catch up your regular giving.** 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 e-transfer option

– myparishgift@gmail.com. Thank you in advance to those families who sustain our parish through their contributions.

3. November 25 is the feast of our patroness St. Catherine of Alexandria. There is a special Mass from the Cathedral at 10:00 a.m. As a result, the morning Mass here in the parish will be **8:30 a.m. on Wednesday November 25th**. St. Catherine of Alexandria pray for us!

4. The Heating and Air Conditioner systems in the Church are 25 years old and need replacement. With the approval of Bishop Bergie and the Finance Council of the parish, the project to replace the 4 commercial units on the roof of the church and the office system will be replaced this week. This decision was made 8 weeks ago and the furnaces will be installed this week. By God's grace, I made the decision back in September, which was providential, since this week 3 of the 4 units have stopped working – God is so good. This project will be a massive one and will total over \$120,000. We will be sharing information with you regarding special collections and fundraising for the payment of these units. Note that there will be construction on the campus of the Church for most of this week. Any questions, contact me in the parish office.

5. You will notice that the potholes around the sewers and the entrance of the parking lot have finally been fixed. The company that was hired to install the new entrance/exit have finally scheduled the work for the patching and will be completed today (Friday). Please drive carefully in our parking lot as the asphalt settles today and tomorrow and be cautious of the pylons.

6. 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.

7. The CWL will be selling distributing the Christmas Poinsettias next weekend. Thank you for supporting their efforts.

8. The Knights of Columbus are continuing to accept winter coats to share with those most in need. If you would like to donate some coats, please leave them at the parish office or in the boxes found in the foyer of the Church.

9. 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

10. The parish Bible Study – God Talk - continues with its **next session on Tuesday November 17 at 7:00pm**. We will be studying Hosea Chapters 5-12. 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

11. Friendly reminder, **confessions** continue to be heard on Saturday afternoons from **3:00 to 4:00pm**. Confessions will be heard in the **St. Nicholas Room** (crying room)

12. Baptisms continue to be celebrated. If you wish to have your son or daughter baptized, please contact the parish office.

13. Please continue to pray for our young people preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Sacrament will be celebrated on Saturday December 5th for the young people of our parish, now studying at Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary, formerly of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic. Please join in prayer participating in the digital livestream since numbers need to be limited due to COVID. Come Holy Spirit!

14. 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

15. This is the St. Joseph Schedule for the week ahead. Note that Daily Masses again can be attended in person as well as the Daily Holy Hour (Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary,

Divine Mercy Chaplet and private prayer) and will also continue to be streamed LIVE along with a daily holy hour (except for Sundays)

Saturday Nov 21

Mass – 9:00am (Live stream)

Funeral Mass – Doug Mason 10:00am (No Holy Hour)

Jewellery Open House – Gathering Room 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Confessions – 3:00-4:00pm in St. Nicholas Room

Mass – 5:00pm in Church

Sunday Nov 22 – Feast of Christ the King

**Masses in Church – 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm and 6:30pm
(Live Stream Mass – 10:30am)**

Monday Nov 23

Mass – 9:00am

Holy Hour – 3:00pm

Tuesday Nov 24

Mass – 9:00am

Holy Hour – 3:00pm

Wednesday Nov 25 – Feast of St. Catherine of Alexandria

Mass – 8:30am – Note the Mass time

Holy Hour (Worship Wednesday) - 3:00pm

Thursday Nov 26

Mass – 9:00am

Holy Hour – 3:00pm

Friday Nov 27

Mass - 9:00am

Holy Hour – 12:00pm

Passero jewelry Sale – Gathering Room 7:00-9:00pm

Saturday Nov 28

Mass – 9:00am

Holy Hour – 9:30-10:30am

Confessions – St. Nicholas Room – 3:00-4:00pm

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