

**October 25, 2020**

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Joseph,

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

I want to begin to thank each of you, on behalf of my dear mother Carmelina and brothers Anthony and Daniel, for your outpouring of love, prayers and support as we mourn the sudden loss of my dear father Tony. God's promise of eternal life is the sole reason for us to be able to continue – because we know we will see him again in the Lord's house. Many of you knew him well and he, along with the rest of my family, love you very much. I would like to especially thank Fr. Bill, Tracy, Andrew, Jody and the entire Pastoral Team and all parishioners for looking after your pastoral needs in my absence. Thank you for all the love, prayers, friendship, the many flowers, gifts, food, and beautiful messages you have left for us. We are so grateful to all of you for supporting us in our most trying time. We will need more time to read over each one of your amazing and special messages, texts, voicemails, and cards. We are so blessed with each of you in our lives! Thank you from the bottom of my heart. You are my family too – and God has blessed me with all of you. ❤️🙏

Please continue to pray for me – I thank God for the gift of my father. I am sad, but it is my faith in the Lord Jesus that gives me strength. Jesus is amazing and he lifts us up. I rely on your prayers and need them now more than ever please....

Now onto updates on the parish overall;

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. Please turn in your All Souls envelopes this week for the Book of Life. We will be praying for our loved ones who have died at all Masses throughout the month of November. Please pick up an envelope this weekend and bring it back to the parish office by Tuesday to ensure that your loved one's names will be included.

On November 1<sup>st</sup> – we celebrate All Saints Day – asking the intercession of those already in heaven. On November 2<sup>nd</sup> we pray on All Souls Day – for those who are deceased and have not yet entered the kingdom of heaven.

**We will have our special All Souls Mass on Sunday Nov 8 @ 6:30pm** as we especially pray for the souls of all those members of our parish family that died in the last year. We have sent invitations to all who have lost a loved one buried from our parish this year and have invited families to join us in prayer.

For those who wish to use an envelope from home, kindly write BOOK OF LIFE, to the front of the envelope and place the names and your offering inside it and drop it off in the mailbox here at the Church, in the collection boxes or drop it off to the parish ASAP so we can add them. Any questions – contact the Parish Office. You can also fill out the form online on the parish website – and send your offering through etransfer to [myparishgift@gmail.com](mailto:myparishgift@gmail.com) and indicate the funds are for ALL SOULS.

2. Back by popular demand, as was the case last year, my mother Carmelina will be selling religious rosary bracelets, necklaces, and other Swarovski crystal jewelry along with framed art for sale in the Gathering Room. This is open to all parishioners and friends of the parish to purchase in anticipation of gifting others at Christmas and gift ideas for children preparing for the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation the **weekend of November 20-22**. Carmelina will be selling in an “Open House” format to allow for social distancing and following health regulations.

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.

3. 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 etransfer option – [myparishgift@gmail.com](mailto:myparishgift@gmail.com). Thank you in advance to those families who sustain our parish through their contributions.

4. The Catholic Women’s League Members continue to thank the parishioners who have graciously donated new socks for the SOCTOBER program for those most in need. The socks will be donated to GBF and Start me Up Niagara, an organization that works directly with the homeless in our Niagara Region. Please help to make this winter warm for those who are in need during these challenging times. Socks will continue to be received in the bins in the foyer or drop them off in the parish office during the week.

5. The parish website continues to help so many – visit [www.stjosephgrimsby.ca](http://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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX5_TJMB7GpOw6M0LV8t9pw)

6. The parish Bible Study – God Talk - continues with its next session on Tuesday night at 7:00pm. We will be studying Daniel Chapters 8-13. 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

7. Friendly reminder, **confessions** continue to be heard on Saturday afternoons from **3:00 to 4:00pm**. Beginning next Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup>, confessions will be heard in the Gathering Room, under the crucifix instead of the Marian Grotto – due to the colder temperatures.

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

9. Continue to pray for our young people receiving Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time. Last weekend 10 of our youth received from Our Lady of Fatima school. This weekend 15 of our young people will receive from St. Joseph's School. May the Lord fill them with love.

10. Please continue to pray for our young people preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Sacrament will be celebrated the evenings of November 3<sup>rd</sup>, November 5<sup>th</sup> and on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Come Holy Spirit!

11. Bishop Bergie will send a congratulatory certificate to married couples who have celebrated or will celebrate a 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup>+ anniversary in the year 2020. To receive a certificate, please contact the parish office and complete a registration form by November 13.

12. 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](http://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

13. 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 Oct 24 – Feast of St. Anthony Mary Claret**

Mass – 9:00am (Live stream)

Holy Hour 9:30am

Confessions – 3:00-4:00pm in Marian Grotto

**Mass – 5:00pm in Church**

**Sunday Oct 25 – 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Masses in Church – 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm and 6:30pm**

**(Live Stream Mass – 10:30am)**

**Monday Oct 26**

Mass – 9:00am

Holy Hour – 3:00pm

**Tuesday Oct 27**

Mass – 9:00am

Holy Hour – 3:30pm

**Wednesday Oct 28 – Feast of St. Jude & St. Simon**

Mass – 9:00am

Holy Hour (Worship Wednesday) - 3:00pm

**Thursday Oct 29**

Mass – 9:00am

Holy Hour – 3:00pm

**Friday Oct 30**

Mass - 9:00am

Holy Hour – 12:00pm

**Saturday Oct 31**

Mass – 9:00am

Holy Hour – 9:30am

Confessions – Gathering 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