

**October 31, 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 is a last call for All Souls Envelopes for your loved ones to be included in our Book of Life – as they will be prayed for at all Masses throughout the month of November. This weekend we celebrate as Church – All Saints Day - November 1<sup>st</sup> – and thank God for the witnesses to the love of God that inspire us to live out our baptismal call. 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. You are all welcome to join in this Mass.

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

4. This is the last call for those who wish to donate new socks for the SOCTOBER program for those most in need sponsored by the members of the Catholic Women's League. 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. Thursday I had the pleasure of blessing the new tree that was planted by the parish Catholic Women's League as they celebrate 100 years of faithful service to God and Canada. This tree has been added to our Marian Grotto garden. Please continue to use this prayerful space as an opportunity to pray and experience the presence of God.

6. 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)

7. The parish Bible Study – God Talk - continues with its **next session on Tuesday November 10 at 7:00pm**. We will be studying Daniel Chapters 13-14 and Hosea Chapters 1-4. 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. Friendly reminder, **confessions** continue to be heard on Saturday afternoons from **3:00 to 4:00pm**. Confessions will be heard in the Gathering Room, under the crucifix instead of the Marian Grotto – due to the colder temperatures.

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

10. Continue to pray for our young people receiving Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time. Last weekend 15 of our youth received from St. Joseph Catholic School. This weekend 26 of our young people will receive from Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School. May the Lord fill them with love.

11. 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>. Please join in prayer participating in the digital livestream since numbers need to be limited due to COVID. Come Holy Spirit!

12. 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.

13. 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

14. 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 31**

Mass – 9:00am (Live stream)

Holy Hour 9:30am

Confessions – 3:00-4:00pm in Gathering Room

**Mass – 5:00pm in Church**

**Sunday Nov 1<sup>st</sup> - All Saints Day**

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

**Monday Nov 2 – All Souls Day**

Mass – 9:00am – Fr. Rico

Holy Hour – 3:00pm

Mass – 7:00pm – Fr. Bill

**Tuesday Nov 3 – Feast of St. Martin de Porres**

Mass – 9:00am

Holy Hour – 3:00pm

Confirmation Mass – 7:00pm with Bishop Bergie (private due to COVID)

**Wednesday Nov 4 – Feast of St. Charles Borromeo**

Mass – 9:00am

Holy Hour (Worship Wednesday) - 3:00pm

**Thursday Nov 5**

Mass – 9:00am

Holy Hour – 3:00pm

Confirmation Mass – 7:00pm with Bishop Bergie (private due to COVID)

**Friday Nov 6**

Mass - 9:00am

Holy Hour – 12:00pm

**Saturday Nov 7**

Mass – 9:00am

*No Holy Hour today due to Funeral in Funeral Home at 10:00am*

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