

September 19, 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. Let us continue to pray for all of those who are impacted by the natural disasters in the United States. Let us pray for rain in California and all those impacted by the storms as well. Prayer is a powerful connection to implore God to intercede for others.

2. The parish income levels continue to be significantly low. Offerings are down 40% and this is extremely alarming. I humbly ask all parishioners to continue to support the parish – spiritually and financially. 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. I am also asking parishioners to prayerfully consider how much they are contributing to the church and to increase your giving. We continue to offer many programs and services to parishioners to enhance their faith, fulfill social needs and keep this growing parish, very much alive in the works of the Holy Spirit. The Lord asks for 10% - of one's time, talent and treasure – the tithe. If you are already not fulfilling this command of God – please consider doing so. 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 sustain our parish through their contributions.

3. The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program for 2020-2021 will begin on Wednesday September 23. It is geared to those who would like to enter the

Catholic Church and receive the Sacraments of God. If you know of someone who might be interested – invite them to come. This is an excellent tool of evangelization – and I rely on the Holy Spirit and each of you to point family members, friends, neighbours, colleagues at work or school – to fall in love with God. This is also a great opportunity for those who have been Catholics their whole lives – however would like an in-depth teaching as to WHY we believe what we believe – not just what we believe. I invite all parishioners to prayerfully consider joining the RCIA program to help deepen their faith in the Lord Jesus. For more information – kindly call the parish office or speak to me directly.

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 night at 7:00pm. We will be studying Daniel Chapters 5-10. 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 am looking for a parishioner who is a plumber to help look after some of the maintenance needs of the parish. If you are able to assist, please contact me in the parish office.

7. I am looking for a parishioner who has a fireplace or fire pit at home to assist me with the burning of palms from Palm Sunday. We will then make Ashes from them to be used for Ash Wednesday this coming Lent. If you are able to assist me, please contact me in the parish office.

8. One of the charitable arms of the Catholic Church – is the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The offering boxes at the doors of the church are there to support the works of the St. Vincent de Paul Society that serve the needs of the most vulnerable in our community. Find below information about the Society and their works.

SSVDP – The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Who are we? - A worldwide organization that is dedicated to help the poor and those in need, initiated in Paris by Frederic Ozanam in 1833.

What do we do? - . We work together with the parish and the surrounding community to cater to the poor and those who require a helping hand in times of need.

We visit homebound parishioners and visit those in our local nursing and retirement homes . Due to COVID our visitation program is on hold.

How are we supported? - The poor box in the vestibule is our main means of support.As mass attendance has been down the collection has been as well

How to donate? - A cheque made out to St. Joseph - St. Vincent de Paul can be dropped off in the

poor box or in Sunday collection. Tax receipts are issued in January

*This year St Vincent special collection will be held on Oct 3-4. Please use a separate envelope clearly marked for SVDP with your cheque payable to St Joseph church or myparishgift@gmail.com, with notation to SVDP and your envelope number.

We will also be selling organic farm honey generously donated by Halcyon farms of Center Wellington Ontario. \$10 for 500gm ,with the entire proceeds to SVDP . We thank them for this generous donation. We will be selling the weekend of Oct 3-4 after the mass or order jdanyliw4@gmail.com and we will arrange pick up or delivery.

How to become involved? - Have a desire to help, empathy for others and the ability to listen is the Vincentian outlook. We meet about once a month.

For further information contact Jackie @ jdanyliw4@gmail.com or via phone at 289-260- 6375.

9. The next parish ALPHA series begins on September 24. If you have not yet registered, please contact Jody Robertson, the parish Evangelization Minister @ jodyrobertson1@outlook.com or call the parish office. The program will run via Zoom on Thursday evenings.

10. Friendly reminder, **confessions** continue to be heard on Saturday afternoons in the Marian Grotto from **3:00 to 4:00pm**.

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

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
- 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 Sept 19 – Feast of St. Januarius

Mass – 9:00am (Live stream)

Holy Hour – 9:30-10:30am

Confessions – 3:00-4:00pm

Mass – 5:00pm in Church

Sunday Sept 20 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday Sept 21 – Feast of St. Matthew

Mass – 9:00am

Holy Hour – 3:00pm

Tuesday Sept 22

Mass – 9:00am

Holy Hour – 3:00pm

Wednesday Sept 23 – Feast of St. Padre Pio

Mass – 9:00am

Holy Hour (Worship Wednesday) - 3:00pm

Thursday Sept 24

Mass – 9:00am

Holy Hour – 3:00pm

Friday Sept 25

Mass - 9:00am

Holy Hour – 12:00pm

Saturday Sept 26

Mass – 9:00am

(No Holy Hour due to funeral – Jean Glover – 10:00am)

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