

**September 26, 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. The holy month of November is approaching quickly, as we know that October begins this week! (hard to believe). November is a month dedicated to praying for those family members, friends and all who have died.

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 will be sending invitations out to the 'next of kin' and all parishioners are welcome to attend this Mass to pray for our deceased.

We will also have envelopes at the door of the Church this weekend for all parishioners to write the names of their loved ones who have died – and we will pray for them at EVERY Mass throughout the month of November and add them to our Book of Life. Please take an envelope home and carefully PRINT the names of the family members you wish to include in the parish Book of Life. Please note that there will be 40+ Masses celebrated for them, so please keep that in mind in regard to your monetary offering inside since normally it is custom in our Diocese to offer \$10 for one Mass and one intention.

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.

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 e-transfer option – [myparishgift@gmail.com](mailto: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 continues Wednesday September 30.** 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](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)

5. 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

6. 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 next weekend 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jdanyliw4@gmail.com) or via phone at 289-260- 6375.

7. The next parish ALPHA series has begun and is running on Thursday evenings via ZOOM. If you have not yet registered, please contact Jody Robertson, the parish Evangelization Minister @ [jodyrobertson1@outlook.com](mailto:jodyrobertson1@outlook.com) or call the parish office.

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

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

10. 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

11. 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 26 – Feast of the Canadian Martyrs**

Mass – 9:00am (Live stream)

Funeral Mass – Jean Glover 10:00am

Confessions – 3:00-4:00pm

**Mass – 5:00pm in Church**

**Sunday Sept 27 – 26<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 Sept 28 – Feast of St. Wenceslaus**

Mass – 9:00am

Holy Hour – 3:00pm

Memorial Mass – Vince Passero – 7:00pm

**Tuesday Sept 29 – Feast of the Archangels – Michael / Gabriel / Raphael**

Mass – 9:00am

Holy Hour – 3:00pm

**Wednesday Sept 30 – Feast of St. Jerome**

Mass – 9:00am

Holy Hour (Worship Wednesday) - 3:00pm

**Thursday Oct 1 – Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux**

Mass – 9:00am

Holy Hour – 3:00pm

**Friday Oct 2 – Feast of the Guardian Angels**

Mass - 9:00am

Holy Hour – 12:00pm

**Saturday Oct 3**

Mass – 9:00am

Holy Hour – 9:30am

Confessions – Marian Grotto – 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