

**September 5, 2020**

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Joseph,

As we begin this new month of September, as well as a new school year, may the Lord Jesus continue to bless us with His presence.

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.

**The Weekend Masses are – Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am and 12:30pm. Daily Masses are held Monday to Saturday at 9:00am. Please note that effective Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup> – the 6:30pm Mass will be held once again.**

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

Other important updates:

1. I am extremely pleased to announce that the second entrance/exit to our parking lot has been completed. Effective this weekend – all parishioners will now have two ways to enter and exit the parish parking lot. Note that this second entrance will be available on weekends and weekdays – **outside of school hours**. Please note that during school hours – the entrance to Blessed Trinity is a BUS LANE only. Do not use that bus lane during school hours. Please follow the signs and directional arrows accordingly.

I am also pleased to announce that the parking lot has been painted – so the parking spots are easily identifiable as well as the curbs are painted yellow to ensure your safety while walking. Please continue to follow the directional arrows and signs to ensure the safety of all parishioners.

2. This is a thank you from Pam de Laat – to all parishioners. She writes....

“My tenure as your parish bookkeeper is now completed and I have been blessed to be a part of the pastoral team for a very long time. I have been witness to the many highs and lows in a parish of this size and prayed right along with you. I am so grateful for the beautiful cards containing your wonderful wishes and prayers as I begin my next journey. Thank you to each one of you for your outrageous generosity in many ways. Know that I look forward to telling you so at Mass this weekend.”

God bless – Pam

3. Let us pray for all those returning to school this month. Let us pray for educators, support staff, administrators, bus drivers and of course all students. I pray this year will be a year of spiritual and intellectual growth for us all.

4. **The parish income has dropped significantly.** I am asking parishioners to kindly remember the financial costs to run our parish and overall facility. Please continue to

support the parish by coming to Mass and dropping off your offering in the boxes at the end of Mass, or if you are watching electronically to drop off the monies in the parish mailbox or via electronic transfer ([myparishgift@gmail.com](mailto:myparishgift@gmail.com)). For those who have not contributed since March, please try to do so. I have cut expenses as best I can and rely on your generosity to pay our bills and support the many projects here. **Regular offerings are now down 40% for the month of August.** More information on this will follow next weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

**5. 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.

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. On behalf of the parish, I would like to thank our parish council of the Knights of Columbus for a successful Bottle drive last weekend. Thank you to all who donated to the worthy cause. I will let you know the monies raised once I hear the final total.

8. The parish Bible Study – God Talk - continues with its next session on Tuesday night at 7:00pm. We will be studying Ezekiel Chapters 42-48. 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

9. Daily Masses are again public to all who wish to attend. **Masses are celebrated daily at 9:00am Monday to Saturday.** They will also continue to be streamed online. Please note that everyone will be sitting in the **one assigned section** of the church – everyone is to remain socially distant, must wear a mask and sanitize their hands. Come begin the day off by thanking God as we gather around His sacred altar!

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](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. Please find the Daily Mass Intentions for the upcoming week attached to this email. Note – if you wish to have a Mass celebrated for a loved one – please contact the

office. Offerings for a Mass in the Diocese of St. Catharines are \$10 per name per Mass. Contact the parish office for more details.

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 Sept 5 – Feast of St. Teresa of Calcutta**

Mass – 9:00am (Live stream)

Holy Hour – 9:30-10:30am

Confessions – 3:00-4:00pm

**Mass – 5:00pm in Church**

**Sunday Sept 6 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Live Stream Mass – 10:30am**

**Monday Sept 7**

Mass – 9:00am

Holy Hour – 3:00pm

**Tuesday Sept 8 – Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Mass – 9:00am

Holy Hour – 3:00pm

**Wednesday Sept 9**

Mass – 9:00am

Holy Hour (Worship Wednesday) - 3:00pm

**Thursday Sept 10**

Mass – 9:00am

Holy Hour – 3:00pm

**Friday Sept 11**

Mass - 9:00am

Holy Hour – 12:00pm

**Saturday Sept 12**

Mass – 9:00am

(No Holy Hour due to funeral – Kathleen Salmon – 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