

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Joseph,

I pray this update finds you all doing very well. May we continue to pray for an end to the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Let us also continue to pray for researchers to find a vaccine, and for the endurance of all medical professionals and first responders.

It has been so good to see so many returning to Mass. Please note that the parish is very safe – with mandatory masks worn at Mass along with hand sanitization and cleaning between Masses, I again encourage you to make the transition back to church.

**Please note the parish is OPEN** on weekends and has been for many weeks now  
**The Weekend Masses are – Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am and 12:30pm.**

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. As I announced last weekend, we have been blessed with the ministry of Pam de Laat, a member of our Pastoral Team for over 40 years! Pam has served as the parish bookkeeper and has touched so many lives for four decades. Pam will be enjoy a well deserved retirement, with her last day working in the parish office being Thursday September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

There will be a celebratory Mass and celebration of her retirement at the 12:30pm Mass on Sunday August 30, with a parish BBQ on the parish grounds to follow that afternoon. All parishioners and friends of the parish are welcome to attend. The BBQ will be sponsored by the parish – with the Pastoral Team and members of the Knights of Columbus hosting the event. There will be complementary food, drinks and all will have an opportunity to tell Pam how much we value her presence in the parish office. Parishioners who only wish to drop by for a quick hello, may also choose to do a “drive-by thank you” and remain in your cars and show your gratitude for Pam’s ministry. Again this is free for all and for those who wish, you are encouraged to show your appreciation to Pam with kind words, your prayers or a gift.

With the current restrictions of Stage 3 – all outdoor activity is limited to 100 people, therefore I am asking that all parishioners would sign up for a time period to come by, enjoy some food, fellowship and fun with Pam and the Pastoral Team. You are invited to kindly call the parish office for a time in which you and your family can attend and say thank you to Pam. We will have one hour time slots for you to select which suits your schedule. Please sign up to allow me to coordinate the logistics of limited numbers. I thank you in advance.

Pam – thank you for saying ‘YES’ to God’s call to ministry!

2. 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)

3. As you may have heard, early on Monday morning there was a big fire in the Edenrock home community – destroying the homes of 11 families in Winona. One of those families affected are active parishioners here at St. Joseph. While they wish to remain anonymous, they are a married couple with two young children under 5 years old. I am so thankful to God to know that no one was hurt or died in the fire, however these families have lost much. I have reached out to the family and offered assistance. While they kindly referred me to the GoFundMe page, I am also inviting the people of St. Joseph to rise to the occasion and if one feels moved, to assist this family and the others in any way. I will be helping personally and the parish will as well.

There has been a GoFundMe page to pool resources for the 11 families set up by community members. The link to the page is - <https://www.gofundme.com/f/edenrock-fire-community-support>.

I am also offering for those who are interested, to drop off any monetary funds, gift cards or household items to donate to the family from our community here at St. Joseph. You can make an e-transfer to our parish ([myparishgift@gmail.com](mailto:myparishgift@gmail.com)) and put the words – FIRE FUND in the memo line, place money in the collection in an envelope called FIRE FUND, or drop into the office and make a donation. I will personally deliver everything that is donated to the family – money, gift cards, household items etc. The family is currently living with extended family members in Hamilton for the short term. Anything donated I'm sure will be appreciated by the family. Thank you for your consideration and kindness. May we pray for all 11 families affected by the fire.

4. Andrew Natale, our Youth & Social Coordinator, will be hosting a Paint Night online using the Zoom app – led by a local artist that will help us to utilize our creativity here in the parish. The Paint Night will be on August 21 at 7pm on Zoom. Registration is required to prepare for the event, especially in the purchase of art supplies. Each person interested is asked to email Andrew directly – [andrewnatale@gmail.com](mailto:andrewnatale@gmail.com) or to contact the parish office to sign up. The deadline for registration is Monday August 10. Cost is \$25 per person, covering all your art costs and Andrew will arrange pick up / drop off of art supplies. Join us for what promises to be a fun night of painting!

5. The parish Bible Study – God Talk - continues with its next session on Tuesday night at 7:00pm. We will be studying Ezekiel Chapters 3-7. 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. Beginning on Monday August 3<sup>rd</sup>, daily Mass will once again be open for in person attendance. 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. Mass is celebrated daily Monday to Saturday at 9:00am.

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

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

8. 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

9. 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.

10. Thank you again for remembering the parish regarding finances. **Please continue to use the parish e-transfer email – [myparishgift@gmail.com](mailto:myparishgift@gmail.com)** (remembering there is to be no security question or password) **If you use the e-transfer option – please add**

**your envelope number in the message line.** You can also continue to drop off your parish envelopes in the mailbox just outside the parish doors. I check and empty it several times a day. God bless you for your generosity. There are many parishioners who have supported us during this difficult time, I am asking those who are holding onto their offerings to kindly drop them off to assist in the paying of the parish regular expenses. Thank you in advance.

11. This is the St. Joseph Schedule for the week ahead. Note that Daily Masses again can be attended in person and will also continue to be streamed LIVE along with a daily holy hour (except for Sundays)

| <b>Weekly Schedule</b>   |  |   |   |  |   |  |
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| <u>Saturday</u><br>August 1  | <u>Sunday</u><br>August 2  | <u>Monday</u><br>August 3                               | <u>Tuesday</u><br>August 4                              | <u>Wednesday</u><br>August 5   | <u>Thursday</u><br>August 6                             | <u>Friday</u><br>August 7                                |
| <u>Mass</u><br>9:00am<br>(Live stream)<br><u>Holy Hour</u><br>9:30-10:30am<br><u>Confession</u><br>3-4pm<br><br><b>Mass 5:00pm</b><br><b>All are welcome</b> | <b>Weekly Mass</b><br><b>8:30am,</b><br><b>10:30am,</b><br><b>&amp;12:30pm</b><br><br><b>All are welcome</b><br><br>10:30am mass is live streamed on Parish Facebook | <u>Mass</u><br>9:00am<br><br><u>Holy Hour</u><br>3:00pm | <u>Mass</u><br>9:00am<br><br><u>Holy Hour</u><br>3:00pm | <u>Mass</u><br>9:00am<br><br><u>Holy Hour</u><br>3:00pm<br>Worship Wednesday | <u>Mass</u><br>9:00am<br><br><u>Holy Hour</u><br>3:00pm | <u>Mass</u><br>9:00am<br><br><u>Holy Hour</u><br>12:00pm |

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