



## ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Confessions:** during the lockdown, by request.

**Baptisms:** Usually Sunday by prior arrangement

**Weddings, funerals, masses and baptisms** are restricted to 10 persons. Wedding preparations should be booked at least 6 months prior to the celebration.

**Anointing of the Sick:** There is a priest on call at the hospitals. Please ask a nurse to contact him. If anyone is seriously ill at home, please call the parish. Anointing is given only when someone is in danger of death. It should not be delayed until a person's last hours.

**Funerals:** when a loved one has died, a funeral mass in the presence of the body should be arranged with Fr. Stuart in consultation with the funeral home. For cemetery questions, please call Mike Collee 905-384-2505 or Paul Brunning 905-382-2927.

If you are feeling ill or have developed a cough, runny nose, headache or general malaise, please stay at home. When wearing the masks in the Church the nose, mouth and chin must be covered by the mask. Many people are letting the mask rest on the upper lip, and not covering their nose : this is not acceptable. Also, the

corona virus is now becoming air borne, so as Bishop Bergie has requested, please receive communion on the hands. When the priest is distributing communion on the tongue, one may inadvertently breathe on the hands of the priest, and if you have the new air borne Covid-19 virus, you may infect others, through breath. When you come to communion, please respond Amen, then remove the mask and extend your hands out towards the priest, keep the hands flat, palms upward please and do not curl your fingers. Let the priest place communion on your hands, and then place communion in your mouth. In this way we ensure no-one will be passing on the virus to another.

**Income Tax receipts for 2020** Receipts will be issued in February.

The province-wide COVID-19 lockdown limits maximum capacity to 10 people. The 10-person capacity includes all involved in ministry (priest, cantor, etc.), as well as the staff member/volunteer who manages contact tracing and disinfection protocols, if they remain during the church service.

**Would the people scheduling readers** please speak to Fr. Bill.. During the lockdown there are no readers at the liturgies..

On behalf of the parishioners, I would like to thank Mr. Jeremy de Mel for his extraordinary generosity to the parish over the last several months. Jeremy lives in Toronto but has a house in the Crystal Beach area which he visits regularly. When driving by the church earlier in the year, his young nephew noticed how the cross on our steeple was leaning badly. Jeremy's nephew didn't think that was right! It was then that I first met Jeremy who offered to fix the cross. That turned into fixing as well the beams from which our bells are suspended. Just before Christmas, Jeremy had the floodlight installed at the front of the Church with a new photo cell for the Church sign. Now all the lights turn on and off on their own at sunset, and sunrise. I think the Church looks stunning at night, giving St. Joseph's a new prominence in the neighbourhood. Jeremy would take no money for all of this work, even refusing a tax receipt – and he is not even a parishioner, just a faithful Catholic trying to do a good deed. Thank you sincerely, Jeremy. May God bless and reward you and your nephew. –Fr. Stuart.

Brian Izzard, our seminarian who has been staying with us over the Christmas break will be returning to St. Philip's Seminary in Toronto this coming week. I want to thank Brian for all the help he has given me in the church over the holidays, as well as for his good company in the rectory. Let us all continue to pray for the men who are studying for the priesthood for our Diocese. Let us pray especially for Brian that God will grant him perseverance if it is His will and an abundance of grace and holiness. Brian is always welcome here and I hope that he will join us again when he is free.

Through the intercession of St. Joseph, may God bless and keep you, Brian. (Fr. Stuart, Fr. Bill)

Parishioners are reminded that Bishop Bergie's dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation, granted on March 16, 2020, is ongoing. All are encouraged to view online/livestream/televised Masses.

A listing of diocesan parishes with livestreaming can be found at [www.sainted.com](http://www.sainted.com).

**We must contact trace all people** coming to mass or communion services. **I ask that you register for the masses and Communion Services.** The url after each may be copied to your search bar to register for Church events.

**Collections:** updated : Christmas \$2365, Dec. 27 : \$760, January 1: \$345, Jan. 3 \$465. Cemetery \$275, Dec. maintenance : \$120; initial offering envelopes : \$68 (thank you to those who contributed. Each box costs the parish approximately \$4.)

**To register for masses or Communion Liturgies, please speak to Fr. Bill or use the Eventbrite site. This allows us to do the contact tracing demanded by the Bishop and the Government of Ontario.**

**Mass**, Monday, Jan. 11 at **11 a.m.** Please see the following site to book your place  
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/mass-monday-jan-11-at-11-am-st-josephs-church-fort-erie-on-cana-tickets-135910942287>

**Mass** Tuesday, Jan. 12 at **6 p.m.** Please see the following site to book your place  
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/mass-tuesday-jan-12-at-6-pm-st-joseph-church-fort-erie-on-tickets-135913411673>

**Mass** Thursday, Jan. 14 at **11 a.m.** Please see the following site to book your place  
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/mass-thursday-jan-14-at-11-am-st-josephs-church-fort-erie-ont-tickets-135914771741>

**Mass** Friday, Jan. 15 at **11 a.m.** Please see the following site to book your place  
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/mass-friday-jan-15-at-11-am-st-josephs-church-fort-erie-tickets-135915471835>

Sat, Jan. 16 **Communion Service** at **5 p.m.** Please see the following site to book your place  
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/sat-jan-16-communion-service-at-5-pm-tickets-135916709537>

Saturday **Communion Service** at **5:30 p.m.** Please see the following site to book your place.  
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/saturday-jan-16-communion-service-at-530-pm-tickets-135917293283>

Sunday, communion service at 9 a.m. Please see the following site to book your place.  
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/sunday-communion-service-at-900-am-jan-17-tickets-135918629279>

Sunday, communion service at 9:30 a.m. Please see the following site to book your place.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/sunday-jan-17-communion-service-at-930-am-tickets-135919112725>

Sunday, communion service at 10:00 a.m. Please see the following site to book your place.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/sunday-jan-17-communion-service-at-1000-am-tickets-135920226055>

Sunday communion service at 10:30 a.m. Please see the following site to book your place:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/sunday-jan-17-communion-service-at-1030-am-tickets-135920809801>

Sunday communion service at 11 a.m. Please see the following site to book your place

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/sunday-jan-17-communion-service-at-11-am-2nd-sunday-of-ordinary-time-tickets-135944392337>

Sunday, communion service at 11:30 a.m. Please see the following site to book your place.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/sunday-jan-17-communion-service-at-1130-am-2nd-sunday-ordinary-time-tickets-135945644081>

**How many people watch cooking shows on television or look for food preparation on the Internet? Did watching the television or internet preparation take away your hunger? Probably you made the recipe at home, thinking that it would sate your desire for something new and tasty? Were you ever disappointed with the recipe and found that it didn't taste the way you like, or had thought it would taste? Watching the Mass on the television and equating it with being present in the Church is similar to watching a cooking show. Your hunger is not sated. We can fall out of love with Jesus.**

**The Body and Blood of Jesus is the way that Jesus feeds us and ensures that we have the necessary food for the journey to eternal life. Each time we receive communion it is like packing our picnic basket for the journey to heaven. Weekly Mass strengthens our resolve to know, love and serve God. Communion restores our friendship with God by removing sin and makes us grow in our understanding of God. During this time of pandemic, we are dispensed from attending mass, but do we plan to return to mass as soon as possible? How sincere is our desire/yearning for God?**

What was the date of your baptism? Where did it take place? Who were your God-parents? When did you last pray for your God-parents? Why is this date important? What was the priest's name? When did you last visit your baptismal church or pray for all involved in this day?