



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
The Little Church with a Big Heart

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Mass Times

Mon., Thurs.: 11 a.m. – **Tues., Fri.: 8 a.m.**

Saturday: 5 p.m. Sunday: 9, 11 a.m.

Confessions: during the pandemic, by request.

Sunday, April 18, 2021

3rd Sunday of Easter

	Intention	Requested by
Monday, April 19	Sacred Heart Sisters	Ryan & Kim Watt
Tuesday, April 20	8 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory	
Thursday, April 22	Fr. Rafael Solano	Don & Toni Taddeo
Friday, April 23	8 a.m.: Helen Cameron	Marina Beaudette
Saturday, April 24	5 p.m.: +Clare Huber	Paul & Margaret Brunning
Sunday, April 25	9 a.m.: pro populo	
4th Sunday of Easter World Day of Prayer for Vocations	11 a.m.: Liam Swirzon	Ryan & Kim Watt

Beginning Monday, April 19, by order of the provincial government, religious services in churches are limited to 10 people, including the priest.



I do **not** intend to set up a Mass reservation system during this lockdown. I will rely on the good sense and charity of everyone to work this out.

I encourage people to attend weekday Mass if possible so that weekends can be attended by those who are unable to come during the week. My experiment with 8 a.m. mass on Tuesdays and Fridays will be discontinued if people indicate to me that they are willing to make room on Sundays and commit to weekday Mass at 11 a.m. during this lockdown. Please let me know before Thursday so that I can indicate it in next weekend's bulletin.

The bishop's dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is still in effect.

The number 10 is an arbitrary number chosen by the government. If you are uncomfortable with the fact that 11 or 12 people may be in the church, then please do not come to Mass.

The Bishop stated in directives issued Friday, "any parishioner who is unable to wear a mandatory face covering should not attend any church service. Voluntary compliance with this basic public health directive reflects our fundamental belief in the sanctity of all human life, gives honour to God and demonstrates love for our neighbours."

Today, at 12:30 p.m. I will be offering the Extraordinary Form of the Mass, sometimes known as the Traditional Latin Mass, here at St. Joseph's. There was such a mass being offered in a parish in St. Catharines, in addition to the Latin Mass parish of St Aloysius in Thorold; however, that mass was discontinued due to clergy moves. Especially with mass attendance limited due to government restrictions, there is a sizeable group of people who wish to attend this form of the mass and are unable to do so. I am one of a few priests in the diocese who is trained to celebrate the Extraordinary Form. It is in service to this group that I am hosting this Mass. Anyone is always welcome to attend. Given the new restrictions starting tomorrow, I am not sure how this will proceed, or if it can continue for the near future. In any event, I do NOT want to hear rumours that I am switching all Masses to Latin because that is NOT happening now or in the future. This Mass is a service to faithful Catholics who do not presently have a home. They are a welcome addition to our community for the time being. You may be surprised at how numerous they are, and how young they are. More on that another time!

Could I ask that people not park in the rectory parking lot or driveway? The driveway needs to be kept clear in case there is an emergency and an ambulance needs level access to the church. Thank you for your understanding.

■ Fr. Stuart