



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

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**Mass Times**

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.: 11 a.m.

Saturday: 5 p.m. Sunday: 9a.m., 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (Traditional Latin Mass)

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

**Sunday, May 30, 2021**

**Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**

	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, May 29	5 p.m.: Holy Souls in Purgatory	Barry & Sylvie Smith
Sunday, May 30 <b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>	9 a.m.: Holy Souls in Purgatory 11 a.m.: Adelaine Nohara 12:30 p.m.: <i>pro populo</i>	
Monday, May 31 <b>The Visitation</b>	Holy Souls in Purgatory	
Tuesday, June 1 St. Justin, martyr	+Enno Ferrara	Mario & Anna Ferrara
Thursday, June 3 St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, martyrs	Holy Souls in Purgatory	
Friday, June 4	Holy Souls in Purgatory	
Saturday, June 5 St. Boniface	5 p.m.: Holy Souls in Purgatory	
Sunday, June 6 <b>THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)</b>	9 a.m.: <i>pro populo</i> 11 a.m.: Vocations to the Priesthood 12:30 p.m.: Holy Souls in Purgatory	



In light of the province's plan for reopening announced last week, I would like to consider the idea of having outdoor Masses. Until June 13, churches remain limited to 10 people for religious services. On June 14, when we enter phase 1, which will last until early July at least, indoor services remain capped at 10 people but outdoor services have no limit as long as social distancing can be maintained. I am envisioning people bringing lawn chairs and using the back lawn of the rectory, over into the cemetery property which would be sectioned off by some stakes and tape to maintain social distancing. An altar could be set up at the end of the rectory driveway. We would need speakers and an amplification system. There is a small amplifier in the rectory (I believe that's what it is – I'm not very techie in that way!) which might suffice. Do I have some volunteers who would be willing:

1. To figure out the sound system – finding out where the parish can rent a system for a month or a few weeks;
2. To be available to help set up/take down the altar each week – someone Saturday evening, someone Sunday morning;
3. To design and set up some quadrants in the lawn to mark where people/families can sit?

The parish is in need of Mass intentions. It has long been part of Catholic piety and charity to have Masses offered for the repose of the souls of the deceased, for the infirm, or for any spiritual or temporal need. For some reason, this practice has declined greatly in the last few decades. You will notice that many Masses are being offered for the Souls in Purgatory. This is because the parish has only a handful of Mass intentions for specific dates in the future months. A priest friend has given me a surplus of Mass requests from his parish given by a pious woman who wishes to pray for the dead. Those intentions can be celebrated on any day. I encourage you to consider the importance of this act of piety. A Mass offering (stipend) is \$10. If you wish to request that the Mass be offered on a specific date you must give at least a couple of weeks' notice. You do not need to request a specific date. A Mass request received by a priest must be celebrated within one year. Naturally, given the shortage of requests here, such a request would be said relatively quickly.

Also in light of the province's reopening plan, the bishop has advised all parishes that First Communion and Confirmation celebrations should be deferred until the Fall.

The Annual Collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works will be taken up this weekend. Envelopes for this special collection are found in the vestibule of the church. Your donations can be left with your regular offering in the basket at the back of the church. Your continued generosity to the parish and to the special collections during these difficult times is greatly appreciated.