



THE SFSC MESSENGER

We are a welcoming community of Jesus' disciples who journey together in right Faith, certain Hope, and live out His Love in Word and Deed

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FAITH



On Palm Sunday, we usher in Holy Week with palm branches in hand, remembering the triumphant entry of our Lord into Jerusalem, and the beginning of the week that leads us to the commemoration of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord - the Paschal Triduum.

On that first Palm Sunday, "A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road." In ancient times, palm branches symbolized goodness and victory. It was common practice in the ancient world to welcome home a king or war hero by laying out a path of branches for him to ride or walk over. With this same purpose, palm was used by the people of Jerusalem to honor Jesus, their King, as he arrived in victory and triumph, but most did not understand what kind of king Jesus would be. In Jesus' time, military rulers usually road into the cities on horses.

Jesus came on a donkey. The donkey was a symbol of peace, and those who rode upon them proclaimed peaceful intentions. This was a sign that he was a leader who would triumph with love and compassion, and not with military might. His was a kingdom that would grow in the hearts of people who put their faith and trust in God.

PALM SUNDAY STREET PROCESSION

The faith communities of St. Patrick's Church, New Horizons Baptist Church, St. George's Anglican Church and Brunswick Street United Church will join together this Sunday, April 2nd, for their annual 'Palm Sunday Street Procession'.

The procession begins at St. George's Anglican Church, at 9:15 am where palms will be distributed and then everyone will head outside to bless the donkey, Tabitha and finish at Brunswick Street United (people dropping off at their various churches along the way). This is a wonderful ecumenical event for all as we mark Christ's arrival in Jerusalem.

All are welcome.

PARISH WEEKEND MASSES

St Francis and St Clare of Assisi Parish celebrates Sunday Masses in our Churches as follows:

St Catherine of Siena
6476 Bayers Road

Sunday - 11:00 am &
Sunday - 7:00 pm

St Theresa's
6351 North Street

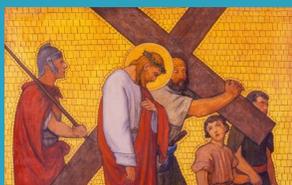
Saturday 4:30 pm &
Sunday 9:30 am

St Patrick's
2267 Brunswick Street

Sunday 9:30 am

St Mother Teresa of Kolkata
6032 Normandy Drive

Saturday 4:00 pm &
Sunday 11:15 am



Stations of the Cross

Parishioners are invited to attend:

St. Theresa's Church, Friday March 31st at 3:00 pm. (in-person or [livestream](#) ([Prayer Guide](#)))

St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church, Friday March 31st at 7:00 pm.

**PARISH MASSES
LIVE STREAMING**



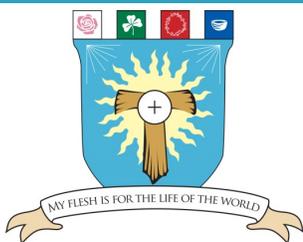
[Sunday, April 2, 2023,
11:15 am](#)

St Francis and St
Clare of Assisi Parish
Channel



Wednesday, April 5th

- Memorial Book



Holy Week Schedule



PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY - Saturday/Sunday, April 1st & 2nd
Regular Mass Schedule at each Church location

CHRISM MASS - Tuesday, April 4th

12:00 noon Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica (in-person and [livestream](#)) (12:00 noon Mass at St. Catherine's is cancelled.)

Wednesday, April 5th

Regular 9:00 am weekday Mass at St. Theresa's Church.

7:00 pm - Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration, Confession available - St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church

HOLY THURSDAY - Thursday, April 6th

7:00 pm - St. Catherine of Siena Church (in-person and [livestream](#))
(Followed by one hour for private prayer) BRING YOUR BELLS!

GOOD FRIDAY - Friday, April 7th

3:00 pm - St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church

3:00 pm - St. Theresa's Church (in-person and [livestream](#))

GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS - Friday, April 7th

7:00 pm - St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church

EASTER VIGIL - Saturday, April 8th

8:00 pm - St. Patrick's Church

BRING YOUR BELLS!

EASTER SUNDAY - Sunday, April 9th

Regular Sunday morning Mass Schedule at each Church location

The 11:15 am Mass from St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata's Church will be in-person and [livestream](#))

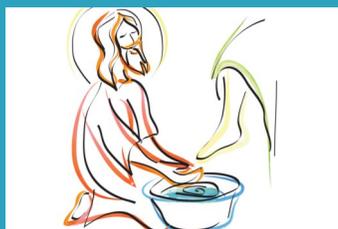
NO 7:00 pm Mass at St. Catherine's Church.

BELL RINGING ON HOLY THURSDAY AND AT THE EASTER VIGIL - On Holy Thursday, parishioners are invited to bring bells from home, to be rung during the singing of the "Gloria".

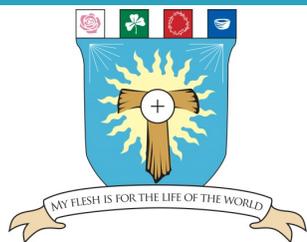
The bells then remain silent until the Easter Vigil at which time they can ring again

LITURGY

WASHING OF THE FEET



If you are willing to participate in the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday, please [email](#) or contact the Parish Office 902-454-8221. Thank you



For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
Psalm 84:10



JOIN US FOR A POWERFUL AND TRANSFORMATIVE EVENING OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION. AS WE PREPARE FOR EASTER, WE WELCOME ALL TO EXPERIENCE THE LOVE AND GRACE OF CHRIST.

PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 2
6 PM - 8 PM

ST PARTICK'S CHURCH,
2263 BRUNSWICK ST.,
HALIFAX B3K 2Y9

Worship Evening

A JESUS YOUTH HALIFAX INITIATIVE

LITURGICAL NORMS

The Diocese has issued a few reminders for the faithful regarding liturgical norms in the recitation of the Creed and the reception of Holy Communion.

During the creed, at the words (and by the Holy Spirit... and became man), the whole assembly makes a profound bow.

Holy Communion is to be received standing, though individual members of the faithful may choose to receive Communion while kneeling. When standing before the minister to receive Holy Communion, the faithful should make a simple bow of the head. When receiving Holy Communion on the tongue, they reverently join their hands; when receiving Holy Communion in the hand, they reverently open their hands placing one beneath the other, and they consume the host immediately upon receiving it. All should respond "Amen" before they receive communion.

Easter Flowers



We are accepting donations for the purchase of Easter flowers at each Church location.

If you wish to make a donation or a donation in memory of a loved one, please mark your name, contact information and envelope number on a plain, white envelope and place it in the regular collection at any weekend Mass.

We will be pleased to acknowledge these remembrances in the Easter Sunday Parish bulletin. Thank you!



DIVINE MERCY NOVENA AND CHAPLET

Our Parish is celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday, Sunday, April 16th, from 2:30-3:30 pm at St. Theresa's

This hour of adoration will include the Litany of Trust and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. All parishioners are invited to attend. (in-person and livestream)



HOPE



CCCB Call of the Catechist Webinars

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' office for Evangelization is hosting webinars for Catechists on March 28, April 11, and April 18 from 2:00 - 3:30pm Atlantic. You are able to register for each of the events individually, or all of them. These should be great sessions, and all parish leaders are welcome to attend.

Please Click This Link for more information or to register .



Religious Education

The Parish offers Religious Education Programs for grades Primary to Six at each local church site.

Here is information from each site:

St Catherine of Siena Church:

This Sunday, April 2nd, another "Gathering" for students from grade primary to six will take place from 10:15 - 10:45 am in St. Catherine's Church Hall.

St Mother Teresa Church:

Our children will be making their First Reconciliation Saturday April 1st. We would ask you keep them all in your prayers this week as they move toward this special day. Primrose Asprey, Monica Thomas, Lea Marques, Lina Marques, Lincoln Castle, Jude MacKenzie.

St Theresa Church:

There is an emailed version of Children's Liturgy this week, available by request. Please [email](#) Sr Lucia for a copy.

St Patrick Church:

First Holy Communion If there are children in the St. Patrick's community, grades 2 to 4, who are ready to prepare for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, parents are asked to contact the Parish office (902-454-8221) or see Michele O'Neill after Mass and leave your name and contact information. Thank you.

Children's Liturgy Program at St. Patrick's The Children's Liturgy sessions take place the second and the third Sunday of each month. All children are welcome to attend and to listen to the Sunday scripture readings at their level, learn about the scripture message for each Sunday, and have an opportunity to engage and share with the leaders and other children.

There will be no religious education classes on Easter Weekend at each site.



Steubenville Atlantic

The Parish is sending a group of youth to attend Steubenville Atlantic from July 7th to 9th at Dalhousie University. Registration is now open for students who will be completing grade eight to grade twelve. The theme this year is 'REFUGE' (Matthew 11:28).

Please [email](#)

Anne Yurchesyn

for more information.



UPCOMING EVENTS

LAST CHANCE! EASTER WEEKEND FUNDRAISER

In support of
St. Theresa's My Extra Help 2023 Campaign

Make your Purchase go **TWICE** as far: Your purchase will be **DOUBLED** in value as a Parishioner has offered to match, dollar for dollar, all funds raised.

ALL ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY NOON THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 2nd

ORDER

Electronically by clicking anywhere on this ad. **OR**
On Paper by picking up an order form at the doors of St. Theresa's Church and returning it through the mail slot at the Parish Office or in the collection basket at Mass **BY NOON SUNDAY APRIL 2ND!**

PICK-UP ON GOOD FRIDAY

All items will be pre-packaged and ready for pick up on

Good Friday, April 7th
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
in St. Theresa's Church Hall
6351 North St.
(Please use the parking lot door off Seaforth Street)

PAYMENT

By Cash or Cheque at time of Pick-Up.

Please have **exact change** as making change will not be possible.



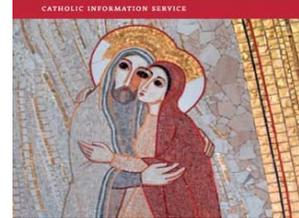
Thanks For Your Support

THE EVANGELIZATION PROJECT

46 The New Evangelization Series

**Called to Love:
John Paul II's Theology
of Human Love**

Katrina F. Tim Eyck and Michelle K. Borras



You are invited to join us **Thursday April 13th** at 7:00pm in St Mother Teresa Church as we discuss the booklet entitled: *Called to Love: John Paul II's Theology of Human Love* from the Catholic Information Series.

To receive a copy you may email us or download a copy in PDF.



PARISH EVENTS

- Easter Weekend Fundraiser
- The Evangelization Project
- Sycamore



Crafters

Tuesdays from
9:30 am—11:30am
in
St Mother's
Teresa's church
Hall

All are welcome!



Meet people, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter in this informal course that explores the Christian faith.

Each Sycamore session involves a short film and time for discussion.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

JOIN US FOR THE
SYCAMORE COURSE BEGINNING
WEDNESDAY APRIL 19TH 2023
7:00PM – 8:30PM
St Mother Teresa Catholic Church
6032 Normandy Dr, Halifax

TO REGISTER
CALL 902-454-8221 OR
EMAIL

events@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca



SYCAMORE is an eight-week enquiry course with a one-day retreat for anyone looking to deepen their faith as well as those wishing to explore the Catholic faith. Click [here](#) to register.





Come and join a growing group of volunteers.

Share your time and talent to help grow our Parish.



Hope Cottage is a great place to gift your time and talents to the community and to meet new friends.

St Patrick's Meals for Hope Cottage

Group 1: Diane Sullivan Apr. 25

Group 2: Nancy Bliss May 31

Group 3: Mike Convey June 21



Options for Giving to St Francis and St Clare of Assisi Parish

Option 1: e-Transfer

How to e-Transfer:

The first step is to setup the Parish email address as a payee. You will be asked for:

- the recipient's name: **St Francis and St Clare of Assisi Parish** and
- the recipient's email address: **office@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca**



No security question is needed because when you send the donation, it will be automatically deposited and the parish office will be notified.

Option 2: PAPP - Pre-Authorized Payment—contact the Parish office for more details

Option 3: Cheque or Cash - Mail or drop off to the Parish Office

Option 4: Send your Offerings in an envelope with a Friend who is attending Mass

No matter how you contribute, you will receive a charitable donation receipt for your 2023 income tax return.

Non-Monetary Way of Offering

Option 5: Offer to become a volunteer in 2023.

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UPDATES

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish is pleased to announce the consolidation of offices into a single Parish office with immediate effect. This consolidation will result in operations being run more smoothly and allows for staff to work as a team.

We acknowledge that the parishioners will have to get used to this and have the following transition process in place.

One of our staff members will visit St. Mother Teresa's office every Tuesday and Thursday morning and St. Patrick's office every Wednesday and Friday. The purpose of the visit will be to take care of any local matters.

We thank you for your understanding and co-operation with this long-standing directive from the Archbishop over three years ago.

A Men's Prayer Breakfast was held on Saturday March 25 2023. It was a very successful event with 37 men in attendance. The Breakfast began with the celebration of Mass. There was a talk by Malcolm Pinto that was very well received and a sumptuous breakfast provided by the Knights of Columbus Council 1097.

TOWN HALL MEETING



A huge THANK YOU to all who attended our Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, March 26th. There were over 100 parishioners in attendance engaged in the new initiatives of the Parish and offering their input on their concerns, hopes and other initiatives they would like to see.

A report will be compiled from the Town Hall and distributed to all parishioners through the Parish Bulletin on April 27th. We look forward to our next gathering!



DIOCESAN NEWS

Pilgrimage to Eskasoni with Mi'kmaq

The Way of the Cross is an annual tradition for the people of Eskasoni Cape Breton and surrounding area and is open to everyone who would like to join.

It starts after the Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday at Holy Family Parish and continues through the night.

However, there is a group that starts around 9am Good Friday morning. The prayers are said in Mi'kmaq at each station of the Cross up the hill to a large Cross at the top. Those attending can follow using English prayers.

There is a video online that gives an understanding of the hill. It is called [The History of the Cross](#) on the hill of Eskasoni.



Archbishop Dunn Gathers with D&P To Welcome Solidarity Partner



Archbishop Dunn met with Ramy Chan, Executive Director of Youth Resource Development Program (YRDP) in Cambodia, at a potluck dinner with members of Development and Peace on March 17.

YRDP is a grassroots partner of Development and Peace. Ramy was touring Atlantic Canada to share about her

work with Cambodian young people. Her organization works to empower youth to exercise their civil and political rights and to strengthen their critical thinking skills. This allows them to work for social change in their communities. Ramy also spoke with parishioners at the Cathedral Basilica of St Mary and with staff members of the diocese at an event on March 23.

Notice of Settlement Approval of Class Action Against the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth –

[Click here](#)



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