

St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish



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St. Mother of Teresa of Kolkata Church
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www.motherteresaparish.com

St. Patrick's Church
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www.saintpatrickschurch.ca

St. Theresa's Church
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www.sttheresaschurch.org

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St. Catherine - Donna Noddin
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PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

St. Catherine of Siena
Sunday - 11:00am & 7:00pm
Tuesday - Noon

St. Theresa's
Saturday 4:30pm; Sunday 9:30am
Wednesday - 9:00am

St. Patrick's
Sunday 9:30am

St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata
Saturday 4:00pm; Sunday 11:15am
Friday - 9:00am

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA'S CHURCH BULLETIN

Home of the Franciscans of Halifax

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 26, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, February 28th – Florence Zinck
Saturday, March 4th - Louise Chiasson

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

FEBRUARY 28TH TO MARCH 2ND

**PARISH
MISSION**

**"Growing in Faith,
Growing in Christ:
God's Plan for a Christian's Life"**

Archbishop Terrence Prendergast will lead our Lenten Mission from Tuesday, February 28th, to Thursday, March 2nd. Each evening will begin at 7:00 pm at St. Theresa's Church.

Tuesday, February 28th – **"God's Design for My Life"**

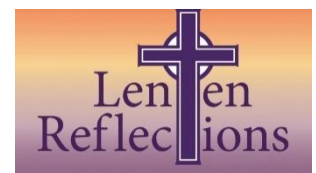
Wednesday, March 1st – **"Connecting with God and Christ in Prayer"**

Thursday, March 2nd – **"Growing in Christ through the Sacraments"**

We hope you are able to join us each night as part of our Parish's journey through Lent and into the Easter Season.

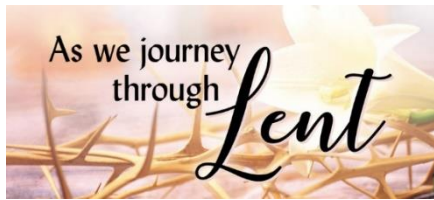
LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Many of you know Fr. Paul MacIntosh, FoH, and his gift as a photographer, and his gift of joining the right song



with the right images in video on his YouTube Channel, "The Wandering Hermitage".

Well, here's a Lenten reflection that reminds us that:



we all need to 'take a little time' . . .
<https://youtu.be/GGWzBOrZm8w>

And . . . at one of our Ash Wednesday's evening Masses, Fr. Christopher McKelvie, FoH, read a quote from the **Venerable Don Tonino Bello**:

"Don't give up, but multiply! Lent is the time to make life beautiful. Ashes and water were once the old ingredients for making soap. And so, here is where we begin again: with the desire to make your life beautiful. Yes, your life! The first task is this: rediscover the beauty that you have inside, and that, for some reason or another, you put aside. Lent, then, is the time to multiply. In this time, multiply instead of "giving up"; multiply your time for people, for friends; multiply your acts of love; multiply the good words that do good for the heart. Multiply the time of silence and meditation. Pray, read, and reconsider your life up till now. Love all of the steps that have brought you to today. This is the time to make life beautiful. Don't just give up material things and just be content not to eat sweets, not to smoke, not to write on social media: in this time, you have to work with your heart and understand how to love people. It is the heart that matters. Have a lovely journey!"

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



The Parish offers two opportunities on the Fridays of Lent (except Good Friday) for praying the Stations of the Cross. Parishioners are invited to attend:

- St. Theresa's Church at 3:00 pm. These Stations will be broadcast weekly on the [Parish YouTube Channel](#).
 - St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church at 7:00 pm.
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LENTEN MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP DUNN



As we prepare to enter the season of Lent, Archbishop Dunn wants to offer a message to the faithful. In his letter, he invites all to reflect on the theme of

reconciliation in light of our relationships with our God, one another, and most specifically with our Mi'kmaq brothers and sisters. In part it reads: *I believe that God has placed in our hearts a call to be reconciled with one another and with the Lord. In fact, this call for reconciliation has been fulfilled in Jesus who emptied himself to show us the desire of God to reconcile us. As a Church, we need to continue to proclaim this message of healing and we need to stand in the midst of any situations which need reconciliation and healing. Each one of us needs to hear this call to be reconciled and to enter the process in a deeper way, so that we can become a reconciling community.* To read the full message [click here](#).

Archbishop Dunn also invites the faithful to read and reflect on the Lenten message from Pope Francis.

- **Message of the Holy Father for Lent: Lenten Penance and the Synodal Journey**

CCCB Lenten Reflections



Each Lent, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) offers a series of video reflections on the Gospels for Lent in English and French. This

year the English reflections are given by our very own Archbishop of Quebec, Gérald Cyprien Cardinal Lacroix. Each of the seven video messages will be released the week leading up to the Sunday gospel the reflection is based upon. When they are released you will find the English reflections by [clicking here](#) (Journey through Lent 2023), and French reflection by [clicking here](#) or going to www.cccb.ca

TURKEY AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKE RELIEF



Archbishop Dunn joins his fellow Canadian Bishops in asking the faithful to donate to the relief efforts being made in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake in

Turkey and Syria. A media release put out by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops on Friday, February 10th, says:

With the support of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB), Aid to Church in Need (ACN), Canadian Jesuits International (CJI), Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) Canada, and Development and Peace-Caritas Canada (DPCC) are launching an emergency aid campaign in response to the destructive earthquake that hit Turkey and Syria on Monday. They have pledged the total sum of nearly one million Canadian dollars.

The best way to give is through organizations that have partners in the affected areas. Below are links to three of the organizations named above who have begun to collect donations online. We encourage you to give as you are able.

- Canadian Jesuits International: <https://www.canadianjesuitsinternational.ca/>
- The Catholic Near East Welfare Association: <https://cnewa.org/>
- Development and Peace Caritas Canada: <https://www.devp.org/en/>

Let us pray for all who have lost their lives as a result of the earthquake. May God strengthen and comfort all who have been impacted by this devastating event and may the Holy Spirit guide those who are providing aid and relief.

THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

1ST ANNIVERSARY OF RUSSIAN INVASION



On Ash Wednesday, Pope Francis, speaking two days before the first anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, called for a ceasefire and peace negotiations, saying no victory could be "built on ruins".

"May the Lord forgive so many crimes and so much violence. He is the God of peace. Let us remain close to the martyred Ukrainian people who continue to suffer", Pope Francis said.

Prayer For Ukraine

O Lord our God, look down with mercy on the Ukrainian people. Protect and save them from the unjust aggressors who seek to subdue them. Grant them steadfast trust in your mercy and protection.

O Mother of God, who gave us your miraculous icon at Zarvanytsia, intercede for the Ukrainian people, who run to the shelter of your mercy in their time of need.

O Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Grant peace and protection to the people of Ukraine. Give them strength and courage to defend what is good, right, and holy. Keep them safe from harm and provide for all their needs, both temporal and spiritual.

Hear our prayers, O Lord, and deliver us from distress, for You are merciful and compassionate and love mankind. To You we give glory: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer written by Carrie Chuff, a Ukrainian Greek Catholic mom.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



This Sunday, February 26th, we will celebrate a Children's Liturgy during the 11:00 am Mass.

Next Sunday, March 5th, another "Gathering" for students from grade primary to six will take place from 10:15 – 10:45 am in St. Catherine's Church Hall.

For more information on the elementary program, please contact Donna Noddin at donna.noddin@gmail.com

For information on the junior high program, please contact Anne Yurchesyn at anne.yurchesyn@dal.ca.

CELEBRATIONS AT ST. PATRICK'S

Saint Patrick's Church
And
The Halifax Concert Band

With
Conductor David Staples
Will Present a Concert of Celtic Music
And Sing-A-Long



With Special Guests
Ron MacKay Music for Life Horn Club

Sunday March 5th, 2023

St. Patrick's Church 2263 Brunswick St. Halifax

Concert Time 2:00 pm

Admission by Donation at the Door

A reception will follow the concert

Concert Proceeds are for St Patrick's Church Capital Projects

ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2023

For the first time since 2020, we will be holding our St. Patrick's Celebration Lunch in the Church Hall on Saturday, March 11th, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$15.00 and \$30.00 for a family (2 adults and 2 children). Tickets are available today. The Menu includes a Ploughman's Lunch of a deli meat and cheese sandwich on sourdough bread, potato chips, coleslaw, and dill pickle. Dessert is gingerbread with whipped cream and beverages are coffee, tea, and juice. There will be music, Shamrock Draw and a 50/50 Draw.

Come and Join In Our Celebration!

STEWARDSHIP



There are a number of ways you can donate.

Visit: <https://saintcatherineofsiena.ca/donate> to see how to donate by electronic fund transfer, mail or how to sign up for pre-authorized payments. Please be assured that any donations received will be assigned to your account and income tax receipts will be issued. Thank you for your continued generosity!

DIOCESAN NEWS:

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

HALIFAX-YARMOUTH ARCHDIOCESAN SHARE LENT

WORKSHOP - MARCH 4TH



Development and Peace-Caritas Canada began the Lenten season with the

launch of its Share lent campaign, "**Create hope: Stand for the Land**". This is to show solidarity with partners in the Global South and communities that are struggling to defend and preserve their territories, by

protecting their lands and waters, the environment which sustain them and preserve human life.

To expound this campaign theme further, the Halifax-Yarmouth Archdiocesan Council invites you to its diocesan **Share Lent Workshop** scheduled to take place at St Theresa' Church Hall, North Street, on Saturday March 4th at 2:30 pm. We shall meet in person for the workshop. More resources for the Share Lent campaign can be found here: [Share Lent Resources](#).

Note that there will be a **Used Book Sale** before and after the 4:30 p.m. mass. All proceeds will go to the work of D&P. Come join us in the workshop to share, connect, learn, and pray. Book donations of any kind are welcome.

SUNDAY ANTICIPATED MASS IN SPANISH



Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish is offering a Sunday anticipated Mass in Spanish on the last Saturday of the month. The next one will be on February 25th at 4:00 pm. It

is held at the St. Peter's Church location on 10 Maple Street, Dartmouth. For additional information please contact Omaira Ospino: misaen espanol@gmail.com

CLASS ACTION: CLAIMS PERIOD



The Claims period of the class action suit filed against the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth runs from December 14, 2022 until December 14, 2023. Individuals who wish to

make a claim to receive settlement benefits have 12 months in which they can make a formal claim. See notice below. For more information on this suit, visit www.halifaxyarmouth.org/classaction

This notice was approved by the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT IN CLASS ACTION

To all individuals who were sexually abused by a priest of the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Halifax or Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Yarmouth between April 14, 1954 and March 31, 2020 and have not previously settled or otherwise released either the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Halifax or Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Yarmouth.

The Court has approved a settlement which provides compensation to eligible class members who file a claim for sexual assault and meet the requirements of the claims process.

If you opted out of the class action, the settlement will not impact you.

If you are part of the lawsuit as a Class Member, you can submit a claim for a payment of money as compensation. The amount of money that you may receive will depend on the specifics of the claim you submit. The potential amount of money to be paid to a Class Member whose claim is accepted will likely range from \$30,000 to \$350,000.

For further information, visit <https://kmlaw.ca/cases/catholic-priest-sexual-abuse-class-action/> or call 1-833-630-1785, or email catholicabuseclassaction@kmlaw.ca.

You must submit your claim for compensation before December 14, 2023. If you do not submit your claim for compensation before December 14, 2023, you will lose your right to compensation.

PARISH LIVESTREAM MASS LINK:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4QgKeNNdXQOpZaxOhNNGzg/featured>

FRANCISCAN OF HALIFAX MASSES CELEBRATED AT ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH:

Tuesday to Friday – 7:00 to 7:45 am Mass

Saturday – 9:00 am Mass - Morning Prayer will take place at 8:30 am, and Confessions will be heard after Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION/CONFESSION:

Monday – 7:30 to 8:30 pm (to participate arrive before 7:30 pm) – St. Theresa's Church

Wednesday – after 9:00 am Mass to 4:30 pm with Benediction – St. Theresa's Church

Wednesday – 1st Wednesday of the month, 7:00 pm – Exposition/Adoration/Confession– St. Mother Teresa's Church –

CANCELLED ON MARCH 1ST

Thursday – Franciscans of Halifax hold Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions – 7:30 pm – St. Catherine's Church

YOUTUBE CHANNELS:

Parish - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4QgKeNNdXQOpZaxOhNNGzg/featured>

Franciscans of Halifax - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9L3qlfstB9xYyv2ZMOqc0g/videos>