

St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish



Parish Administrator:
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One Parish Community at these locations:

St. Catherine of Siena Church
6476 Bayers Road
www.saintcatherineofsiena.ca

St. Mother of Teresa of Kolkata Church
6032 Normandy Drive
www.motherteresaparish.com

St. Patrick's Church
2263 Brunswick Street
www.saintpatrickschurch.ca

St. Theresa's Church
6351 North Street
www.sttheresaschurch.org

Administrative Assistants:

St Theresa's & St. Catherine of Siena
Pat Belgrave, 902-454-8221
Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 1:00pm

St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata:
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Tues. & Thurs. 9:00am - 2:00pm

St. Patrick's:
Cheryl Delaney, 902-429-1300
Wed. & Fri. 9:00am - 2:00pm

Religious Education Coordinators:
St. Catherine - Donna Noddin
St. Mothers Teresa - Susan Sarty
St. Patrick's - Michele O'Neill
St. Theresa's - Sr. Lucia

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 5, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, March 7th – Robert Hall
Saturday, March 11th – Monica Browne

NEW PARISH VISION STATEMENT



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Over the past few weeks, I have been working with Parish Leadership on the formation of a VISION Statement for our

Parish. A VISION statement is a declaration of who we desire to be as we journey together as the Parish of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi.

After much thought and prayer on the work of Parish Leadership, I am pleased to present it to you:

"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."

Faith, Hope and Love (Charity) are not only the three theological virtues of the Church, but they reflect the prayer of St. Francis as he stood before the Cross.

"Most High glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart.

Give me right faith, sure hope and perfect charity.

Fill me with understanding and knowledge that I may fulfill your command."

May the Lord give you peace, Br. Nathanael

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, MARCH 26TH, AT 2:00 PM



All parishioners are invited to a Town Hall meeting on Sunday, March 26th, at 2:00 pm at St. Mother Teresa’s Church Hall (6032 Normandy Drive).

New Parish initiatives will be reviewed, and most importantly, feedback from all parishioners will be collected for moving forward together as St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish as we reflect on our NEW Parish Vision Statement.

Mark your calendars! Plan now to attend!

ONE PARISH BULLETIN!!!



As we work on building our identity as a Parish, we are excited to launch a single Parish Bulletin at the end of the month. This bulletin will

include information on events and celebrations at all our locations which will allow everyone to participate in events at any one of our locations.

FEAST OF ST. PATRICK

FRIDAY, MARCH 17TH, AT 7:00 PM MASS



On Friday, March 17th, all are welcome to come to St. Patrick’s Church (2263 Brunswick Street) and celebrate the Feast Day of St. Patrick at a special 7:00 pm Mass.

St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world’s most popular saints.

He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. Patrick’s captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There, he found some sailors who took him back to Britain where he was reunited with his family.

A vision prompted Patrick to study for the priesthood. Later, he was ordained a Bishop and was sent to take

the Gospel to Ireland. He is credited with converting the Irish to Christianity. By the time of his death on March 17, 461, he had established monasteries, churches, and schools throughout Ireland; he had performed many miracles and wrote of his love for God.

Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona duit! (Happy St. Patrick’s Day!)

ST. FRANCIS AND ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY – Sat/Sun, 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
(12:00 noon Mass at St. Catherine’s is cancelled.)

Wednesday, April 5th – regular 9:00 am weekday Mass at St. Theresa’s Church

HOLY THURSDAY - Thursday, April 6th
7:00 pm – St. Catherine of Siena Church
(followed by one hour of Adoration)

GOOD FRIDAY - Friday, April 7th
3:00 pm – St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church
& St. Theresa’s Church

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

EASTER SUNDAY - Sunday, April 9th
Regular Sunday morning Mass Schedule at each Church location; NO 7:00 pm Mass at St. Catherine’s.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



This 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.

Next Sunday, March 12th, we will celebrate a Children's Liturgy during the 11:00 am Mass.

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 in St. Patrick's 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 for purchase or reservation until Thursday, March 9th. Please call 902-429-1300. 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.

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:

D&P: SHARE LENT



Archbishop Dunn has written a message to the faithful, highlighting and supporting the work of Development and Peace – Caritas Canada (D&P). He recently met with members of the local Diocesan Council of D&P to hear more about their work locally and this year's Share Lent campaign: Create Hope. The letter, available in both **English and French**

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Have you ever considered using your gifts and talents to work for the Church? Do you know, or are you, a student looking for a summer job? There are a number of job postings on the employment listing on our Archdiocesan HR page. Some of the most recent postings include: a principal for a Catholic School in

the Yukon, a Sacraments' Coordinator at Saint Benedict Parish, positions at Chalice Canada, and several opportunities for summer jobs for students. Find out more on the [HR page](#).

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023: BECOME A VOLUNTEER!



“Let yourselves be led by the Lord and offer yourselves as volunteers at the service of the One who ‘did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a

ransom for all’ (Mk 10.45) and your life will reach a fullness that you do not even suspect.”

– Pope Benedict XVI at a Meeting with Volunteers in Madrid, WYD 2011.

Currently, there is a call out for volunteers to help with World Youth Lisbon 2023. Since the first World Youth Day in 1986, thousands of volunteers have played a key role in creating this international gathering that brings together young people and the Pope. This will be the first global gathering for WYD since the pandemic. One of the greatest witnesses at any WYDs is the gift of the freely given talents and time of so many young people to participate in this unique experience. For more information on volunteering visit: www.lisboa2023.org/en/become-a-volunteer

The 38th World Youth Day will happen in Lisbon, Portugal from August 1st to August 6th, 2023

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

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/UC9L3qlfstB9xXyv2ZMOqc0g/videos>