

THE SFSC MESSENGER

St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish

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

April 13 2023

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"Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!'"



St. Francis and St. Clare Parish is celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday on Sunday April 16 from 2:30 - 3:30pm at St Theresa's church.

This hour of adoration will include the rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

All parishioners from the Parish are welcome to attend.

Those who are unable to attend, are invited to pray the rosary and chaplet by live-stream by clicking [here](#). For a copy of Divine Mercy Prayer Guide click [here](#).

Between 1930 and 1938, Christ appeared to Sister Faustina, a Sister of Mercy in Poland, who initiated the Divine Mercy devotion. On Good Friday, 1937, Jesus requested that Blessed Faustina make a special Novena before the Feast of Mercy, from Good Friday through the following Saturday. He gave her a chaplet to be recited and said that it was appropriate to pray the chaplet at three o'clock each afternoon (the Hour of Great Mercy). She was canonized on April 30, 2000, the Sunday after Easter, the Feast of Divine Mercy.

MASS LIVE-STREAM

Saturday, April 15, 2023, 11:00 am

Funeral Mass - Jane Mersereau
St Theresa's Channel at
St Theresa's Church

Saturday, April 15, 2023, 4:30pm

2nd Sunday of Easter—Divine Mercy
Parish Channel at St Theresa's
Church

Sunday, April 16, 2023, 11:15am

2nd Sunday of Easter—Divine Mercy
Parish Channel at St Mother Teresa
of Kolkata Church

*St Francis and St Clare of Assisi Parish will welcome **David Levangie** into full Communion in the Catholic Church.*



David will be confirmed and make his first communion this Sunday, April 16th at the 7:00pm Mass at St Catherine's Church.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00pm
St Mother Teresa

Saturday 4:30pm
St Theresa

Sunday 9:30am
St Patrick
St Theresa

Sunday 11:00am
St Catherine of Siena

Sunday 11:15am
St Mother Teresa

Sunday, 7:00pm
St Catherine of Siena

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 15
Giovannie de Nicola (4:00pm)

Tuesday, April 18
Joe Mercer (Noon)

Wednesday, April 19
Louise Chiasson (9:00am)

Friday, April 21
Leona Mary Durant (9:00am)

Saturday, April 22
Anna Landry (9:00am)
John Chaddock (4:00pm)

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday - Noon
St Catherine Church

Wednesday - 9:00am
St Theresa Church

Friday - 9:00am
St Mother Teresa Church

Saturday—9:00am
St Catherine Church



FEAST OF ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA IN THEIR 75TH YEAR

The Feast Day of St. Catherine of Siena is April 29th, and the liturgy at Saturday's 9:00 am Mass at St. Catherine's will celebrate the day. We will continue to celebrate her blessings to us on **Sunday, April 30th**, at the 11:00 am Mass in St. Catherine of Siena Church. We will also celebrate our 75th Anniversary of the establishment of our Church community. A reception will follow. Everyone is welcome.

Catherine was born on March 25, 1347, in Siena, Italy. Many holy women achieved great status at this time of history, but Catherine was the most outstanding, not only because of the extent of her activities in her short life but because of her written legacy. Her "Letters" show evidence of the wide audience she reached with her teachings and guidance. Her "Prayers", twenty-six in total, were recorded as it was her habit to pray aloud in the presence of her followers. The "Dialogue" was just that, her dialogue between herself and God. God is the teacher in the dialogue between them.

In this dialogue, God told Catherine about His plan for us: "This is why I have put you among your neighbours: so that you can do for them what you cannot do for me - that is, love them without any concern for thanks and without looking for any profit for yourself. And whatever you do for them I will consider it done for me."

*"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."
- St. Catherine of Siena*

THANK YOU FOR A BLESSED HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TRIDUUM

The beautifully decorated altars at our four churches



Heartfelt thanks to everyone in our Parish of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi for making Holy Week and the Easter Triduum such a blessing! Thank you to the Liturgy teams at our four church locations; to our ministers of the Mass - Sacristans, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Ministers of Hospitality, Altar Servers, and our Music Ministers; our Livestream ministry; and most especially to Fr. Nathanael and our clergy for their faithful service to us. The gracious efforts of so many were evident in every minute of these celebrations.

A special shout out to all of YOU who gathered to celebrate. Attendance was excellent at all these celebrations and your reverence, devotion and joy was evident.

Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit may continue to bless our Parish. May our faith in God always bring us hope and peace and fill our souls with everlasting love.

Alleluia! He is Risen!

Additional donations
for Easter flowers,
in memory of:

Mr. & Mrs. A. S.
Comeau

Doug Steffen

Shaun Steffen

Adoration/Confession

1st Wednesday of the Month

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

Wednesdays

St. Theresa's Church
Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament follows 9:00am
Mass

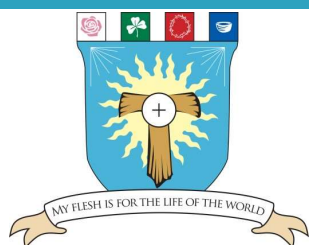
Adoration with Benediction
until 4:30pm

Thursdays

St. Catherine's
7:30pm - Holy Hour of
Eucharistic Adoration, Con-
fession available

FRANCISCAN Weekday Mass with Morning Prayer

Tuesdays - Fridays @
7:00-7:45am
at St. Catherine's Church



St. Catherine's

This Sunday, April 16th, 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. Theresa's

We wish you a very blessed and joyous octave of Easter to you all! Christ is Risen, Alleluia! May the miracle of the Easter Triduum bring you renewed hope, faith and love!

There will be catechism classes on Sunday, April 16th following Mass from 10:30- 11:15am in the Pius X room for grades primary to grade 6.

SYCAMORE

Join us beginning
Wednesday, April 19th
7:00pm-8:30pm
St Catherine of Siena Church
Hall
(please note the change in venue)

Sycamore offers a wonderful experience! Gathering once a week over eight weeks makes for a beautiful bonding experience with people from around your parish.

The format for the evening is simple. We eat together, we watch a video and then gather in small groups for discussion.

Who is Sycamore for?

Sycamore is for YOU. There are no prerequisites whatsoever. We come together just as we are to explore the Catholic faith. Are you curious? Are you looking to deepen your faith? Perhaps you have doubts or questions? Sycamore is the place to be.

Click [here](#) and Register now! Invite a friend.

St. Mother Teresa's

Congratulations to the Level Two Class at Saint Mother Teresa who celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation on April 1st.

You have all taken a big step on your faith journey and we are now looking forward to moving on with our lessons for your First Eucharist. Father Nathaniel did a bang up job. There were no tears, some wanted to go again and another so excited skipped up to him.

I would like to thank Claudette, KayAnn and Jim who did a great job with the pizza party, decorations and set up after, The children and parents enjoyed their sit down and the time to relax with other family and parents on such a special occasion. For the continued support and prayers of our parishioners we are truly blessed. Keep praying for all of our children and parents as they move along together in their faith journey. We all know there can never be too many prayers.



Healing Mass will be held on
April 27 @ 7pm At St.
Mother Teresa of Kolkata
Church

Join Fr. Mark Cherry of Sacred Heart Evangelization and Healing Ministry for Mass on April 27 The focus of the Mass will be the continued healing ministry of Jesus Christ through His Church. The homily will focus on receiving the Lord's healing and prayers for healing will be offered after Mass.

All are welcome.

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St Theresa
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MEET OUR TEAM

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Administrator

Archbishop Martin Currie
Pastoral Support

Rev Mr Len Moore
Rev Mr Paul Carnell
Rev Br Grant McLean

Sr Rita Hanna, FoH

Ruth Bartholomeusz
Operations Manager

Pat Belgrave
Admin Assistant

Cheryl Delaney
Admin Assistant



Easter Weekend Fundraiser Results

St Theresa's Church had a very successful Easter Weekend Fundraiser for My Extra Help last week.

Thank you to all Parishioners and Friends who supported this important fundraiser through your purchases and donations. Your support is always generous and appreciated.

We extend a huge thank you to Theresa and Frank Richard and their assistants for all the delicious fish chowder, tea biscuits and hot cross buns freshly prepared and packaged.

We want to thank all of the bakers who prepared delicious Easter Egg Chocolate Chip cookies and the decorative packaging for us to enjoy. And thank you to the organizers of the Easter Weekend Fundraiser. Together we made it a huge success!



Through everyone's efforts we raised \$1,765 from sales and donations. An unnamed Parishioner had agreed to double what was raised and having seen the results, the Parishioner offered us a cheque in the amount of \$2,245.00 to put us over \$4,000!

Proceeds from Sale and Donations	\$1,765.00
Pledged Amount	\$2,245.00
Total Raised from the Sale	\$4,010.00

DIOCESE NEWS

Happy Easter to one and all! May this Easter season be full of joy and wonder for you and your families. In case you missed it, Archbishop Dunn offered an Easter Message as part of a video reflection series put out by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB). You can view his message by [clicking here](#).

Let us rejoice in our Risen Lord! Alleluia!

Confirmation Retreat: April 22

Holy Cross Chaplaincy's (HCC) is hosting a Confirmation Retreat on Saturday April 22, 2023! All students in the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth being confirmed this year are welcome to join us at Saint Michael's Church, Stella Maris Parish.

The day long retreat will have times of prayer, sharing, and fun! The day will run from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Lunch will be provided but everyone is encouraged to bring a snack for the afternoon.

For more information and to register click here or go to: www.hcchaplaincy.ca and click on Come to an Event.

HCC is a ministry of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth that focuses on university aged students finding ways to grow their faith and serve the diocese at large. For more information on HCC visit www.hcchaplaincy.ca and click on About.

St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish

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Parish Office Hours for April: Monday—Friday, 9:00am—1:00pm

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