



# ST. FRANCIS AND ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH AT ST. CATHERINE'S

*Home of the Franciscans of Halifax*

April 17, 2022

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH – APRIL 17, 2022

## CELEBRATIONS OF THE EASTER TRIDUUM



**Parish Livestream Masses, including celebrations of the Easter Triduum:**

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

### **PARISH TRIDUUM SCHEDULE:**

**Holy Thursday, April 14<sup>TH</sup>:**

7:00 pm – St. Theresa's

**Good Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>:**

3:00 pm – St. Catherine's & St. Patrick's

**Easter Vigil (Saturday), April 16<sup>th</sup>:**

8:00 pm – St. Mother Teresa's

**Easter Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>:**

11:00 am – St. Catherine's

Regular Mass schedule at each Church location, except NO 7:00 pm Mass at St. Catherine's



## TELEVISED MASSES:

St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica - Eastlink will be broadcasting celebrations from the Cathedral on Good Friday at 3:00 pm, and Easter Sunday at 10:30 am. If you have Eastlink cable, Eastlink TV can be viewed on channel 10 and 610.

**Mass for Shut-Ins** airs Sunday, 11:30 am, on CTV television.

**Vision TV** – Channel 458 with Bell; Channel 660 with Eastlink

- Sunday at 9:00 am
- Monday to Friday at 9:00 am and 1:00 pm
- Saturday at 9:00 am and 10:30 am

## DONATIONS OF EASTER FLOWERS



### Donations for Easter Flowers

Thank you to all who made donations for Easter flowers.

#### Donations were gratefully received in memory of:

Wendy Bland	Dr. Michael & Margaret MacSween
Ursula Bohlmann	Michele Marini
Gordon Camp	Zopito Marini
Ella & Bill Conrod	William & Jane Mays and family
Doug Daley	Austin McKenna
Juliana D'Souza	Patrick & Geraldine Noddin
Michael D'Souza	Phil O'Hara
Anna Falone	Royden & Nell O'Reilly
Donna & Maurice Forrestall	Sabatino Sablone
Clem & Rita Harris	Members of the Steel Family
Mary & Gerald King	Emma Tucci
John & Wanda Krol and family	

## DIVINE MERCY NOVENA AND CHAPLET



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. For information on how to recite the Chaplet, visit:

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet>

## FUNERAL MASS FOR FR. ROBERTO DONATO – APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> AT 2:00 PM

Hello brothers and sisters,

We have appreciated the prayers and notes of affection that many of you have sent since Fr. Roberto's death on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. It has been a process these last few months, grieving the loss of this great man, and waiting for arrangements to be made so that we could celebrate his funeral here. Things are now in place and one of Father's family members is very soon bringing his ashes to Canada.



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

We would like to invite you to join us at the Funeral Mass for Fr. Roberto on Tuesday, April 26th, at 2:00 pm. It will be held at St. Mary's Basilica, and since there are no current government restrictions for gathering limits, we are able to welcome all who want to attend. We would love to see many of you there, to celebrate the Mass for the repose of his soul.

Peace and all Good,  
Franciscans of Halifax

## SYNOD SURVEY: ROUND 2 – DIOCESAN UPDATE



As a key part of the 2021-2023 Synod process, Pope Francis asked to hear the voice of the living Church and you answered. In our parish Synod sessions, over 800 of you answered, in fact! We know that many people at all our parishes made this happen – thank you! We know it has not been easy given the usual high level of activity of our parishes, not to mention the ever-changing circumstances of the ongoing global pandemic. So, as we begin to develop our part of the report that goes onward to the Holy Father, we want to give you, and anyone or everyone you know, one more chance to give further comment on what we've already heard. The survey can be found at [www.halifaxyarmouth.org/synod](http://www.halifaxyarmouth.org/synod) at the top of the webpage. It is available in French and English, and we invite you share the link widely. The survey will be open until the end of April.

## MI'KMAQ PASTORAL COUNCIL



As a part of Archbishop Dunn's commitment to healing and reconciliation with Mi'kmaq communities in our diocese, the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth is in the process of establishing a Mi'kmaq Pastoral Council. This council would act as a collaborative advisory board to the Archbishop and his staff. We are looking for people who may be interested in serving on this council. To express your interest please contact Fr. Rob Elford at

[stellamaris.asst@gmail.com](mailto:stellamaris.asst@gmail.com) or 902-477-3530, ext. 5, before April 20, 2022.

### **Residential Schools: We are sorry. We apologize. (Part 4 from the Diocese)**

While the federal residential school system began around 1883, the origins of the residential school system can be traced to as early as the 1830s, when the Anglican Church established a residential school in Brantford, ON. The Catholic Church also ran a few residential schools out West prior to 1883. Attendance at these schools was voluntary.



It is estimated that 150,000 children between the ages of three and sixteen were forced to attend federal residential schools, operated in Canada between 1883 and the early 1970s (The last residential school closed in 1996). Of the 139 residential schools identified in the Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement, 46% (64 schools) were operated by Catholic entities; approximately 16 out of the 70 Catholic dioceses in Canada were associated with these schools, in addition to about three dozen Catholic religious communities. At its height, there was a maximum of 89 schools operating at the same time.

Nova Scotia had one school which was run by the Catholic Church in Shubenacadie, from 1930 to 1967. Shubenacadie Residential School was the only residential school in the Maritimes. When it opened the school was administered first by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Halifax and later by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate and staffed by the Sisters of Charity of Halifax. Mi'kmaw and Wolastoqew children from Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, and Quebec attended the school.

The Shubenacadie Indian Residential School was built in 1928-29 in the Sipekni'katik district of Mi'kma'ki, at the top of a small hill between Highway 2 and the Shubenacadie River overlooking the village of Shubenacadie. The abandoned school building was demolished in 1986 after a fire burnt most of the building. A plastics factory now stands where the school used to be. In July of 2020, the site of the former school was named a National Historic Site.

Almost all residential schools closed in the 1960s and early '70s as provincial governments began to provide schooling in each community.

For more information on the relationship between the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth and the local Mi'kmaq community go to: <https://halifaxyarmouth.org/mi-kmaq-community>

## **PRAY FOR PEACE**

God of peace and justice,  
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.  
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.  
We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.  
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at-risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.



## PARISH SCHEDULE OF MASSES/ADORATION/CONFESSIONS

### ST. FRANCIS AND ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH

#### **SUNDAY MASSES:**

St. Catherine of Siena: Sunday at 11:00 am & 7:00 pm  
St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata: Saturday at 4:00 pm, Sunday at 11:15 am  
St. Patrick's: Sunday at 9:30 am  
St. Theresa's: Saturday at 4:30 pm, Sunday at 9:30 am

#### **WEEKDAY MASSES:**

Tuesday – 12:00 noon, St. Catherine of Siena Church  
Wednesday – 9:00 am, St. Theresa's Church  
Thursday – 5:15 pm, St. Patrick's Church  
Friday – 9:00 am, St. Mother Teresa's Church

#### **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 – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month, 7:00 pm - Exposition, Adoration  
and Confession – St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church  
Thursday – Franciscans of Halifax hold 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>



## 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!

**2021 FINANCIAL REPORTS** – Financial Reports for St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish and for St. Catherine of Siena Church are available on our website:

<https://saintcatherineofsiena.ca/financial-reports>

### D&P Reel Justice Movie Screening



This month, Development & Peace (D&P) Youth Programs is teaming up with the Hamilton Diocesan Council for their Reel Justice Movie screening of “SEED: THE UNTOLD STORY” on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm ET.

What’s the film about? “As biotech chemical companies control the majority of our seeds, farmers, scientists, lawyers, and indigenous seed keepers fight to defend the future of our food. In

a harrowing and heartening story, these reluctant heroes rekindle a lost connection to our most treasured resource and revive a culture connected to seeds.” Click here to find out more about the documentary: <https://www.seedthemovie.com/>

**Register here:** <https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/register/>

Please contact Selina or Emily with any questions at: [shunt@devp.org](mailto:shunt@devp.org) or [elukasik@devp.org](mailto:elukasik@devp.org)

The D&P Young Adult movie screening and discussion nights aim to bring together young adults from across Canada, discuss important issues in Canada and the world, plan action against injustice, and learn about the work of Development and Peace.

### Employment Opportunities



Several new listings have been posted on our Employment webpage. If you are looking for work or know someone who is, please check it out: <https://www.halifaxyarmouth.org/admin-services/human-resources>