



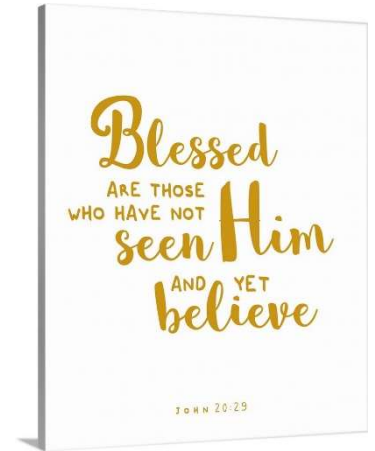
# ST. FRANCIS AND ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH AT ST. CATHERINE'S

*Home of the Franciscans of Halifax*

April 24, 2022

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH – APRIL 24, 2022

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 24, 2022



### Parish Livestream Masses:

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



Donations for Easter Flowers were gratefully received in memory of:

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Emma Tucci



With great sadness, we share with you the news that Karen Elliott has died. Please remember Karen, her family and friends in your daily prayers and during this Sunday's Mass. May she rest in peace.

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish is celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, from 2:30-3:30 pm at St. Theresa's Church.

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

All parishioners are invited to attend.

## VIGIL AND FUNERAL MASS FOR FR. ROBERTO DONATO

Hello brothers and sisters,

A very Happy and Blessed Easter to all of you!

As we announced previously, this week we will be celebrating Fr. Roberto's funeral. We invite you to gather with us for one or both of the following, if you are able:

**Evening Prayer & Vigil:** 7:00 pm on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 6476 Bayers Road.

**Funeral Mass:** 2:00 pm on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica, 5221 Spring Garden Road. The Mass will be followed by a reception downstairs in the Basilica Church Hall.

The interment after the funeral will be held privately.

Again, we appreciate all the love and support you have shown us during this difficult time and look forward to gathering for prayer and fellowship with you this week.

Peace and all Good,  
FOH Communications



## FEAST DAY OF ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA – APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>



There will be a special Mass celebrating the Feast Day of St. Catherine of Siena on Friday, April 29th, at 7:00 pm in St. Catherine's Church. All are welcome.

Catherine was born on March 25, 1347, in Siena, Italy. She was the 24th of 25 children. At the age of six, Catherine had a vision in which she felt she was called to a solitary and prayerful life. At the age of seven, Catherine made a private vow of virginity and when she was fifteen, she cut off her hair in defiance of her family to prevent a marriage arrangement.

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."

Catherine of Siena died on April 29, 1380, at the age of 33, the same age as our Lord. In 1461, Pope Pius II canonized Catherine. In 1940, she was made the Patron Saint of Italy along with St. Francis of Assisi. In 1948, she was named the Patron Saint of our newly established Parish on Bayers Road. In 1970, she was officially declared a Doctor of the Church.

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

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



This Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, students will receive an emailed lesson from their Catechists!

## RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS: WE ARE SORRY. WE APOLOGIZE.

### (Part 5 from the Diocese)



We are mindful of the work we must do to help all learn more about the dark history of our country and our Church when it comes to the relationship with Indigenous communities. In that light, we continue our ten-part weekly series on residential schools.

Approximately 150,000 children attended residential school in Canada. The number of deceased children has most recently been updated to at least 4,100. Due to the poor record keeping by the churches and federal government, we may never know the total loss of life.

In cases where the cause of death was reported, tuberculosis was the dominant cause of death, representing 48.7% or 896 of residential school deaths. The next highest were influenza and pneumonia. Several of the schools were overwhelmed by the influenza pandemic of 1918-19. In one school alone (Ft. St. James, B.C.) 78 people, including students, died in this pandemic. Underfed and malnourished students were particularly vulnerable to diseases such as tuberculosis and influenza. In large part due to the federal government underfunding the system, food was low in quantity and poor in quality. Students also died of suicide (6), accidents (57 drownings, 40 in school fires, 20 deaths due to exposure, 38 in vehicle accidents and falls). At least 33 students died while running away (most died of drowning or exposure).

Parents frequently were not notified of a student's death and, in order to limit expenses, the Department of Indian Affairs was opposed to shipping the bodies of deceased children to their home communities. They received a simple burial on the grounds of the school.

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

## DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: UKRAINE PARTNER SITE IN MARIUPOL DESTROYED



The Ukrainian city of Mariupol has been virtually under siege and inaccessible to the media for weeks. News emerged only last week that a Caritas centre in the city had sustained a Russian tank attack last month. Seven people, including two Caritas staff members, lost their lives in that attack. Development and Peace has strongly condemned the atrocity and reaffirmed its commitment to peace and to the people of Ukraine.

A statement on the damage and loss of life can be found by visiting: <https://www.devp.org/en/blog/mourning-a-tragedy-in-mariupol/>

Please continue to pray for all involved in the conflict in Ukraine. If you would like to contribute to the aid efforts in Ukraine being made by D&P you can find more information or make a donation by visiting: <https://www.devp.org/en/blog/our-ukraine-emergency-fundraising-qa/>

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 (CANCELLED FOR THIS WEEK)

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.

#### **EUCHARISTIC 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

**WEBSITES:** [www.stfrancisandstclareparish.ca](http://www.stfrancisandstclareparish.ca) ; [www.saintcatherineofsiena.ca](http://www.saintcatherineofsiena.ca)

#### **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!

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### Easter Message from the Catholic Conference of Canadian Bishops



Bishop Raymond Poisson, President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, was a member of the delegation that went to Rome for the historic meetings between Pope Francis and Indigenous Peoples. As he reflects on this experience, he offers the faithful in Canada an Easter Message. In his message, he spoke of the Church needing to work within and outside of itself to make a better world. He writes:

*As the Church in Canada, we have just lived through a particularly remarkable week: in faithfulness to its mission, however imperfectly, our Church is working within itself and around itself towards reconciliation, for the building of a better world. It is doing so by following the vital path of self-examination: through an honest scrutiny of its recent history, the Church in Canada has become aware of its mistakes and, above all, of her existential need to be saved by Christ.*

To read Bishop Poisson's full message, visit:

<https://www.cccb.ca/announcement/message-for-easter-2022-by-bishop-raymond-poisson-bishop-of-saint-jerome-and-of-mont-laurier-and-president-of-the-canadian-conference-of-catholic-bishops/>

### Livestream Masses at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica



Please note that the 10:30 am Sunday Mass will be the only liturgy available regularly from Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica by livestream broadcast. With the return to in-person Masses, the decision has been made to stop livestreaming the daily 12:15 pm Mass from the Cathedral. Should you wish to view a Mass online please visit: [dailytvmass.com/](http://dailytvmass.com/)