

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

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Eucharistic Adoration—August 6th

Parish office closed Monday

Feast of St Clare

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FAITH

August 6, 2023

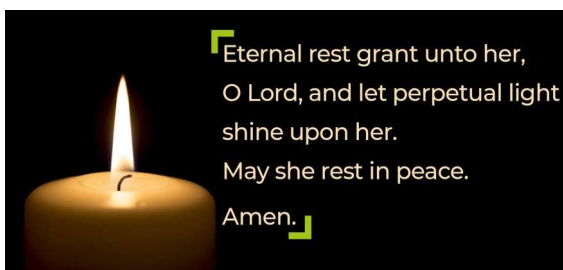
The Transfiguration of the Lord "He was transfigured before them..."



Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John. God acknowledges his Son and bids the disciples to listen to him. Jesus asks them not to reveal this vision until after the resurrection.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED IN OUR PARISH FAMILY

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Anne Langille. Her funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, August 3rd at 11 am in St Mother Teresa Church.



Eternal rest grant unto her,
O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon her.
May she rest in peace.
Amen.

SATURDAY SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

MONTH	TIME	CHURCH
AUGUST 5 AUGUST 12 AUGUST 19 AUGUST 26	4:00PM	Saint Theresa Catholic Church
SEPTEMBER 02 SEPTEMBER 07 SEPTEMBER 16 SEPTEMBER 23 SEPTEMBER 30	4:00PM	Saint Mother Teresa Catholic Church

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
Psalm 84:10



Experience the grace and presence of our Lord at Eucharistic Adoration, organized by the Jesus Youth Movement. Join us on Sunday, August 6th, from 3 PM to 5 PM, at St. Patrick's Church. All are welcome! We look forward to seeing you there!

Weekend Mass Schedule for August

Saturday 4:00pm
St Theresa

Sunday 9:00am
St Mother Teresa
(Polish Mass)

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

Live-Stream Scheduled Mass

Saturday, August 5th
4:00pm
St Theresa Church

Weekday Mass Schedule

- Tuesday - Noon
St Catherine Church
- Wednesday - 9:00am
St Theresa Church
- Friday - 9:00am
St Mother Teresa
- Saturday—9:00am
St Catherine Church



MASS Intentions

Tuesday, August 8th
Rita Brousseau (noon)

Wednesday, August 9th
Bill Quinn (9:00am)

Friday, August 11th
Paul Anderson (7:00pm)

Saturday, August 12th
Janette Campbell (9:00am)



FEAST OF ST. CLARE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11TH

All are invited to attend Mass to celebrate the Feast of St Clare at 7:00pm in St Mother Teresa church. A reception will follow in the church hall.

Please note: There will be **NO 9:00am** weekday Mass at St Mother Teresa church on that Friday.

St. Clare was born in 1193 in Assisi to a noble family. Before her birth, her mother received a sign that her daughter would be a bright light of God in the world. As a child she was already very strongly drawn to the things of God, praying fervently, devoutly visiting the Blessed Sacrament, and manifesting a tender love towards the poor.

When she was 18, she heard St. Francis preaching in the town square during Lent and she knew at once that God wanted her to consecrate herself to Him. The next evening, Clare left her house at night, ran to meet St. Francis and his companions at the church they were staying in, and shared her desire to follow him in his way of life. He received her, gave her his tunic, cut off her golden locks, and sent her to a Benedictine convent, because she could not stay with the brothers. Her younger sister Agnes soon joined her and the two had to resist much pressure from their family to return home.

When Clare was 22, St. Francis placed her in a small house beside the convent and made her superior, a post she would serve for the next 42 years until her death. Many young noble women left all they had to take on the habit of the 'Poor Clares'.

Clare's reputation for holiness was such that the Pope himself came to her deathbed in 1253 to give her absolution, and wanted to canonize her immediately on her death, but was advised by his cardinals to wait. Clare died in absolute tranquility, saying to one of the brothers at her side "Dear brother, ever since through His servant Francis I have known the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, I have never in my whole life found any pain or sickness that could trouble me." She was canonized in 1255, two years after her death.



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

Adoration/Confession

**1st Wednesday of the
Month**

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

**Wednesdays
St. Theresa's**

Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament follows 9:00am
Mass. Adoration with
Benediction until 4:30pm

Thursdays

St. Catherine's

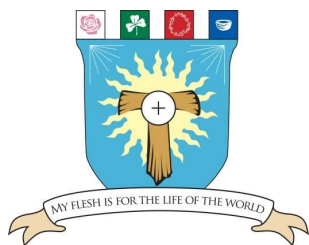
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Options for Giving to our Parish

1. Request weekly Sunday envelopes through our Parish Office.
2. E-Transfer to office@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca (include your name and church).
3. Sign up for pre-authorized payments through our Parish Office.
4. Mail your donation to our Parish Office.

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!



HOPE



A picture of our Parish young people, youth leaders and chaperones who attended Steubenville Atlantic in July.



Pope's prayer intention for the month of August

For World Youth Day - We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

LOVE IN ACTION

Society of St Vincent de Paul, St Patrick's Church will once again be collecting school supplies for the students of Joseph Howe School during the month of August.

Donations can be dropped off in the bin at the back of the church. All donations gratefully accepted and will be appreciated by the students and teachers.



Birthday wishes going out to Alan and Bonnie Cuvelier.

Alan has been the organist (Sat. mass) at St. Mother Teresa Church for 56 years.



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Sr Rita Hanna, FoH

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Admin Assistant

Cheryl Delaney
Admin Assistant



Diocesan News

Annual Masses for the Faithful Departed

Each year Masses for the Faithful Departed are celebrated in our Catholic Cemeteries over the summer months. Details for the Masses this summer are as follows:

- Mount Olivet Cemetery, Mumford Rd, Halifax: Saturday, August 12 at 10:00am Rain location is Saint Agnes Church, 6903 Mumford Rd, Halifax
- Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Sackville Dr, Lower Sackville: Wednesday, August 23 at 6:00pm Rain location: Saint John Vianney Church, 4 Beaverbank Rd., Lr. Sackville
- Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel, Holy Cross Cemetery, Halifax: Friday, September 15 at 5:15pm

Please note that the Masses at Mount Olivet and Gate of Heaven cemeteries are outdoors on the cemetery grounds and attendees are asked to bring a lawn chair.

The Holy Father's Apostolic Visit to Canada: Looking Back One Year Later

On the liturgical Feast of Saints Anne and Joachim, the Canadian Conference of Bishops (CCCB) released a press release, which looks back upon the Holy Father's apostolic visit to Canada one year ago. The press release includes a link to a video commemorating the apostolic visit. The video speaks about Pope Francis' visit to Canada as a historic milestone on the road to healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

[CCCB: Looking back One Year - English \(pdf\)](#)

Parish News



The Parish office will be closed on Monday, August 7, to observe Natal Day.

Have a wonderful Natal Day long weekend!

Anyone wishing to submit announcements for the bulletin is asked to send them to bulletin@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca by 9:00am each Tuesday morning. Thanks kindly!

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PARISH WALK-IN HOURS: MON/WED/FRI 9:00AM TO 12NOON
(voicemail will be returned every day)

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