

# St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish



**Parish Administrator:**  
Fr. Nathanael DesRoches, FoH

**Pastoral Support:**  
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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:**  
Cheryl Delaney, 902-454-5835  
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'Neil/Jesna Jose  
St. Theresa's - Sr. Lucia

## PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

<b>St. Catherine of Siena</b> Sunday - 11:00am & 7:00pm Tuesday - Noon	<b>St. Theresa's</b> Saturday 4:30pm; Sunday 9:30am Wednesday - 9:00am	<b>St. Patrick's</b> Sunday 9:30am Thursday - 5:15pm	<b>St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata</b> Saturday 4:00pm; Sunday 11:15am Friday - 9:00am
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## ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA'S CHURCH BULLETIN

*Home of the Franciscans of Halifax*

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**December 11, 2022**



### SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES



Birthday Wishes to Sr. Rita who celebrated her special day this past Thursday, December 8th, and to Archbishop Martin Currie who will celebrate his special day this Sunday, December 11th.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> – Helen Weeks  
Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> – George Linger

May God bless you both with an abundance of peace, joy and love this coming year and always.

## ADVENT NIGHT OF RECONCILIATION

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>



All are invited to attend an Advent Night of Reconciliation on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm at St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church. The

Penitential Service will begin with a reading, a short reflection, an examination of conscience and then, there will be the opportunity for individual confession. Please join us for this beautiful moment of prayer as we prepare for the coming of our Saviour.

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### PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



#### Christmas Eve – Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

6:00 pm – St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church  
6:00 pm - St. Theresa's Church (**Livestreamed**)  
8:00 pm – St. Catherine of Siena Church  
8:00 pm - St. Patrick's Church  
(Please note: There will be no 9:00 am FoH weekday Mass at St. Catherine's; no 4:00 pm Mass at St. Mother Teresa's; no 4:30 pm Mass at St. Theresa's)

#### Christmas Day – Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am – St. Patrick's Church  
9:30 am – St. Theresa's Church  
11:00 am – St. Catherine of Siena Church  
11:15 am – St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church  
(Please note: There will be no 7:00 pm Mass at St. Catherine's)

#### New Year's Eve – Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

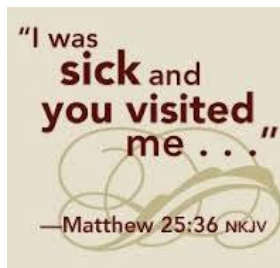
4:00 pm – St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church  
4:30 pm – St. Theresa's Church  
(Please note: There will be no 9:00 am FoH weekday Mass at St. Catherine's)

#### New Year's Day – Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

9:30 am – St. Patrick's Church  
9:30 am – St. Theresa's Church  
11:00 am – St. Catherine of Siena Church  
11:15 am – St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church  
(Please note: There will be no 7:00 pm Mass at St. Catherine's)

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## URGENTLY NEEDED: PARISHIONERS TO TAKE HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK



Matthew 25: The Righteous will say: "Lord, when did we see You sick or in prison, and visit You?" And the King will answer: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these my brothers, you did for Me."

We have several people who are currently unable to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion, and we do not have enough people to take the Blessed Sacrament to them. Under the Diocesan guidelines, a parishioner visiting people in their homes on Church business, must be accompanied by another parishioner (this includes bringing Holy Communion to the Sick).

Please consider if you could help take Holy Communion to the sick, once a month, following the 11:00 am. Mass. You would be accompanied by a more experienced person and the visits in total will take approximately 1 to 1.5 hours. You need no experience but a willingness to share some of your time on Sunday doing the Lord's work. It is very rewarding to see how grateful people feel to receive the Blessed Sacrament, and you will have the opportunity to become an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist while doing this ministry, if you so wish.

Please contact the Parish Office (902-454-8221) and a member of the team will be in touch with you.

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### GREETINGS AT CHRISTMAS



St. Catherine's Church would like to send greetings to parishioners who now find themselves housebound or reside in a nursing home. If you have a family member or know of a parishioner in this situation, please give their name and address to the Parish Office by phone (902-454-8221) or by email: [office@saintcatherineofsiena.ca](mailto:office@saintcatherineofsiena.ca)

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### DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



If you wish to make a donation, or a donation in memory of a loved one, it may be placed in a plain envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" and placed

in the regular collection. Please include your envelope number or name and full mailing address, and the names of your loved ones. All remembered, will be listed in the Christmas bulletin.

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**Homeless Memorial Service**

Please join us in honouring and remembering those who have lost their lives due to the structural and systemic violence of poverty, colonization and homelessness

When:  
Tuesday December 20th 2022 at 2pm

Where:  
Saint Patrick's Church (2263 Brunswick St,  
Halifax, NS B3K 2Y9)

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**ST. FRANCIS AND ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH**  
**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY!**



Our parish is seeking an Operations Manager to assist Father Nathanael and our leadership teams, with the administrative work of the parish. A job

listing was posted last weekend on the Diocesan website. The position is full-time for a 2-year term. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please check the Diocesan website for further information. <https://halifaxymouth.org/admin-services/human-resources>

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**ST. FRANCIS AND ST. CLARE EVANGELIZATION PROJECT**  
**DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00 PM**



We are asking all parishioners to participate in our Parish Evangelization Project by inviting our brothers and sisters, our friends or family

members who are not celebrating their Catholic Faith, or anyone who desires to know more about our rich Catholic Tradition, to join us in-person every other Thursday evening. We gather to prayerfully read, listen and reflect upon the infinite beauty from the three-fold love of God presented to

all participants in the New Evangelization Series. You are welcome to download for free the second of eleven booklets we will cover from the [Catholic Information Series](#) entitled: *I Believe in You: The Question of God in the Modern World*. Please sign up by email to receive your booklet provided in partnership by the Knights of Columbus at [evangelization.halifax@gmail.com](mailto:evangelization.halifax@gmail.com). Refreshments and light snacks will be served.

**Where-** St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church, at the corner of Robie Street & Normandy Drive.

**When-** Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Please use the Robie Street entrance side door.

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**



Our last Gathering before Christmas will take place this Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, for students from grade primary to six from 10:15 – 10:45 am in St. Catherine's Church Hall.

If you have not registered your child/children as yet, please do so by contacting Donna Noddin at [donna.noddin@gmail.com](mailto:donna.noddin@gmail.com).

For information on the junior high program, please contact Laurie Tarulli at [laureltarulli@yahoo.com](mailto:laureltarulli@yahoo.com).

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**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**  
**THE CHRISTMAS PROJECT**



This weekend, members of the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** at St. Catherine's will be making their deliveries of gift cards to those within our community who have reached out for help this Christmas Season.

Parishioners are reminded that you can simply put your donation in the collection at any Sunday Mass. If you are not attending Mass at this time, donations could be mailed care of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish, 6351 North Street, Halifax, NS, B3L 1P7 or by electronic transfer: <https://saintcatherineofsiena.ca/donate>. No gift is too small. Please indicate your donation is for the St. Catherine's Christmas Project. Together, we can make a difference!

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Fun For Seniors  
St. Francis & St. Clare of Assisi Parish

## Turkey Dinner at Lunchtime

A delicious Turkey Dinner, with all the trimmings, Assorted Pies, and Beverages

Thursday, December 15, 2022  
11:30 for 12:00 Noon  
St. Theresa's Church Hall  
Please use the door off the Parking Lot

**\$20**

DOOR PRIZES CAROLING 50/50 DRAW

A maximum of 100 tickets will be sold, on a first-come, first-served basis

**GET YOUR TICKETS SOON!**

Please Pre-Order your tickets by contacting either:

- Linda Cody 902-453-4558 or lindacody49@gmail.com
- Janet Mullock 902-455-3718 or janet.mullock@bellaliant.net
- Catherine Costello 902-422-9347 or cathhalifax@yahoo.ca

We need to know your name, (+ any guests), your phone number and the church where you will be picking up your tickets.

Tickets will be available for payment and pick up at your chosen church at the December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> week-end Masses.

assigned to your account and income tax receipts will be issued. Thank you for your continued generosity!

### DIOCESAN NEWS:

#### DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>: NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES



The National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples is celebrated on December 12<sup>th</sup> each year, on the feast day of Our Lady of

Guadalupe. On this day the Canadian faithful are called to pray in solidarity with the Indigenous of this land as we continue our journey of healing and reconciliation. Resources for prayer and reflection can be found at [www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca).

#### STORY SHARING WITH THE MI'KMAQ



Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish presents a Conversation on Truth and Reconciliation on Monday December 12<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00pm - 9:00pm. The

gathering will take place at Saint Peter's Church, 10 Maple Drive, Dartmouth. Doors open at 6:30pm. You can also join online: [youtu.be/2iegmzUa9I4](https://youtu.be/2iegmzUa9I4)

### 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

### 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 - 1<sup>st</sup> 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 - **CANCELLED DECEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>**

#### YOUTUBE CHANNELS:

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

Franciscans of Halifax - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9L3qlfstB9xXyv2ZMOqc0g/videos>