

St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish



Parish Administrator:
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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

St. Catherine of Siena Sunday - 11:00am & 7:00pm Tuesday - Noon	St. Theresa's Saturday 4:30pm; Sunday 9:30am Wednesday - 9:00am	St. Patrick's Sunday 9:30am Thursday - 5:15pm	St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata 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

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

December 25, 2022



PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve – Saturday, December 24th

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 (**The children invite you to the presentation of The Christmas Story at 7:40 pm**)

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)

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

The children invite you to attend their presentation of the Christmas Story prior to the 8:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass. We hope to see you at 7:40 pm!!!



Christmas Day – Sunday, December 25th

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)

Weekday Masses, including the FoH 7:00 am Mass and 9:00 am Saturday Mass, are cancelled for the week between Christmas and New Year's. FoH Adoration/Confession on Thursday evening at St. Catherine's is also cancelled for December 29th. Starting on January 5th, the Thursday weekday Mass at St. Patrick's will change to 9:00 am.

The **Feast of the Holy Family** will be celebrated on Friday, December 30th, at 9:00 am at St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church. This Mass will be livestreamed.



The **Feast of the Holy Family** is a liturgical celebration in honor of Jesus of Nazareth, his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and his foster father, Saint Joseph. Scripture tells us practically nothing about the early years and the boyhood of the Child Jesus. All we know are the facts of the journey in Egypt, the return to Nazareth, and the incidents that occurred when the twelve-year-old boy accompanied his parents to Jerusalem. This feast was instituted with the hope that it might instill into Christian families something of the faithful love and the devotion that characterize the family of Nazareth. The Holy Family is the model for all Christian families.

New Year's Eve – Saturday, December 31st

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 1st

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)

DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



Donations for **Christmas Flowers** have been received in memory of:

- Ursula Bohlmann
- Rita Brousseau
- Monica Browne
- Domenico & Maria Colaiacovo
- Doug Daley
- Juliana D'Souza
- Michael D'Souza
- Maria Anna Falone
- Donna (Daley) & Maurice Forrestall
- Clem & Rita Harris
- Michele Marini
- Zopito Marini
- Kenneth McDonald
- Austin McKenna
- June Merlin
- "Uncle Frank" Mulrooney
- Patrick & Geraldine Noddin
- Nell & Royden O'Reilly
- Donald Robichaud
- Sabatino Sablone
- Doug Steffen
- Shaun Steffen
- Emma Tucci

REST IN PEACE



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

The Funeral Mass for Rita will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 28th, at 11:00 am at St. Catherine's Church.

MASKING IS ENCOURAGED



The Diocese is encouraging everyone to wear a mask when they attend Mass, and to respect those who choose not to wear a mask. As the Christmas season approaches, gatherings and social get togethers increase,

particularly during the Christmas mass times. The Diocese offers a gentle reminder that we are still living in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. Along with that, instances of other respiratory illness, such as the flu and RSV, are very high and are putting a strain on our already challenged health care system. This reminder is to help people feel safe and strive for the health and good of all.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS PROJECT



Well, our little Angel is packing things up as the Christmas Project came to its completion for 2022.

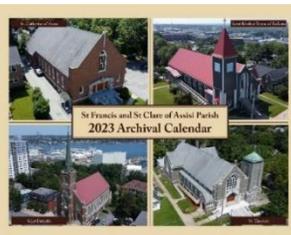
Our efforts assisted

67 households, which included 137 adults and 88 children, with a gift card for a full Christmas dinner. The parents received an additional gift card to ensure a gift is under the tree this Christmas for their children (16 and under).

The work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul goes on in many churches in our Diocese. Those churches involved tend to the needs of the poor within their own boundaries and help people of all faiths who are in need of a little financial support. Along with our SPECIAL Christmas Project, members of our Society continue to answer calls from those we serve on a weekly basis throughout the year by delivering grocery gift cards and non-perishable food items to their homes.

None of this work would be possible without the tremendous financial support of our parishioners, the donation of non-perishable food items that continue to replenish our food bank, and the volunteer efforts of our ten Vincentians who represent this charitable spirit to the community around us! **THANK YOU** for your continued support!

2023 ST. FRANCIS AND ST. CLARE PARISH CALENDAR



The Parish calendar has arrived. It will be available on the back table for the very reasonable price of \$10 a copy. With colour photos of our 4 churches on the front cover, you will discover

inside black and white photos of historical interest. All four churches are represented in the 12-month calendar. Feast days are noted in the days of each month. An excellent gift for family and friends near and far.

STEWARDSHIP



2023 Sunday Envelopes

are now available at the back of the Church for those who are currently envelope contributors.

The foundation of any church's financial health is the regular use of Sunday envelopes which ensures that we have a regular, stable, weekly income. Regular giving can also make a difference to you! Please consider signing up through either the box envelope system or the Pre-Authorized Debit Program. In this way, you will receive a charitable income tax receipt that might entitle you to tax savings. These tax savings, in effect, reduce the cost of your donation.

Included in the Sunday envelope box is a brochure on Pre-Authorized Giving. This plan allows parishioners to give intentionally, proportionally, and faithfully by setting up an automatic withdrawal from your bank account on a regular basis. No need to write a cheque or find the cash to place in your envelope each week. Further information can be found in the brochure. **Please consider enrolling in this plan in January 2023.**

2022 Contributions

As yearend approaches, parishioners are reminded that if you wish to contribute and receive a 2022 income tax receipt, donations must be received by December 31st. Any donations received January 1st onward, will be credited to 2023.

If you are not attending Mass at this time and unable to use Sunday envelopes, there are other ways to donate. 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. You can use the Interac transfer feature of your bank account to email a donation to

office@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca

Please indicate your name, that your donation is for St. Catherine's Church, and your envelope number, if applicable.

Thank you to all for your continued support.

DIOCESAN NEWS:

CHRISTMAS MASS ON EASTLINK TV FROM SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL BASILICA

***For those at home or away:** Our friends at Eastlink Community TV will once again broadcast the 8:00 pm Mass LIVE on channel 10 or 610. The broadcast will begin at 7:30 pm with carols in the church followed by the Mass beginning at 8:00 pm. A recording of this broadcast will be repeated again at 11:00 pm.

RFP FOR SAINT MARY'S CHURCH IN CHURCH POINT, NS



Pointe-de-l'Église
Sainte-Marie

The Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth and Paroisse Notre Dame d'Acadie invites individuals or groups to submit a proposal for Saint Mary's Church/ Eglise Sainte Marie located in Church Point, NS. Please [click here \(pdf\)](#) to see the details of RFP.

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 – **CANCELLED FROM DECEMBER 27TH TO 30TH**

Saturday – 9:00 am Mass - Morning Prayer will take place at 8:30 am, and Confessions will be heard after Mass – **CANCELLED ON DECEMBER 24TH & 31ST**

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 – 1st 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 29TH**

YOUTUBE CHANNELS:

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

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