

St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish



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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'Neill/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

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA'S CHURCH BULLETIN

Home of the Franciscans of Halifax

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 4, 2022



Thank you to all those who joined us in the Church Hall to make Advent Wreaths. Following our two Sunday

Masses last week, approximately 90 people came together to make 33 Advent Wreaths. A special thank you to our volunteers who allowed this event to happen!

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 6th - Frank Manette

Saturday, December 10th - Mary MacKenzie & family
(LIVING)

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE CHURCH'S FAMILY



Last weekend, we welcomed Nicholas James, son of Andrew & Lori Hilchey, and little brother to Gavin and Colin, into the community of faith. May the Spirit he has received, guide him as he grows in greater understanding of his faith and holiness!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NOVENA

Dear Parishioners of St. Francis and St. Clare Parish,



It is a time-honoured Franciscan tradition to honour Mary Immaculate, the Patroness of the Franciscan Order, on the feast of The Immaculate Conception.

In order to share this devotion with the wider community, we will be praying the Novena to the Immaculate Conception each evening at **7:00 pm in St. Catherine of Siena Church.**

The Novena will consist in the recitation of the Holy Rosary, followed by the praying of the Novena prayer each night until **the 7th of December.** Sunday, December 4th, we will pray the Rosary and Novena prayer at 6:20 before the 7:00 pm Mass.

On Thursday, December 8th, we will then celebrate the great solemnity of the Immaculate Conception at St. Patrick's Church at 7:00 p.m.

Please come and join in this cornerstone of Franciscan spirituality, to honour our Blessed Mother, Mary Immaculate, with us!

Franciscans of Halifax

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY— THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH



The Parish will celebrate the **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** on Thursday, December 8th, at 7:00 pm Mass at St. Patrick's Church. (Please note: the 5:15 pm Mass that day is cancelled.)

The Church teaches that Mary was conceived "immaculate", that from the very moment of her conception, the Blessed Virgin Mary was free from all stain of original sin. This simply means that from the beginning, she was in a state of grace, sharing in God's own life. This teaching was adopted in the Constitution *Ineffabilis Deus* of 8 December, 1854, by Pius IX. It is universally celebrated on December 8th,

nine months before the feast of the Nativity (birth) of Mary, which is celebrated on September 8th.

(Please note: Adoration/Confession at St. Catherine's will be cancelled for this week as we will gather at St. Patrick's.)

ADVENT NIGHT OF RECONCILIATION

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH



All are invited to attend an Advent Night of Reconciliation on Wednesday, December 14th, 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 possibility for individual confession. Please join us for this beautiful moment of prayer as we prepare for the coming of our Saviour.

Please note that the monthly Adoration/Confession at St. Mother Teresa's is cancelled on December 7th as we will be gathering on December 14th for the Penitential Service.

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

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 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)

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)

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

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.

ST. CATHERINE'S SPIRITUAL CARE TEAM



Our Spiritual Care Team has been active bringing Holy Communion to those who are ill, shut-in, or unable to attend Mass.

The team needs additional volunteers to join with them to make these visits. If you feel you may be called to this ministry, please contact the Parish Office at 902-454-8221, and a member of our Spiritual Care Team will contact you.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

THE CHRISTMAS PROJECT



The Christmas Angel Tree remains in the Sanctuary. Parishioners are encouraged to take an envelope from the tree to

donate to the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Christmas Project**. You can simply put your donation in the collection at any Sunday Mass.

This Christmas Season, the need is greater than ever. Currently, this year, our number of families has increased by 30%. We have 89 children, 16 and under, to support for gifts, where last year we had 55, an increase of 62%. The overall cost for the program has increased by 80% because of the increased numbers and the need to increase our level of support because of inflation.

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!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



This Sunday, December 4th, we will celebrate a Children's Liturgy during the 11:00 am Mass.

Next Sunday, December 11th, another "Gathering" for students from grade primary to six will take place from 10:15 – 10:45 am in

St. Catherine's Church Hall. It will be our last gathering before a Christmas break.

ST. PATRICK'S CHRISTMAS FAIR INFORMATION



Date: Saturday, December 10th, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
Booths and Activities: Bake Table, Craft Table, Cake Walk, Books and Prints, Fish Pond, 50/50 Draw, Tickets on a Christmas Basket and a Grocery Hamper, Ring Toss, Bingo, Luncheon.

Luncheon: 11:30 – 1:30

Menu: Mezzetta Casserole (noodles, tomato-based sauce with ground beef, mushrooms, peppers, onions, celery, Italian seasonings, cheese topping), Coleslaw, Roll, Apple Crisp, Coffee, Tea, Juice
\$15.00 per ticket, \$30.00 per family (two adults, two children)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY.



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

Turkey Dinner at Luncheon
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 3rd and 10th week-end Masses.

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

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 – 1st Wednesday of the month, 7:00 pm – Exposition/Adoration/Confession– St. Mother Teresa's Church –

CANCELLED DECEMBER 7TH

Thursday – Franciscans of Halifax hold Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions - 7:30 pm – St. Catherine's Church – **CANCELLED DECEMBER 8TH**

YOUTUBE CHANNELS:

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

Franciscans of Halifax - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9L3qlfstB9xYyv2ZMOqc0g/videos>

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:

HELPING THE HOMELESS



A year ago, the Diocese recognized the growing homelessness crisis in the province. To answer the need for shelter, the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth began an

Emergency Shelters Project. Through this initiative, the Diocese created 20 temporary shelters and placed them at parishes around the Diocese. These became places for people experiencing homelessness to call home, albeit temporarily, for the winter months. The Diocese were able to do this because of the generosity of people like you.

It is estimated that 586 people continue to experience homelessness in HRM. The Diocese extended and expanded their initiative in the spring by hiring a coordinator to help the occupants access social supports and find housing.

If you would like to donate to this continuing project:

- Donate online using a credit card.
Visit www.halifaxyarmouth.org/shelters
- Make a cheque to: Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth. Please note in the memo line: "Emergency Shelters Project" and mail it to:
Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth, 1559 Brunswick St, Suite 101, Halifax, NS B3J 2G1 Attn: Business Office