

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

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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 - 9:00am	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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 12, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, February 14th – Monica Browne

Saturday, February 18th – Florence Zinck

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK – FEBRUARY 11TH



World Day of the Sick

On February 11th, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, the faithful worldwide are invited to recognize the

World Day of the Sick. In

recognition of this day, the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** will ONLY be celebrated at this Saturday's 4:00 pm Mass at St. Mother Teresa's and at this Saturday's 4:30 pm Mass at St. Theresa's. We apologize for this change from last week's notice.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that "the Church believes and confesses that among the seven sacraments there is one especially intended to strengthen those who are being tried by illness, the Anointing of the Sick". It is appropriate to receive the Anointing of the Sick for those suffering from a chronic condition detrimental to their health and well-being, and as soon as "anyone from the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age", "just prior to an operation", or "for the elderly whose frailty becomes more pronounced". Through receiving this sacrament, the Holy Spirit will give strength, peace, and courage to help those overcome the difficulties of chronic sickness, serious illness, or old age.

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ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 22ND



- 9:00 am - St. Theresa's (livestreamed)
- 12:00 noon – St. Catherine's
- 7:00 pm – St. Mother Teresa
- 7:00 pm – St. Patrick's

The Offering on Ash Wednesday will be for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Parishioners are asked to return their palm from last year. This palm will be burned to make ashes for distribution on Ash Wednesday. Thank you.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

FEBRUARY 28TH TO MARCH 2ND



SAVE THE DATE

We are pleased to announce that plans are set to hold a Lenten Mission for members of

St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish. Mark your calendar for the evenings of Tuesday, February 28th to Thursday, March 2nd, and plan to join us for our **Parish Lenten Mission** led by Archbishop Terrence Prendergast. Details to follow.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



The Parish offers two opportunities on the Fridays of Lent (except Good Friday) for praying the Stations of the Cross. Parishioners are invited to attend:

- St. Theresa's Church, starting on Friday, February 24th, at 3:00 pm. These Stations will be broadcast weekly on the [Parish YouTube Channel](#).
- St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church, starting on Friday, February 24th, at 7:00 pm.

CHANGE IN WEEKDAY MASS TIME - The Thursday weekday Mass will be suspended for the time being. The last Mass took place on February 9th at St. Patrick's.

OUR CHURCH'S ANNIVERSARY – HAPPY 75!



HAPPY 75TH!

75 years ago, this Wednesday (February 15th), the first Mass was celebrated by the newly formed Parish of St. Catherine of Siena, with Reverend Frank Carroll as Pastor.

World War II brought a great influx of people to Halifax and soon the need for housing became acute, and homes were built in the fast, developing north-west end. It was natural that many of the owners of the new homes were Catholic so in 1948, Archbishop John T. McNally established the Parish community of St. Catherine of Siena. Although a proper Church was a dream for the future, a military chapel (the "Barracks") at the corner of Bayers Road and Oxford Street was leased.

For the first couple of years, the use of the "Barracks" cost the Parish a token \$1.00 per year because a friend of Father Carroll was stationed in Windsor Park and arranged the lease. When the military command changed, the Parish was asked for a rent of \$100 per month in order to continue the lease of the property. Services for the growing Parish were held in the military chapel during those first years, but it was realized that, although it was possible to renew the lease on the chapel for another few years, something must be done about building a proper church. Property was acquired on Bayers Road and in 1950 permission was given to start building. The sod was turned on November 5th and the excavation and foundation were finished by the end of the year. Things did not go as smoothly as hoped and a few challenges were experienced. The Church was not ready for occupancy until 1953, and on September 18th of that year, the Blessed Sacrament was taken in procession from the "barracks" to our new home on Bayers Road.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



This Sunday, February 12th, we will celebrate a Children's Liturgy during the 11:00 am Mass.

Next Sunday, February 19th, another "Gathering" for students from grade primary to six will take place from 10:15 – 10:45 am in

St. Catherine's Church Hall.

For more information on the program, please contact Donna Noddin at donna.noddin@gmail.com

CELEBRATION OF ST. PATRICK



Please mark your calendars for Saturday, March 11th, for the St. Patrick's Celebration Luncheon for the Feast of our Patron Saint at St. Patrick's Church Hall. Details regarding time, tickets and menu will follow shortly. All are welcome.

HEATING ASSISTANCE REBATE PROGRAM (HARP)



The Nova Scotia government is providing a Heating Assistance Rebate Program that helps low-and-moderate-income Nova

Scotians with the cost of home heating. Rebates are \$1,000 for each household. You can apply until March 31, 2023. For more information, visit:

<https://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-heating-assistance-rebate-heating-assistance-rebate-program>

To qualify for the rebate (based on your 2021 Notice of Assessment), you need to pay for your own home (residential) heat and meet one of the following criteria:

- have a net income of \$85,000 or less and live alone with no kids or dependents;
- have a combined net household income of \$85,000 or less and live with kids, dependents or other adults;
- receive Income Assistance from the Department of Community Services;
- receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) or the Allowance from Service Canada.

If you know of someone unable to apply online, you could download a form for them by visiting: <https://beta.novascotia.ca/sites/default/files/documents/2-264/heating-assistance-rebate-application-form-en.pdf>

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:

A GOOD DEATH: CHALLENGES FOR CATHOLICS TODAY



Next week, the Knights of Columbus, Council 12917 at Holy Apostles Parish will host a talk titled, ***A Good Death: Challenges for Catholics Today***. The

presenter is Sister Nuala Kenny, OC, BA, MD, FRCP(C). This presentation will focus on the Christian tradition of a *good death* following the suffering, dying and death of Jesus. It will identify key Catholic teaching and then identify challenges from the rapid normalization of MAiD as "death with dignity". Finally, we will share insights on the spiritual and practical issues we need to address in this post-Christendom society.

Date: Wednesday February 15th, 2023 - 7:00 to 8:30pm

Location: Holy Apostle Parish - Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys Church, 18 Scholars Road, Upper Tantallon

Note: This will also be livestreamed, the link can be found on the Holy Apostles website holypostlesparish.com click on the *Sunday Mass or LiveStream* button.

SINGLE MOTHERS LUNCHEON - HALIFAX



If you are looking for fellowship with other single mothers, join us for a luncheon on Saturday March 4th, from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm in the Stella Maris Parish Hall (6 St Michael's

Ave, Halifax, NS). Lunch and childcare will be provided.

It's an opportunity for moms to gather, share and pray.

If you are interested in attending, please register using the following link: forms.gle/yR4QYWY7VbSdCE2P6. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Khrista Jeffrey at: momentumhalifax@gmail.com or visit our website www.momentummothers.org

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

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

YOUTUBE CHANNELS:

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

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