

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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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

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

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 19, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, February 21st – Constantino DiCostanzo

Saturday, February 25th – Monica Browne

RITE OF WELCOME



At the beginning of the 7:00 pm Mass at St. Catherine's Church this Sunday evening, Dave Levangie will celebrate the Rite of Welcome, his first step in the process of

becoming a Catholic. We anticipate that Dave will be received into full communion in the Catholic Church in April. Please keep him in your prayers as he continues his journey.

ST. FRANCIS AND ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH



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WEDNESDAY

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE - FEBRUARY 22ND

9:00 am - St. Theresa's Church (livestreamed on the [Parish YouTube Channel](#))

12:00 noon – St. Catherine of Siena Church

7:00 pm – St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church

7:00 pm – St. Patrick's Church

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

Ashes, along with a written prayer of blessing, are available at St Theresa's Church throughout the day until 4:30, if you would like to take them home to bless those members who are unable to attend Mass.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION
FEBRUARY 28TH TO MARCH 2ND

**PARISH
MISSION**

**"Growing in Faith,
Growing in Christ:
God's Plan for a Christian's Life"**

Archbishop Terrence Prendergast will lead our Lenten Mission from Tuesday, February 28th, to Thursday, March 2nd. Each evening will begin at 7:00 pm at St. Theresa's Church.

Tuesday, February 28th – **"God's Design for My Life"**

Wednesday, March 1st – **"Connecting with God and Christ in Prayer"**

Thursday, March 2nd – **"Growing in Christ through the Sacraments"**

We hope you are able to join us each night as part of our Parish's journey through Lent and into the Easter Season.

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.

TURKEY AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKE RELIEF



Archbishop Dunn joins his fellow Canadian Bishops in asking the faithful to donate to the relief efforts being made in the aftermath of the devastating

earthquake in Turkey and Syria. A media release put out by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops on Friday, February 10th, says:

With the support of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB), Aid to Church in Need (ACN), Canadian Jesuits International (CJI), Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) Canada, and Development and Peace-Caritas Canada (DPCC) are launching an emergency aid campaign in response to the destructive earthquake that hit Turkey and Syria on Monday. They have pledged the total sum of nearly one million Canadian dollars.

The best way to give is through organizations that have partners in the affected areas. Below are links to three of the organizations named above who have begun to collect donations online. We encourage you to give as you are able.

- Canadian Jesuits International:
<https://www.canadianjesuitsinternational.ca/>
- The Catholic Near East Welfare Association:
<https://cnewa.org/>
- Development and Peace Caritas Canada:
<https://www.devp.org/en/>

Let us pray for all who have lost their lives as a result of the earthquake. May God strengthen and comfort all who have been impacted by this devastating event and may the Holy Spirit guide those who are providing aid and relief.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



This 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.

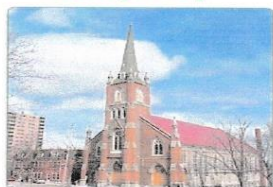
Next Sunday, February 26th, we will celebrate a Children's Liturgy during the 11:00 am Mass.

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

CELEBRATIONS AT ST. PATRICK'S

Saint Patrick's Church And The Halifax Concert Band

With
Conductor *David Staples*
Will Present a Concert of Celtic Music
And Sing-A-Long



With Special Guests
Ron MacKay Music for Life Horn Club

Sunday March 5th. 2023

St. Patrick's Church 2263 Brunswick St. Halifax

Concert Time 2:00 pm

Admission by Donation at the Door

A reception will follow the concert

Concert Proceeds are for St Patrick's Church Capital Projects

Along with the concert, please mark your calendars for Saturday, March 11th, for the St. Patrick's Celebration Luncheon for the Feast of their 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>

2022 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS



2022 income tax receipt will be available after both Sunday Masses this week and next. After that, they will be mailed out.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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. You can simply ask one of our Ministers of Hospitality or contact the Parish Office.

DIOCESAN NEWS:

CCCB: PASTORAL LETTERS TO THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE OF CANADA



Late last week, the Canadian Conference of Bishops (CCCB) released a series of four pastoral letters under the title: **That We May Walk Together**. There is a unique

letter addressed to each community: First Nations, Inuit, and Métis while the fourth letter is addressed to the People of God in Canada. The letters are available now on the CCCB website. You are encouraged to read and share them.

Locally, Archbishop Dunn continues to meet members of the Mi'kmaw communities in our diocese to listen and learn from their experiences so that together we can work towards healing and reconciliation. Let us pray for continued courage and strength to build a

better Church together for all people of this land we now call Canada.

STEBENVILLE ATLANTIC IS BACK! – REFUGE, MT 11:28



Exciting news! Registration for Steubenville Atlantic 2023 opened on **Monday**,

February 13th. The Diocesan annual high school youth conference will happen on **July 7-9, 2023** at Dalhousie University in Halifax.

Visit the **Stebenville page** on the Archdiocesan website for regular updates and more information. To find out more contact Bradley Van Dam by email **bvandam@halifaxyarmouth.org** or phone (902) 429-9800 x311. We look forward to welcoming everyone to Halifax this July!

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/UC9L3qlfstB9xXyv2ZMQqc0g/videos>