

ST. FRANCIS AND ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH AT ST. CATHERINE'S

Home of the Franciscans of Halifax

February 27, 2022

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH – FEBRUARY 27, 2022

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 27, 2022

We are at full capacity for both Masses on February 27th,
with physical distancing guidelines in place.



Mass will be livestreamed on the Parish Youtube Channel at
4:30 pm Saturday and 9:30 am Sunday.

These recorded Masses will also be available at any time.

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

OTHER ONLINE MASS LINKS:

St. Mary's Basilica Cathedral – <https://livestream.com/halifaxarmouth/cathedral>

Salt & Light – <https://saltandlighttv.org/mass/>

TELEVISED MASSES:

Vision TV – Channel 458 with Bell; Channel 660 with Eastlink - Sunday at 9:00 am; Monday to Friday at 9:00 am & 1:00 pm; Saturday at 9:00 am & 10:30 am

Mass for Shut-Ins – Sunday at 11:30 am on CTV television.



With great sadness, we share with you the news that Phil O'Hara has died. Please remember Phil, his family and friends in your daily prayers and during this Sunday's Mass.

PARISH MISSION

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR UPCOMING PARISH LENTEN MISSION

We are pleased to announce that plans are set to hold a Parish Lenten Mission for members of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. If you are wondering how to live a good Lent, MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the evenings of Monday, April 4th, to Thursday, April 7th, and join us!

Father Bill Burke will lead our Parish Lenten Mission. Fr. Burke is a native of Main-à-Dieu in Cape Breton. He graduated from St. Francis Xavier University, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1968. He taught secondary school English, French and Literature in the small town of Kadjebi, Ghana, with the Canadian University Services Overseas (CUSO) from 1968 to 1971. He then worked as a Social Worker in Toronto until 1973, when he entered St. Paul's Seminary in Ottawa. Ordained in 1977, Fr. Burke has served in seven parishes in the Diocese of Antigonish. In 1985 he graduated with a master's degree in Liturgical Theology from the University of Notre Dame in Indiana.



Over the years, Fr. Burke has conducted numerous workshops, preached parish missions, and taught liturgy courses at the undergraduate level. For eleven years, he also served as a volunteer Chaplain with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) in Nova Scotia.

From November 2006 to August 2013, Fr. Burke was appointed the Director of the National Liturgy Office for the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in Ottawa, before returning home to become Pastor of the newly created parish of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys in Sydney. He also serves as the pastor of St. Anne's Parish, Membertou.

We look forward to welcoming Fr. Burke to our Parish family! Plan now to attend! More details will be shared as they become available.

ATTENDING SUNDAY MASS

On Wednesday of this week, the province announced that it would be speeding up its reopening plans. The need to provide proof of vaccination for non-essential activities will end on February 28th, and Phase 2 of the plan will begin on March 7th.

Reopening plan

NOVA SCOTIA

As Phase 1 & 2 still require physical distancing, these changes will not have any positive effect on the numbers able to attend Mass at St. Catherine's due to the size of our Church, therefore, the sharing of the seats available to us will continue until March 20th.

On March 21st, the province will be removing all COVID-19 restrictions.



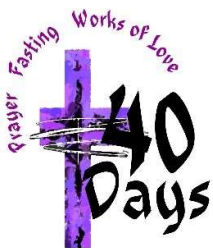
If you are not on the current rotation list for attendance at Sunday Mass and would like to attend, please call the Parish Office on Wednesday between 9:00 am and 11:30 am to pre-register for Sunday Mass (11:00 am & 7:00 pm).
Phone: 902-454-8221 (Ext. 221)

Confirmations will be sent out by end of day Thursday, each week, to those who will be registered to attend that following Sunday.

You can only attend those Masses that have been confirmed by email or phone.

REMEMBER, AT THIS TIME, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO SIMPLY WALK-UP TO THE CHURCH DOOR AND ATTEND MASS.

LENT BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2ND



On Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 pm at St. Catherine's. If you wish to attend, please respond to this email, indicating the names of those in your group. If numbers go beyond our capacity, we may need to 'pick names out of a hat' to ensure everyone has an equal chance to attend.

LAST CALL - Please respond by end of day Saturday (February 26th). Only those that have been confirmed by email or phone can attend.

Ash Wednesday Mass will be livestreamed on the Parish Youtube Channel at 9:00 am on March 2nd.

This recorded Mass will also be available at any time during the day.

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

For all those who won't be able to attend Mass and would still like to receive Ashes, packages of blessed Ashes will be available 30 minutes after the end of Mass (8:00-8:30 pm) and will be distributed from the parking lot. A short prayer service will be given for the distribution of Ashes at home.

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 in order to make ashes for distribution on Ash Wednesday. Thank you.

THE FAMILY FULLY ALIVE, BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

St. John Paul II affirmed, *"The family has the mission to guard, reveal and communicate love, and this is a living reflection of a real sharing in God's love for humanity."*



**Knights of
Columbus**

The KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, HALIFAX COUNCIL 1097, are offering a seven-week, one hour, Zoom study group to discuss the Catholic Information Service's 82 page booklet on *The Family Fully Alive, Building the Domestic Church* during the season of Lent. Anyone interested in enriching his or her family life is welcome.

The booklet contains 12 chapters plus supportive information. It identifies family life themes, briefly breaks each open, and provides a related meditation, scripture reading, and family project. The twelve themes are: "joy, family prayer, sacrament of marriage, family difficulties, mercy and forgiveness, hope, self-giving love, witnessing to the faith, hospitality, charity, together on mission, and the communion of saints."

The booklet is available free online, by visiting:

<https://issuu.com/knightsofcolumbus/docs/cis10162?mode=embed&layout=http%3A%2F%2Fskin.issuu.com%2Fv%2Flight%2Flayout.xml&showFlipBtn=true>

For more information and/or to register, please email kofchalifax1097@gmail.com, in the subject line, please state **"Family Fully Alive"**.

SYNODAL PROCESS – EXTERNAL CONSULTATION SURVEY



Responses are coming in steadily for our external consultation survey – the Diocese thanks you for your cooperation in promoting this initiative! To date, the external survey has received 350 responses! The survey was only to be available until the end of February, however, because of the number of responses, it will be available for an additional week.

So, please continue to share this survey with people you know who may not currently participate in our Church. Personally inviting people you know is the best way to spread the word about this process while also starting a conversation with those around you. This is part of our synod outreach, and part of how we hope to better engage those outside our walls.

The online survey can be found at: www.halifaxyarmouth.org/survey

A paper copy of the survey can be found at: <https://www.halifaxyarmouth.org/synod-assembly/item/paper-survey-for-external-consultation-survey>

PARISH SCHEDULE OF MASSES/ADORATION/CONFESSIONS

ST. FRANCIS AND ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH

SUNDAY MASSES:

St. Catherine of Siena: Sunday at 11:00 am & 7:00 pm
St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata: Saturday at 4:00 pm, Sunday at 11:15 am
St. Patrick's: Sunday at 9:30 am
St. Theresa's: Saturday at 4:30 pm, Sunday at 9:30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday – 12:00 noon, St. Catherine of Siena Church
Wednesday – 9:00 am, St. Theresa's Church
Thursday – 5:15 pm, St. Patrick's Church
Friday – 9:00 am, St. Mother Teresa's Church

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 each month, 7:00 pm - Exposition, Adoration
and Confession – St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church
Thursday – Franciscans of Halifax hold Confessions - 7:30 pm – St. Catherine's Church

YOUTUBE CHANNELS:

Parish - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4QgKeNNdXQOpZaxOhNNGzg/featured>
St. Catherine's - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCE-tliXliE8KBTGLoluxlWA>
Franciscans of Halifax - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9L3qlfstB9xXyv2ZMOqc0g/videos>



STEWARDSHIP



During this time of Covid, there are a number of ways you can donate. Visit: <https://saintcatherineofsiena.ca/donate> to see how to donate by electronic 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!

Explorations in Scriptural Prayer and Spiritual Conversation



Lenten - Easter Journey in Ignatian Spirituality: Explorations in scriptural prayer and spiritual conversation

The Atlantic Ignatian Spirituality ministry is pleased to advise you of a **Lenten - Easter Series for Lent 2022**. The online sessions will be guided by Fr. Charles Pottie, SJ, and Fr. Earl Smith, SJ. Both are seasoned Ignatian spiritual directors.

You are invited to:

- Pray with scripture passages and Ignatian spirituality themes.
- Discover the richness of listening to each other in spiritual conversation on the prayer experience.
- Appreciate the richness and bond of an online faith community.

The 2022 Lenten Series will be offered on **Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:15 pm on March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, and April 7th**.

If you are interested in participating in this Lenten Series, have questions or suggestions, please email islent2022@gmail.com.

Formation Collection



The Formation Collection will take place on March 5th & 6th. Please support the pastoral initiatives of Archbishop Dunn by donating to this year's collection. Money raised through this collection will support the Vocations office and Holy Cross University Chaplaincy. These efforts require time, human resources and financial support and we have set a budget of \$100,000 for the coming year. With your help we can achieve this goal.

How can you help?

1. Sign up for monthly giving by automatic bank withdrawal (send void cheque) or Credit Card
2. Donate online at www.halifaxyarmouth.org, using the "Donate" button
3. Mail your cheque to the Catholic Diocesan Centre at 101-1559 Brunswick St, Halifax NS B3J 2G1
4. Place your envelope in the Sunday collection at your parish.

Please prayerfully consider your donation to the Formation Collection.

Rite of Election – Sunday, March 6th



This year's Rite of Election is **Sunday, March 6th, at 3:00 pm at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica**. All catechumens, candidates for full communion, and Catholics receiving sacraments of initiation as adults are invited to attend, along with their godparents/sponsors. This is an important step in the journey to full initiation in our Roman Catholic Church. Archbishop Dunn is looking forward to greeting all of you and your RCIA directors. The Rite of Election

liturgy begins at **3:00 pm** at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica. **Please arrive by 2:45 pm.**

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if you were already there,
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen