

St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish



Parish Administrator:
Fr. Nathanael DesRoches, FoH

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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

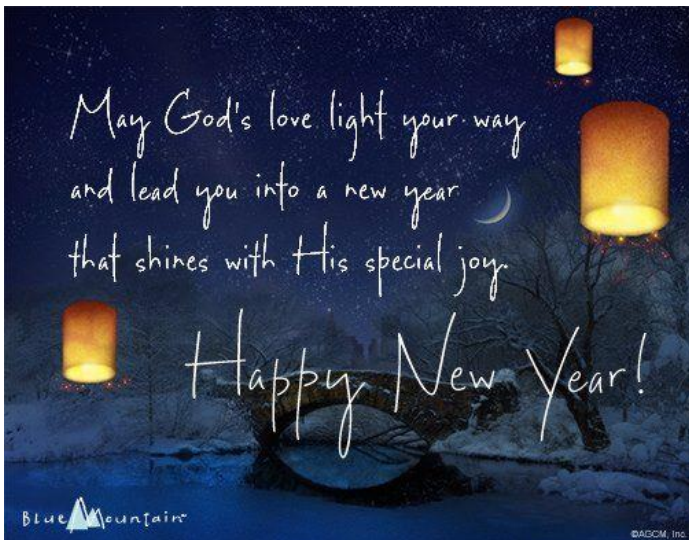
St. Catherine of Siena Sunday - 11:00am & 7:00pm Tuesday - Noon	St. Theresa's Saturday 4:30pm; Sunday 9:30am Wednesday - 9:00am	St. Patrick's Sunday 9:30am Thursday - 5:15pm	St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata Saturday 4:00pm; Sunday 11:15am Friday - 9:00am
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ST.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

Home of the Franciscans of Halifax

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

January 1, 2023



Happy 59th Birthday, Fr. Nathanael!!!

Wishing you a special day on January 4th.

May God bless you for your service
to His Church!

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 3rd – Robert Kilvert

Saturday, January 7th – Fr. Monte Peters

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

JANUARY 1ST



The **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God** is the oldest feast of Mary celebrated in the Catholic Church. A Solemnity is the highest rank of liturgical

celebrations, higher than feast days or memorials. This Solemnity is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. Mother of God, or in Greek *Theotokos* (God-bearer), is the highest title ever to be given to Mary. She was given this title during the Council of Ephesus in 431 AD. The Council taught that Jesus' humanity and divinity could not be separated, and therefore Mary rightly deserved the title of Mother of God.

Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the 'Prince of Peace', the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace". New Year's Day is also designated as the 'World Day of Peace', further acknowledging the role of Mary in our hearts and in our world. The World Day of Peace was established by Pope Paul VI in 1968 who asked that "every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise, at the beginning of the calendar".

PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

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)

WEEKDAY MASSES: The regular schedule of weekday Masses, including the 7:00 am FoH Mass and 9:00 am Saturday Mass, will resume this Tuesday, January 3rd.

A reminder that starting on January 5th, the Thursday weekday Mass at St. Patrick's will change to 9:00 am.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD – MONDAY, JANUARY 9TH

A special Parish Mass for The Baptism of the Lord will be celebrated on Monday, January 9th, at 7:00 pm at St. Catherine of Siena Church.



DON'T FORGET TO RETURN YOUR WREATH RING – Just a reminder for those who attended our Advent Wreath Making to return the metal ring to us, as we will store it for you

until next year. THANKS!

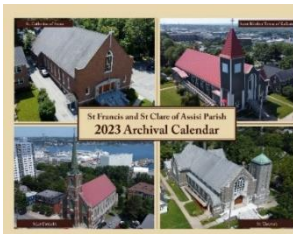
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



We will continue to enjoy the Christmas Holidays! Our next Gathering will not take place until Sunday, January 8th, for students from grade primary to six from 10:15 – 10:45 am in St. Catherine's Church Hall.

If you have not registered your child/children as yet, please do so by contacting Donna Noddin at donna.noddin@gmail.com.

2023 ST. FRANCIS AND ST. CLARE PARISH CALENDAR



The Parish calendar has arrived. It is available on the back table for the very reasonable price of \$10 a copy. With colour photos of our four 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.** Thank you to all for your continued support.

DIOCESAN NEWS:

CLASS ACTION: CLAIMS PERIOD



The Claims period of the class action suit filed against the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth runs from December 14, 2022, until December 14, 2023.

Individuals who wish to make a claim to receive settlement benefits have 12 months in which they can make a formal claim. See notice below. For more information on this suit, visit www.halifaxyarmouth.org/classaction

This notice was approved by the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT IN CLASS ACTION

To all individuals who were sexually abused by a priest of the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Halifax or Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Yarmouth between April 14, 1954 and March 31, 2020 and have not previously settled or otherwise released either the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Halifax or Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Yarmouth.

The Court has approved a settlement which provides compensation to eligible class members who file a claim for sexual assault and meet the requirements of the claims process.

If you opted out of the class action, the settlement will not impact you.

If you are part of the lawsuit as a Class Member, you can submit a claim for a payment of money as compensation. The amount of money that you may receive will depend on the specifics of the claim you submit. The potential amount of money to be paid to a Class Member whose claim is accepted will likely range from \$30,000 to \$350,000.

For further information, visit <https://kmlaw.ca/cases/catholic-priest-sexual-abuse-class-action/> or call 1-833-630-1785, or email catholicabuseclassaction@kmlaw.ca.

You must submit your claim for compensation before December 14, 2023. If you do not submit your claim for compensation before December 14, 2023, you will lose your right to compensation.

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>