

St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish



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One Parish Community at these locations:

St. Catherine of Siena Church
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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
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Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 1:00pm

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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

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| 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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 15, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 17th – Florence Zinck

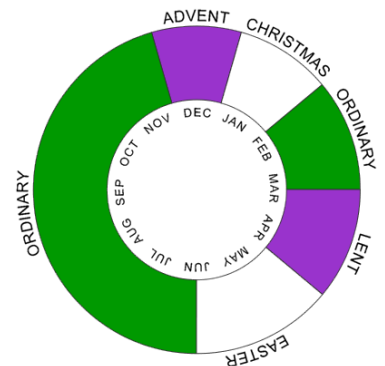
Saturday, January 21st – DiCostanzo Costantino

THERE IS NOTHING 'ORDINARY' ABOUT ORDINARY TIME

The Church season that we are now celebrating is called ORDINARY TIME. The word 'ordinary' in the English language most often means something that is not special or distinctive, but nothing could be further from the truth.

Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin

word *ordo*, from which we get the English word *order*. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in penance and preparation (as in Advent and Lent), but in celebrating the mysteries of Christ's life and death and in looking forward to the salvation and eternal life that He brings.



Green represents hope—like the hope we feel when we see the first buds in springtime—and it is thus fitting that green is the liturgical color that marks this season.

The Sundays of Ordinary Time are numbered from 2 to 34. So, what happened to the First Sunday? Well, either the Baptism of the Lord or the Epiphany displace a Sunday in Ordinary Time. As Ordinary Time began for us, this year, last Tuesday and as Sunday is the first day of a liturgical week, that would make this Sunday, the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time.

On the Sundays of Ordinary Time, we will hear readings about the forgiveness, love, mercy, teachings, and miracles of Jesus. Isn't that EXTRA-ORDINARY!!

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
JANUARY 18TH TO 25TH



Each year in late January, the World Council of Churches invites Christians around the world to mark a **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**. The 2023

theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is **"Do good; seek justice"**, based on Isaiah 1:12-17. The international theme calls Christians to recognize that the divisions between our churches cannot be separated from the divisions within the wider human family.

*Isaiah challenged God's people in his day to learn to do good **together**; to seek justice **together**, to rescue the oppressed **together**, to defend the orphan and plead for the widow **together**. The prophet's challenge applies equally to us today. How can we live our unity as Christians so as to confront the evils and injustices of our time? How can we engage in dialogue, increase awareness, understanding and insight about one another's lived experiences?*



- From Introduction to the Theme of the Year 2023

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



This Sunday, January 15th, we will celebrate a Children's Liturgy during the 11:00 am Mass.

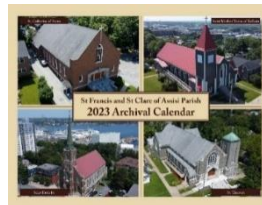
Next Sunday, January 22nd, another "Gathering" for students from grade primary to six will take place from 10:15 – 10:45 am in St. Catherine's Church Hall.

For further information, contact Donna Noddin at donna.noddin@gmail.com.



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!

2023 ST. FRANCIS AND ST. CLARE OF ASSISI
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.

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:

ADVISORS WITH PURPOSE WEBINAR



In the fall, the Archdiocese partnered with **Advisors with Purpose**. This organization offers you the opportunity to work with an estate advisor who can help you think

through decisions regarding your estate. The advisor would help create a unique estate plan that reflects your life, faith, and values. These services are **free, fully confidential, there is no obligation, and advisors will not sell you anything.**

As part of the service they offer, they host free informative webinars throughout the year. Details of their first webinar of the year follows:

Your Will as a Love Letter - Lorne Jackson

January 26, 2023, at 8:00 pm Atlantic (7:00 pm ET)

Creating a will can be like writing a love letter.

Thinking through your options, making good choices, and considering those you love can say more to them than you may think. Having your things in order is one way to let your family and heirs know that you love them enough to not burden them with making decisions on their own during their time of grief. What will your love letter say? Will it share your hopes and dreams for those you love? Will it speak of your faith and values? Will it share your heart for generosity? Our partners at Advisors with Purpose are hosting a webinar that will discuss the importance of choosing the right executor, powers of attorney and having a living will/personal directive. The presenter will provide explanations on trusts, how to speak with your family members, and some of the best ways to share with your family and heirs.

To register for this free webinar, visit:

<https://calendly.com/awpwebinar/your-will-as-a-love-letter-jan-26?month=2023-01>

or email: register@advisorswithpurpose.ca.

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

EUCHARISTIC 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/UC9L3qlfstB9xYyv2ZMOqc0g/videos>