

St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish



Parish Administrator:
Fr. Nathanael DesRoches, FoH

Pastoral Support:
Archbishop Martin Currie

Deacons:
Rev. Mr Len Moore
Rev. Mr. Paul Carnell
Rev. Br. Grant McLean

Parish Address:
6351 North Street, Halifax, NS B3L 1P7
office@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca
www.stfrancisandstclareparish.ca/
https://www.facebook.com

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'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

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA'S CHURCH BULLETIN

Home of the Franciscans of Halifax

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 29, 2023

WELCOME RUTH!

Please join me in welcoming **Ruth Bartholomeusz**, the new Manager of Operations for the Parish of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. With her extensive experience and expertise as a strategic and innovative leader in business development and diversification, Ruth will be a valuable person for our Parish as we strive to improve and streamline our Parish operations. I am excited to have Ruth onboard and look forward to the positive impact she will make in our Parish. Please join me in giving Ruth a warm welcome! Father Nathanael



MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 31st – Monica Browne
Saturday, February 4th – Janette Campbell

CONGRATULATIONS ALFREDO & LEONORE RAMOS!



Last Sunday, Alfredo & Leonore Ramos received a special blessing at the 11:00 am Mass on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Alfredo & Leonore were married on January 21st, 1972, from St. Catherine of Siena Church. Congratulations to you both!

THE STORY FROM ARCHBISHOP CURRIE'S HOMILY LAST

SUNDAY - THE GIFT THAT LIVES ON

Some who were present to hear the story used by Archbishop Currie in his homily at the 11:00 am Mass asked if it was possible to have it in print. It can be found at the end of this bulletin.



The story reminds us that we are never too small to make a difference in someone's life. We are all called to be light!

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

FEBRUARY 2ND, 7:00 PM MASS

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

We would like you to join us as we celebrate Consecrated Life on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on Thursday, February 2nd. Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 pm at St. Catherine's Church in the Parish of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi.

There will be no reception, but we invite you to join us, in a Franciscans of Halifax tradition, after Mass to pick a patron saint and bible quote for the coming year. We will have baskets at the entrance to the Church for you to pick from. These saints and bible quotes help us as we journey through our daily life. We hope you can join us!

Peace and all Good, FOH Communications

The **World Day for Consecrated Life** was instituted in 1997 by Pope Saint John Paul II and is celebrated each year on the Feast of the Presentation, February 2nd. St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish is blessed to have our Franciscan Brothers and Sisters within our midst. On this day, we are asked to pray for vocations and to give thanks for those who have given the gift of themselves including, most dearly, the Franciscan community. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

PLEASE NOTE: This celebration will take the place of Thursday night's Adoration/Confession at St. Catherine's for this week only.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE



The Feast of St. Blaise will be celebrated at St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church on Friday, February 3rd, at 9:00 Mass.

St. Blaise is the patron saint of people with diseases of the throat. Following the 9:00 am Mass, parishioners will be invited to have their throats blessed. Two unlit candles are held next to each person's throat as the priest or deacon says, "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

For those who cannot attend Mass on February 3rd, the opportunity will also be made available following our Sunday Masses on the weekend of February 4th & 5th.

RCIA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



Are you considering becoming a Catholic, or are you a baptized Catholic who has not made your First Communion or has not been Confirmed?

Then join the RCIA program in the Parish by calling or emailing Sister Rita Hanna at 902-266-2135 or sr.rita08@gmail.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



This Sunday, January 29th, we will celebrate a Children's Liturgy during the 11:00 am Mass.

Next Sunday, February 5th, 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.

HOME HEATING FUEL SAVINGS



Do you use oil to heat your home? Are you looking for a new home heating oil provider or are you a customer of Maritime Fuels? Our parish is a

customer of Maritime Fuels and as such they would like to offer a discount rate to current parishioners. This rate would apply to automatic delivery and/or call-in orders. If you are interested, you can either call Cheryl or Pat at their respective office or email office@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca with your name, address, and phone number. Your contact information will be forwarded to Maritime Fuels who will contact you directly to answer any questions.

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:

MARIAN MORNING OF REFLECTION

The Atlantic Marian Gathering hosts monthly Marian reflections on the first Saturday of each month. The first Marian Morning Reflection of 2023 will be held on Saturday, February 4th, at St. Genevieve Church, St. John of the Cross Parish, 723 East Chezzetcook Road. The group invites you to join them from 9:00 am – 10:30 am. They will begin with Mass at 9:00 am, followed by Eucharistic Adoration, the Holy Rosary and Litany to our Blessed Mother Mary.

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.

THE STORY FROM ARCHBISHOP CURRIE'S HOMILY LAST SUNDAY - THE GIFT THAT LIVES ON

Teddy Stallard certainly qualified as "one of the least"; disinterested in school; musty, wrinkled clothes; hair never combed; one of those kids with a deadpan face; an expressionless, glassy, unfocused stare. When Miss Thompson spoke to Teddy, he always answered in monosyllables. Unattractive, unmotivated, and distant, he was just plain hard to like.

Even though his teacher said she loved everyone in her class the same, down inside she wasn't being completely truthful. Whenever she marked Teddy's papers, she got a certain perverse pleasure out of putting Xs next to the wrong answers, and when she put the Fs at the top of the papers, she always did it with a flair. She should have known better; she had Teddy's records and she knew more about him than she wanted to admit. The records read:

First grade: Teddy shows promise with his work and attitude, but poor home situation.

Second grade: Teddy could do better. Mother is seriously ill. He receives little help at home.

Third grade: Teddy is a good boy but too serious. He is a slow learner. His mother died this year.

Fourth grade: Teddy is very slow, but well-behaved. His father shows no interest.

Christmas came, and the boys and girls in Miss Thompson's class brought her Christmas presents. They piled their presents on her desk and crowded around to watch her open them. Among the presents there was one from Teddy Stallard. She was surprised that he had brought her a gift, but he had. Teddy's gift was wrapped in brown paper and was held together with Scotch tape. On the paper were written the simple words: "For Miss Thompson from Teddy".

When she opened Teddy's present, out fell a gaudy, rhinestone bracelet with half the stones missing, and a bottle of cheap perfume. The other boys and girls began to giggle and smirk over Teddy's gifts, but Miss Thompson at least had enough sense to silence them by immediately putting on the bracelet and putting some of the perfume on her wrist. Holding her wrist up for other children to smell, she said, "Doesn't it smell lovely?" And the children, taking their cues from the teacher, readily agreed with "oohs" and "aahs".

At the end of the day, when school was over and the other children had left, Teddy lingered behind. He slowly came over to her desk and said softly, "Miss Thompson. . . Miss Thompson, you smell just like my mother. . . and her bracelet looks really pretty on you, too. I'm glad you like my presents." When Teddy left, Miss Thompson got down on her knees and asked God to forgive her.

The next day when the children came to school, they were welcomed by a new teacher. Miss Thompson had become a different person. She was no longer just a teacher; she had become an agent of God. She was now a person committed to loving her children and doing things for them that would live on after her. She helped all the children but especially the slow ones, and especially Teddy Stallard. By the end of that school year Teddy showed dramatic improvement. He had caught up with most of the students and was even ahead of some.

She didn't hear from Teddy for a long time. Then one day, she received a note that read:

Dear Miss Thompson,

I wanted you to be the first to know. I will be graduating second in my class.

Love, Teddy Stallard.

Four years later, another note came:

Dear Miss Thompson,

They just told me I will be graduating first in my class. I wanted you to be the first to know. The university has not been easy, but I liked it.

Love, Teddy Stallard.

And four years later . . .

Dear Miss Thompson,

As of today, I am Theodore Stallard, M.D. How about that? I wanted you to be the first to know I am getting married next month, the 27th to be exact. I wanted you to come and sit where my mother would sit if she were alive. You are the only family I have now; Dad died last year.

Love, Teddy Stallard.

Miss Thompson went to that wedding and sat where Teddy's mother would have sat. She deserved to sit there; she had done something for Teddy that he could never forget.



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>