

St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish



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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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Religious Education Coordinators:
St. Catherine - Donna Noddin
St. Mothers Teresa - Susan Sarty
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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
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ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA'S CHURCH BULLETIN

Home of the Franciscans of Halifax

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 8, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 10th – Charlotte Landry

Saturday, January 14th – Nick Culshaw

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH



Epiphany takes its name from the Greek *epiphania*, which signifies the visit of a god to earth. The three Wise Men's arrival is the Lord's first appearance to

the Gentiles, the first sign that the mission of the Church is to be to all the nations, not merely to the Jewish people. At Christmas, the Light shone forth,

but dimly, seen only by a few around the crib including Mary, Joseph and the shepherds. At the Epiphany, the Light bursts forth to all nations.

The gifts of the Magi – gold, frankincense, and myrrh – are richly symbolic: the gold heralds the kingship of Christ, the frankincense his High Priesthood and the myrrh his death and burial.

The feast encourages us, like the Wise Men, to have the courage to follow the light of the star, whatever that journey may demand. To recognize our Lord and Ruler in whatever unexpected way He may present Himself to us and that having recognized Him, we

should bow down and adore Him, offering Him what we have.

Please note: The regular Saturday/Sunday Mass schedule is in place this weekend, including the 7:00 pm Mass at St. Catherine of Siena Church.

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. The Baptism of Our Lord brings to an end the season of Christmas.

In this short span of time, we have gone from Jesus being born as an infant in the manger, to Him being baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan at the age of 30!

The baptism of Jesus is, on His part, the acceptance and beginning of His mission as God's suffering Servant. He allows himself to be numbered among sinners and out of love for us, He consents to His future baptism of death for the forgiveness of our sins. At His baptism "the heavens were opened" - the heavens that Adam's sin had closed.

Ending Christmas with the Baptism of the Lord makes theological sense even though the two events (Jesus' birth and baptism) are separated by roughly 30 years. In a certain way, both events are about beginnings. At Christmas, we meet Jesus for the first time as a baby, the start of the hidden life of Christ. At His Baptism, we meet Jesus for the first time as an adult, the start of the public ministry of Christ.

ST. FRANCIS AND ST. CLARE EVANGELIZATION PROJECT **JANUARY 12TH @7:00 PM**



Happy New Year,

We are inviting parishioners to participate in our Parish

Evangelization Project by signing up at evangelization.halifax@gmail.com to receive your booklet in PDF provided in partnership by the Knights of Columbus. Please help us by inviting our brothers and sisters, our friends or family members who are not celebrating their Catholic Faith, or anyone who desires to know more about our rich Catholic Tradition to join us in person. We gather to prayerfully read,

listen and reflect upon the three-fold love of God presented in the New Evangelization Series. You may download the third booklet from the [Catholic Information Series](#) entitled: *The Mysteries of the Life of Jesus*. Light refreshments and snacks will be served. See you there!

Where - St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church, at the corner of Robie St & Normandy Drive.

When - Thursday January 12th @ 7pm until 8:00 pm. Please use the Robie St. entrance side red door.

REST IN PEACE POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI



On the morning of December 31, 2022, Vatican officials announced the death of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. Only a few days earlier,

Pope Francis had asked the public to pray for his predecessor. On January 2, 2023, Pope Benedict's body was moved to Saint Peter's Basilica to provide an opportunity for the faithful to pay their respects. On Thursday, January 5th, Pope Francis celebrated the Funeral Mass for Pope Emeritus Benedict in Saint Peter's Square. Following the funeral, the coffin of the Pope Emeritus was taken to Saint Peter's Basilica to be buried in the Vatican Grottoes.

The Vatican issued Pope Emeritus Benedict's Spiritual Testament on December 31. The document is a statement of faith and thanksgiving and a plea to Catholics to hold firm to the faith. It can be read in full by visiting:

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2022/12/31/221231f.html>

For those who may have missed Thursday's Funeral Mass, you can view it on the Vatican YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e4c46fv8pRQ>

STATEMENT FROM THE CCCB **REGARDING THE DEATH OF POPE BENEDICT**

On December 31, 2022, the president of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), Bishop Poisson issued a message on the passing of Pope Emeritus Benedict. In part it reads:

Today, the Bishops of Canada join the People of God and Pope Francis in mourning the loss of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and thank God for his life of humble and dedicated service. Benedict XVI leaves

behind a great legacy of teaching that will continue to inspire us, both through the three encyclicals he wrote and through the many public speeches he delivered throughout the world as Supreme Pontiff. Pope Benedict XVI, "Cardinal Ratzinger", served as a faithful and sure guide of Catholic doctrine in his various offices with the Holy See. To read the full message, visit: www.cccb.ca

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. An excellent gift for family and friends near and far.



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



This Sunday, January 8th, 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, January 15th, we will celebrate a Children's Liturgy during the 11:00 am Mass.

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

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!

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/UC9L3qlfstB9xYyv2ZMOqc0g/videos>