



ST. FRANCIS AND ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH AT ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Home of the Franciscans of Halifax

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 17, 2022**

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, July 19th – Sampson Family

Saturday, July 23rd – Frank Gaudet

Saturday July 30th – Michael Aloisi

Tuesday, August 2nd – Michael Aloisi

Saturday August 6th – James MacDonald

Tuesday, August 9th – Special Intention

Saturday August 13th – Frank Sasinek

PLEASE NOTE: Weekday Masses will NOT be celebrated from Tuesday, July 26th, to Friday, July 29th. The 9:00 am Mass on Saturday, July 30th, WILL be celebrated.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE CHURCH'S FAMILY!



On Sunday, July 3rd, we welcomed Sadie Diolola Schrom, daughter of Isa Diolola and Jason Schrom, into the community of faith. May the Spirit she has received, guide her as she grows in greater understanding of her faith and holiness!

COVID-19 UPDATE

On July 6, 2022, Nova Scotia removed all remaining Covid-19 restrictions in the community. The Halifax-Yarmouth Diocese sent out an update for all parishes. Of note, from the Diocese:



- We recommend that anyone with Covid-19, or has symptoms such as cough, sore throat, or fever, isolate until feeling better. If you have symptoms, avoid high risk settings and people at high risk.
- Wearing a mask is optional, however, masks are strongly recommended in crowded indoor settings.
- We recommend hand sanitizers be available at the entrance of the church.

- Ministers of Holy Communion are asked to wear a mask for distribution. Since mask wearing is now optional, masking to receive Holy Communion is left to the discretion of the individual receivers. As the pandemic is not over, we do encourage parishioners to wear a mask while attending Mass.
- The Sign of Peace may be exchanged in whatever manner people are comfortable.
- Dispensation from the Sunday obligation will end **August 31, 2022**. Parishioners are reminded that they have an obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holidays. This obligation has been dispensed for the past two years and will continue to be dispensed until August 31, 2022.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

– WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Called to Help

Our Neighbors in Need



Each week, our Vincentians deliver food items and grocery vouchers to those in need within our community. In this time of rising inflation, the most vulnerable among us need our support more than ever.

We must turn to you again as, presently, the cupboards of the Society are bare and need to be replenished. Food items are gratefully accepted each Sunday at Mass to fill our Food Bank. Essentials in the Food Bank include peanut butter, cereal, Kraft dinner, pasta and sauce, soups, cans of meat, cookies, and juice. We have also expanded this list to include some basic toiletries, such as, soap, toothpaste, deodorant, Kleenex, and toilet paper.

Your ongoing support does not go unnoticed. On behalf of those we serve, THANK YOU!

HEALING MASS – THURSDAY, JULY 21ST AT 7:00 PM AT ST. MOTHER TERESA OF KOLKATA CHURCH



Join Fr. Mark Cherry of Sacred Heart Evangelization and Healing Ministry for Mass on Thursday, July 21st, at 7:00 pm at St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church. The focus of the Mass will be the

continued healing ministry of Jesus Christ through His Church. The homily will focus on receiving the Lord's healing, and prayers for healing will be offered after Mass. All are welcome.

PAPAL VISIT DETAILS ANNOUNCED – JULY 24TH – 30TH



WALKING
TOGETHER
POPE FRANCIS CANADA
24 - 30 JULY 2022
MARCHER
ENSEMBLE
PAPE FRANÇOIS CANADA
24 - 30 JUILLET 2022

The Vatican has released the detailed program for the visit of Pope Francis to Canada. His coming to Canada is a pilgrimage of healing, reconciliation, and hope rather

than a traditional pastoral visit.

Details of the trip can be found at www.papalvisit.ca. Some events will be broadcast by livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSdh16v76-UGp29-wh6Dj8Q>.

Archbishop Dunn is planning to travel to Quebec City when the Holy Father is there to be present as Pope Francis takes this important step of being with the Indigenous communities of this land. Our Archbishop also wants to gather with his fellow Canadian bishops to pray together for God's guidance on the path towards healing, reconciliation, and hope that we, indigenous and non-indigenous people of faith, are walking together.

Let us continue to pray for the health and well-being of Pope Francis as he continues to provide pastoral guidance and encouragement to all the faithful. May the Holy Spirit pour out the graces and gifts needed for all as we walk together.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY: JULY 24TH



On Sunday, July 24, 2022, the Second **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** will be celebrated throughout the universal Church. It is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of July, close to

the Feast Day of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26th), the parents of the Virgin Mary and grandparents of Jesus. The theme chosen by the Holy Father for the occasion is "*In old age they will still bear fruit*" (Psalm 92:15) and intends to emphasize how grandparents and the elderly are a value and a gift both for society and for ecclesial communities.

The theme is also an invitation to reconsider and value grandparents and the elderly who are too often kept on the margins of families, civil and ecclesial communities. Their experience of life and faith can contribute, in fact, to building societies that are aware of their roots and capable of dreaming of a future based on greater solidarity. The invitation to listen to the wisdom of the years is also particularly significant in the context of the synodal journey that the Church has undertaken.

To read Pope Francis' message, visit:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messa-ges/nonni/documents/20220503-messaggio-nonni-anziani.html>

On July 24th, let us remember our grandparents and the elderly, and the wisdom and experience that they bring to the life of our Church.

FEAST OF ST. ANNE AND THE MI'KMAQ COMMUNITY



As mentioned above, the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the parents of the Virgin Mary and grandparents of Jesus, is celebrated on July 26th.

Since the early 1630's, the Mi'kmaq people have embraced St. Anne as their Patron Saint. In the Mi'kmaq culture, Elders are highly valued for their wealth of knowledge. The role of grandmother is especially important, and so many community celebrations are planned for this day.

Archbishop Dunn will join the community at Millbrook First Nation on Sunday, July 24th, to take part in their novena to St. Anne in the lead up to the Feast Day.

Let us ask for St. Anne's intercession on the work of the Church with the Mi'kmaq. St. Anne, pray for us!

AN INVITATION FROM THE FOH TO JOIN THEM FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF ASSISI – AUGUST 2ND



The Franciscans of Halifax invite you to join them to celebrate a feast that is particularly close to Franciscan hearts, the Feast of Our Lady of the Angels (also known as *The Forgiveness of Assisi*).

Saint Francis had a great care for and zeal for souls and asked the Pope to grant an indulgence to all those who would travel to the Franciscan Chapel of the Porziuncola ("little portion"), confess their sins, and fulfill a few other obligations. After his death, this indulgence spread to include all Franciscan churches throughout the world wherever the feast is celebrated.

Mass will be celebrated on the Feast of Our Lady of Angels, Tuesday, August 2nd, at 7:00 pm at St. Catherine of Siena Church. Following Mass, priests will be available for confessions.

The requirements for receiving the indulgence include going to Mass and confession, but these can be done any time within the 15 days prior to the feast or 15 days after.

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:

MASSES FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Mount Olivet Cemetery, Mumford Rd.
– Saturday, August 13, 2022 at 10:00 am

Holy Cross Cemetery, South Park St., Halifax
– Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 5:00 pm.

DOCUMENTARY ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF CANADA AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Salt + Light Media has completed a documentary on the historic meetings that took place at the Vatican in March and April 2022 between Pope Francis and delegations of Indigenous Peoples from Canada. The documentary will premiere on **Sunday, July 17, 2022, 9:30 p.m. on Salt + Light TV.**

PARISH LIVESTREAM MASS LINK:

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

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<u>ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA</u> 6476 Bayers Road Sunday-11:00 am & 7:00 pm Weekday-Tues. 12:00 noon	<u>ST. MOTHER TERESA'S</u> 6032 Normandy Drive Sat. 4:00 pm; Sun. 11:15 am Weekday-Fri. 9:00 am	<u>ST. PATRICK'S</u> 2263 Brunswick Street Sunday-9:30 am Weekday-Thurs. 5:15 pm	<u>ST. THERESA'S</u> 6351 North Street Sat. 4:30 pm; Sun. 9:30 am Weekday-Wed. 9:00 am
<u>FRANCISCAN OF HALIFAX MASSES CELEBRATED AT ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH:</u> 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			
<u>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION/CONFESSION:</u> 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 – 1 st Wednesday of the month, 7:00 pm – Exposition/Adoration/Confession– St. Mother Teresa's Church Thursday – Franciscans of Halifax hold Confessions - 7:30 pm – St. Catherine's Church			
<u>YOUTUBE CHANNELS:</u> Parish - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4QgKeNNdXQOpZaxOhNNGzg/featured Franciscans of Halifax - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9L3qlfstB9xYyv2ZMOqc0g/videos			