

THE SFSC MESSENGER

St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish

We are a welcoming community of Jesus' disciples who journey together in right Faith, certain Hope, and live out His Love in Word and Deed

FAITH

July 23, 2023

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEKEND

Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne

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16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"An enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat."

Jesus teaches about God's reign in parables.

His kingdom is like a field in which good grain and weeds grow.

At harvest time, the good will be sorted from the bad.

God's kingdom is also like a mustard plant out to embrace all as it grows.

THE PARABLE OF THE



Wheat and Tares



WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

This Sunday, July 23rd, the third 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 this day is "His mercy is from age to age" (Lk 1:50).

The Pope, who is 86 years old, has been an advocate for the dignity of the aging and has often emphasized the important role of grandparents in passing on the Catholic faith.

On July 23rd, let us remember our grandparents and the elderly, and the wisdom and experience that they bring to the life of our Church.

Weekend Mass Schedule for July

Saturday 4:00pm
St Mother Teresa

Sunday 9:00am
St Mother Teresa
(Polish Mass)

Sunday 9:30am
St Patrick
St Theresa

Sunday 11:00am
St Catherine of Siena

Sunday 11:15am
St Mother Teresa

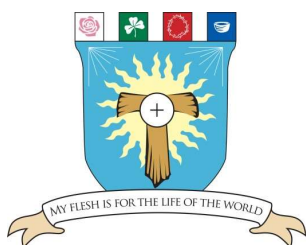
Sunday, 7:00pm
St Catherine of Siena

Live-Stream Masses

Sunday, July 23, 2023
11:15am
St Mother Teresa Church

Weekday Mass Schedule

- Tuesday - Noon
St Catherine Church
- Wednesday - 9:00am
St Theresa Church
- Friday - 9:00am
St Mother Teresa
- Saturday—9:00am
St Catherine Church



Feast Day July 26



STS. JOACHIM & ANNE

"Mary grew up in the home of Joachim and Anne; she was surrounded by their love and faith: in their home she learned to listen to the Lord and to follow his will.

Saints Joachim and Anne were part of a long chain of people who had transmitted their faith and love for God, expressed in the warmth and love of family life, down to Mary, who received the Son of God in her womb and who gave him to the world, to us.

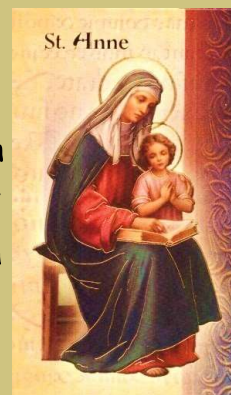
How precious is the family as the privileged place for transmitting the faith!"
- Pope Francis

FEAST OF ST. ANNE AND THE MI'KMAQ COMMUNITY

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.

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



St. Anne, pray for us!

Condolences

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Philip Dugandzic and his family on the death of his mother and long-time parishioners, **Margaret Dugandzic**.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 22nd
Bill Quinn (9:00)
Kenneth Orchard (4:00pm)

Tuesday, July 25th
Rita Brousseau (noon)

Wednesday, July 26th
Solange Dube (9:00am)

Saturday, July 29th
Malcolm MacNeil (9:00am)
Jim Turkington (4:00pm)

HOPE

Adoration/Confession

1st Wednesday of the Month
St. Mother Teresa's
7:00pm - Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration, Confession available

Wednesdays
St. Theresa's
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament follows 9:00am Mass. Adoration with Benediction until 4:30pm

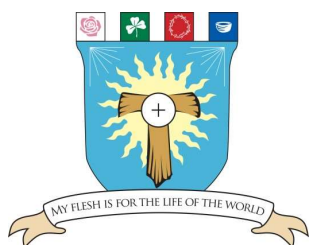
Thursdays
St. Catherine's
7:30pm - Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration, Confession available

Options for Giving to our Parish

1. Request weekly Sunday envelopes through our Parish Office.
2. E-Transfer to office@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca (include your name and church).
3. Sign up for pre-authorized payments through our Parish Office.
4. Mail your donation to our Parish Office.

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!



Update on Scholarships

Monsignor Leo Murphy Scholarship Committee is pleased to award three scholarships this year to Lily Manara-Berryman, Noah Frost and Adam Durant.

Lily, Noah and Adam have all grown up in our Sunday School programs at St. Mother Teresa church. They have participated and helped with suppers, Christmas pageants, and Friday Fun Nights for kids. All three have been active over the years as Altar Servers, collectors and lectors. From setting up and taking down tables for Sunday school and just asking us what they can do to help. Congratulations to these students.

We appreciate their commitment to their faith and our church community. We wish them success in their future studies and our prayers go with them as they continue their life journey.

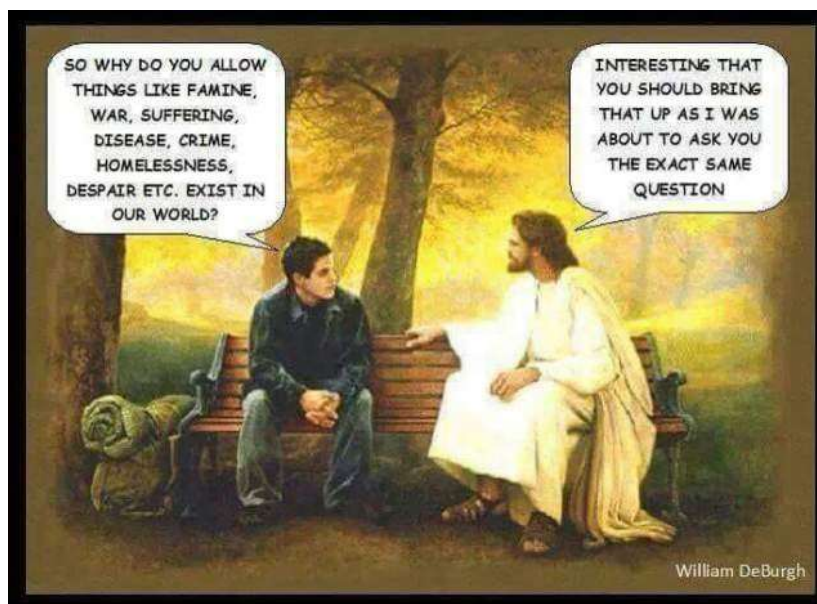
LOVE IN ACTION



Saint Patrick's community has supported the Family Resource Centre at Uniacke Square with food donations.

This is just as important during the summer as in winter.

Please consider bringing a canned good or other non-perishable item on Sunday to put in our donation box at the south side door.



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Cheryl Delaney
Admin Assistant



Diocesan News

North American Indigenous Games Have Begun!

On Saturday, July 15, Archbishop Dunn offered a Mass at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica for the athletes, coaches, and all involved with the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG). Just over 100 people joined Archbishop Dunn to pray for the success of the games, this included: Grand Chief Norman Sylliboy and members of the Grand Council, visitors to the city who came specifically for NAIG, and parishioners of the Cathedral.

Chief Sylliboy spoke as Mass began welcoming everyone, in Mi'kmaw and English, to Kijipuktuk (Halifax) as well as offering a prayer for the athletes and coaches. Members of various Mi'kmaw communities took part in the ministries during Mass. The Mass itself was planned by the Mi'kmaw Pastoral Council of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth.

Recently, Archbishop Dunn wrote a letter to all Mi'kmaw chiefs in the Archdiocese highlighting the efforts the Archdiocese has made in collaboration with Mi'kmaw community members to walk together towards healing and reconciliation. A copy of this letter can be read here or by going to: www.halifaxyarmouth.org/mi-kmaq-community

Check out some of the NAIG events and the cultural village at the Halifax Common during the games! For more information go to: www.naig2023.com

Parish News



Enjoy your summer vacation and remember that you can still view Mass online with your Parish family no matter where you are so long as you have an internet connection.

Click [Sunday, July 23, 2023](#) for the 11:15am at St Mother Teresa Church.

If you are traveling, be safe and we look forward to seeing you on your return.

Anyone wishing to submit announcements for the bulletin is asked to send them to bulletin@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca by 9:00am each Tuesday morning. Thanks kindly!

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PARISH WALK-IN HOURS: MON/WED/FRI 9:00AM TO 12NOON
(voicemail will be returned every day)

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