

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 30 2023

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEKEND

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17th Sunday of Ordinary Time "The Kingdom of heaven is like a treasure... a merchant in search of fine pearls...a net."

Jesus compares the value of the kingdom of God to a hidden treasure, to a most valuable pearl, to a dragnet.

It is beyond human comprehension, but, in the end, God's Angels will sort out those who have lived good lives from the unrepentant sinners.

THE HIDDEN TREASURE AND THE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE



"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field."

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it."



Matthew 13:44-46

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED IN OUR PARISH FAMILY

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Joseph Burke. His funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, August 1st, at 10:00 am at St. Catherine of Siena Church

Condolences

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to **Dolores Moran** and her family on the most recent deaths of her sisters, Carmella LeBlanc and Carol Hawrylak.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Through baptism, we welcome Ari Gillis, Annysa Gillis-Donald, Thara West and Freya Gamez into our faith,

These are the latest baptisms that Fr. Nathanael celebrated in June/July.

May the Spirit they have received, guide them as they grow in greater understanding of their faith and holiness!

SATURDAY SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

MONTH	TIME	CHURCH
AUGUST 5 AUGUST 12 AUGUST 19 AUGUST 26	4:00PM	Saint Theresa Catholic Church
SEPTEMBER 02 SEPTEMBER 07 SEPTEMBER 16 SEPTEMBER 23 SEPTEMBER 30	4:00PM	Saint Mother Teresa Catholic Church

Weekend Mass Schedule for August

Saturday 4:00pm
St Theresa

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

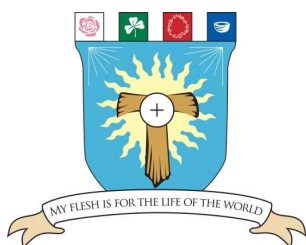
Live-Stream Scheduled Mass

Sunday, July 30, 2023
11:15am

Parish Channel at St
Mother Teresa of Kolkata
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



Forgiveness of Assisi

The Franciscans of Halifax would like to invite you to join them for the celebration of the **Forgiveness of Assisi**! Find more information about the indulgence here: [St. Francis of Assisi National Shrine: Indulgences \(shrinesf.org\)](http://St.FrancisofAssisiNationalShrine.org).

This year they will celebrate the Forgiveness of Assisi on **Wednesday, August 2nd at 7pm** in St Catherine of Siena Church.

Following Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be made available in the Church and, weather-permitting, outside.



At this Mass they will take up a collection to support the brothers and sisters who are studying.

After Mass, you are invited to join them downstairs for a reception.

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Tuesday, August 1st
Gilbert Redman (noon)

Wednesday, August 2nd
For the deceased listed in the Memorial Book (9:00am)

Saturday, August 5th
Solange Dube (9:00am)

PLEASE NOTE

There will be no 7:00pm Eucharistic Adoration/ Confession on **Wednesday, August 2nd** at St Mother Teresa



St Francis and St Clare of Assisi Parish is delighted to welcome **Fr Robert Nicholas** as our Associate Pastor.

Fr Robert is originally from the Chanda Diocese in India. He came to Canada in May 2022 and ministered as an associate pastor at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Dartmouth. We so grateful that he is now here with us.

The Parish would also like to thank **Bishop Currie** for his support, wisdom and grace and wish him all the best as he continues to serve God even during his retirement years. Join us for an official farewell gathering for Bishop Currie at the end of August.



Thank you, Bishop Currie and welcome Father Robert.

**FRANCISCAN Weekday
Mass**
Tuesdays - Fridays @
7:00-7:45am
at St. Catherine's Church

Adoration/Confession

**1st Wednesday of the
Month—CANCELLED FOR
AUGUST**

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**

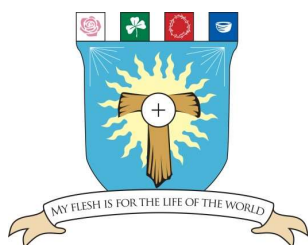
7:30pm - Holy Hour of
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Confession available

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!



LOVE IN ACTION



Meals for Hope Cottage

Many parishes in our Diocese support Hope Cottage's meals service by having members volunteer to purchase, cook and deliver to Hope Cottage prescribed recipes. The food is served or handed out from there.

In the case of St. Patrick's church they have three groups of four or five volunteer who prepare meals four times a year. The schedule for the next three months is below:

August 31
Group 2
Nancy Bliss

September 20
Group 3
Mike Covey

October 17
Group 1
Diane Sullivan

FUN IN ACTION

The Fun for Seniors Committee has wrapped up for the summer for what they considered to be a very successful year of activities. From September to June their activities included *Pray and Play*, *We Gather to Remember*, *Turkey Dinner at Lunchtime*, *Seniors Spring Tea*, and *Soup, Scoop and Sing*.



Fun for Seniors June 22nd Event. Soup, Scoop and Sing

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SVDP Contact #s

St Catherine
902-455-6525

St Mother Teresa
902-405-3686

St Patrick
902-405-3806

St Theresa
902-414-4625

MEET OUR TEAM

Fr Nathanael DesRoches
Administrator

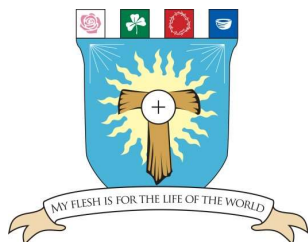
Fr Robert Nicholas
Associate Pastor

Rev Mr Len Moore
Rev Mr Paul Carnell

Sr Rita Hanna, FoH

Pat Belgrave
Admin Assistant

Cheryl Delaney
Admin Assistant



Diocesan News

Cemetery Tours

Did you know that our local cemeteries uniquely tell the history of our city? Discover the rich history in our Catholic cemeteries - specifically Holy Cross Cemetery in downtown Halifax. This summer the office of the Catholic Cemeteries of Halifax is pleased to once again offer tours of Holy Cross Cemetery located at South Park St. in Halifax.

The tour will explore the gravesites of the various local and national historical figures who have been laid to rest in the cemetery, including victims of the Halifax Explosion. As well the story of the "chapel building in a day", Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel will be included. Tours are offered Monday to Friday at 11:00am and 2:00pm. There will be no tours on rainy days. The tours are free and donations are gratefully accepted.

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.

Parish News

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)

Email: office@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca
Parish Office: 902-454-8221