



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

Home of the Franciscans of Halifax

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
June 19, 2022

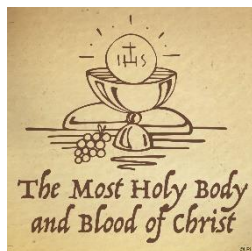
SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST – YOU ARE INVITED!



This Sunday, June 19th, we will celebrate the **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**. Parishioners of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi are invited to come together at St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata's Church (6032 Normandy Drive) for a procession with the Blessed Sacrament.

You can attend the 11:15 mass at St. Mother Teresa's, or if you are attending Mass elsewhere, you can join the gathering when the procession around the church begins at 12:30 pm (weather permitting). A BBQ will follow in the park across the street from the church.

The **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**, formerly, the Feast of Corpus Christi ("Body of Christ"), is a feast that celebrates Jesus' gift of Himself in the Eucharist.



The festival was inspired by the religious experience of St. Juliana (1193-1258), a Belgian nun, who dreamed repeatedly of the Church under a full moon with a black spot. According to legend, the dream was interpreted to her in a vision by Christ. The moon, she said, was the Church's calendar of festivals, and the black spot was the lack of a festival to celebrate the holiest element of the Church - the Eucharist. Juliana shared this with her local bishop, who in 1246 issued a decree for such a festival to be celebrated in his territory. The festival was instituted throughout the Church by Pope Urban IV in 1264.

There are two major themes to this feast: 1) the Body of Christ that is the Holy Eucharist and 2) the Body of

Christ that is our communion of faith, the Church. When we gather for Mass, we become one with Christ, transformed by his loving gift. We become one with Christ in the person we may not know sitting next to us in the pew, and with Catholics who gather throughout the world to celebrate the Eucharist.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY: JUNE 19TH

This Sunday, June 19th, we celebrate Father's Day. In honour of all fathers, passed, present, and soon-to-be, we ask the Lord to bless them as we pray:



Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness, and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender. Amen.
(Prayer from www.jesuitresource.org)

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



Last Sunday, June 12th, we welcomed Patrick Anthony Bray, son of Gerard and Christine, and little brother to Declan and Geraldine, into the community of faith. May the Spirit he has received, guide him as he grows in greater understanding of his faith and holiness!

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, June 21st, 12:00 Noon Mass – Michael Aloisi

Saturday, June 25th, 9:00 am Mass – Phil O'Hara

ST. CATHERINE'S SPIRITUAL CARE TEAM



Following COVID, the Spiritual Care Team is ready to go out into the community and bring Holy Communion again. Two Spiritual Care Ministers would bring Holy Communion to those who are ill, shut-in, or unable to attend Mass at this time.

If you are interested or have family members who would benefit, or if you know of someone who would like to receive Holy Communion on Sundays, we ask that you contact the Parish Office at 902-454-8221, and we will be in touch with you.

*St. Francis & St. Clare
of Assisi Parish*



THANKS!

We thank all those who replied to our recent questionnaire. The Committee got some great ideas from your suggestions.

SAVE THE DATE!

Our first Parish-wide event is being planned for this fall.



This event is **FREE!**
(We will have a **Free-will Donation Basket** for anyone who might wish to make a contribution towards future events.)

See you in September!

CONGRATULATIONS CHALICE ON "30 YEARS OF GRACE"



This year is a very special one for Chalice – their 30th anniversary! Through God's abundant grace and the intercession of our Blessed Mother, they have served Christ through His poor since 1992.

Thanks to the generosity and dedication of sponsors, deacons, volunteers, and the worldwide Chalice staff family, they have helped

thousands of children grow up happy, healthy, and on their way to a hopeful future.

Fr. Patrick Cosgrove, then a parish priest stationed in Springhill, considered sponsoring a child. He said a prayer that he would find a Catholic organization where he could help through sponsorship. Shortly thereafter, a friend from the US visited and invited Fr. Pat to become involved with Christian Foundation for Children and Aging (CFCA), which was founded in 1981 in Kansas City. Fr. Pat travelled to Kansas, where he learned the history of CFCA, and was invited to join the board of directors of CFCA Canada. And the rest, as they say, is history.

According to their website, in the 2020–2021-year, Chalice sponsored 50,122 children and elders (regardless of race, creed or religion) in 5 regions, in 14 countries at 52 sponsor sites.

LOVE IN THE KITCHEN: A RECIPE FOR HOLINESS



The dinner table and the kitchen aren't just for making memories – they're where saints are created. This Corpus Christi weekend, June 18th

– 19th, Chalice is inviting everyone, from aspiring chefs to those who just like to eat (or enjoy a drink!), to a free online event, **Love in the Kitchen: A Recipe for Holiness**. Discover why our Catholic faith should have a place at every meal. See the full schedule of live cooking events and talks, and a special contribution from our very own Fr Christopher, FOH! Register (at no charge) today at chaliceevents.org/love-in-the-kitchen

JUNE 21ST: NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY



Canadians are invited to learn more about the Indigenous Peoples across this land. June is the perfect time to do so – it's National Indigenous History

Month! Learn more about the Indigenous communities in Canada through the government of Canada at <https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1621447127773/1621447157184>

June 21st is National Indigenous Peoples Day. This is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. To find out more about the history and significance of this day, visit:

<https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1100100013718/1534874583157>

As disciples of Christ who seek to be examples of his love and service, let us pray in a particular way on June 21st for all Indigenous communities across this land. May God, the Creator, help us to find and walk together a path that will bring us truth, healing, reconciliation, and hope.

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:

ARCHBISHOP DUNN INVITES YOU TO INVITE OTHERS!



We all know people who would benefit from encountering the risen Lord and experience the peace, joy, and purpose that a relationship with Christ

brings. However, it can be intimidating to try to reach out and start a conversation about God or invite friends and family members to an event at your parish. Recently Archbishop Dunn sent a letter inviting people to learn more about... inviting people! To be

more specific, how to invite people to encounter Christ.

On Pentecost Sunday he wrote:

Therefore, today, I invite you to join our invitation challenge. This four-session e-mail and video series helps you discover the process of effectively inviting someone you know to a parish evangelization program. It will also help you to be confident in sharing your faith with others.

The sessions are free and can be done on your own schedule. They will focus on how to invite, invoke, intercede, and invest. So, consider this your invitation to invite others! To sign up visit: www.halifaxyarmouth.org/invite

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES: JUNE 22-26, 2022



From June 22nd to 26th, over 2000 delegates from around the world will gather in Rome for the 10th World Meeting of Families (WMOF). Created by Saint John Paul II in 1994,

the WMOF has invited families to come together in a particular part of the world for catechesis, prayer, and festivities often with the Pope joining them for some of the days. As a result of the global pandemic, the 10th WMOF was postponed to June 2022 – right now! Also, as a result of the pandemic, instead of an open gathering, it will be a much smaller event (2000 attendees) with dioceses around the world sending delegates. The Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth is sending four delegates (two couples) to experience the WMOF and bring back their learnings to share with the diocese.

Some of the live programming will be available by livestream while material on the catechetical topics to be discussed can be found on their website: www.romefamily2022.com On the website you'll also find the options to download an app and follow the WMOF from wherever you are.

PARISH LIVESTREAM MASS LINK (Sunday only, this week):

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

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ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

6476 Bayers Road
Sunday-11:00 am & 7:00 pm
Weekday-Tues. 12:00 noon

ST. MOTHER TERESA'S

6032 Normandy Drive
Sat. 4:00 pm; Sun. 11:15 am
Weekday-Fri. 9:00 am

ST. PATRICK'S

2263 Brunswick Street
Sunday-9:30 am
Weekday-Thurs. 5:15 pm

ST. THERESA'S

6351 North Street
Sat. 4:30 pm; Sun. 9:30 am
Weekday-Wed. 9:00 am

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 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/UC9L3qlfstB9xXyv2ZMOqc0q/videos>