



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

Home of the Franciscans of Halifax

PENTECOST SUNDAY
June 5, 2022

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If you go back and read the Old Testament, you will discover that **Pentecost** was one of the Jewish feast days. Only they didn't call it Pentecost. The Jews called it the Feast of Harvest or the Feast of Weeks. It is

mentioned five places in the first five books—in Exodus 23, Exodus 24, Leviticus 16, Numbers 28, and Deuteronomy 16. It was the celebration of the beginning of the early weeks of harvest. In Palestine, there were two harvests each year. The early harvest came during the months of May and June; the final harvest came in the Fall. Pentecost was the celebration of the beginning of the early wheat harvest, which meant that Pentecost always fell sometime during the middle of the month of May or sometimes in early June.

Therefore Pentecost, in the time of the disciples, was a great and grand harvest celebration. The streets of Jerusalem would have been filled with thousands of pilgrims who had come from every point of the compass to celebrate the goodness of God and the bringing in of the wheat harvest. On Pentecost, the High Priest was to take two loaves of freshly baked wheat bread and offer them before the Lord. The wheat bread was made from the newly harvested wheat.

Pentecost is reminiscent of the Last Supper. In both instances, the disciples are together in a house for what proves to be an important event. At the Last Supper, the disciples witnessed the end of the Messiah's earthly ministry as He asks them to remember Him after His death until He returns. At Pentecost, the disciples witnessed the birth of the

New Testament church in the coming of the Holy Spirit to dwell in all believers.

Through our Baptism, we received the gifts of the Holy Spirit and at our Confirmation, we are sealed with these gifts. Those seven gifts of the Spirit, seven being a number of completeness and perfection, are the gifts of WISDOM, UNDERSTANDING, KNOWLEDGE, RIGHT JUDGEMENT, COURAGE, REVERENCE, and WONDER & AWE. These gifts allow us to discover and learn about the goodness of the world and other people, and to have the courage both to share our faith in Christ and to stand up for that faith.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues, June 7th, 12:00 Noon Mass – Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, June 11th, 9:00 am Mass – Sampson Family

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. CATHERINE OF SIENA BURSARIES

Bursaries & Scholarships



Bursaries are awarded to parishioners of St. Catherine's Church who are entering a full year of post-secondary studies, university, trade school or community college with special consideration given to those students who are active in our worshipping community. Applications are available through the Parish Office or contact Donna at donna.noddin@gmail.com. The deadline for applications is **June 15th**.

RECONCILIATION FUND COLLECTION: JUNE 4TH & 5TH



Over the past ten weeks, the Diocese has shared information about the residential school system in Canada. As a Church, we are truly sorry for the dark part of our history and the history of our country. Knowing these truths compels us to work toward healing and reconciliation. In recent months we have witnessed a variety of steps being made by the Canadian Bishops:

- a statement of apology in September 2021
- a national pledge of \$30 million to put towards initiatives and programs that promote healing and reconciliation in October 2021
- a delegation of Indigenous Peoples and Canadian bishops to Rome to meet with the Pope Francis in March 2022
- and most recently, the announcement of Pope Francis making pilgrimage of healing and reconciliation to Canada in July 2022.

Locally, Archbishop Dunn has repeatedly committed to walking with the local Mi'kmaq communities. Through listening circles and other moments of conversation, he has learned and listened to our Indigenous brothers and sisters. He will continue to create more opportunities to do so. One more tangible piece to this commitment is to financially give support to our walking together on the road towards healing, reconciliation, and hope.

This weekend, **June 4th & 5th**, the Diocese will take up its first Reconciliation Fund Collection. The monies collected will be used in Nova Scotia for

initiatives, supports, and programs that aid our efforts to heal the relationship between the Mi'kmaq and our local Church. Archbishop Dunn will discern the best use of these funds in conversation and collaboration with Mi'kmaq leaders and members of their communities. For more information on this special collection, click here to read the Reconciliation Fund Collection FAQs: https://halifaxyarmouth.org/images/websections/mi-kmaq_communities/Reconciliation_Fund_Collection_FAQs_-_05.26.22_FINAL_002.pdf

Please prayerfully consider your contribution to the upcoming important collection. If you are a registered parishioner at one of our parishes, you will have received a direct mail piece about the Reconciliation Fund Collection.

For more information on what the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is doing in this area visit www.cccb.ca

For more information on what we have done in the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth visit www.halifaxyarmouth.org/mi-kmaq-community

For more information on the upcoming papal visit in July visit www.papalvisit.ca or www.visitepapale.ca

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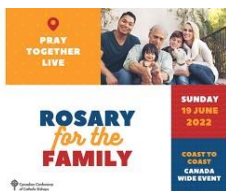


There are a number of ways you can donate.

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:

JOIN IN PRAYING A NATIONAL ROSARY FOR THE FAMILY!



In preparation for the 10th World Meeting of Families (WMF), the CCCB Standing Committee for Family and Life is hosting a live and nationwide Rosary for the

Family via Zoom Webinar. The virtual event will take place on Sunday, June 19th, and will be facilitated by several families from across the country.

As part of the Amoris Laetitia Family Year, the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network and the Dicastery

for the Laity, Family and Life have published a "Rosary for the Family." The publication is a beautiful meditation focused on families, children, couples, and grandparents. It is the hope of the Standing Committee for Family and Life that this moment will be an opportunity to gather at the national level in prayer as well as to witness alongside other faith-filled families.

The national prayer event will be facilitated on Zoom. Please register to take part by visiting: https://cccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_R5OXeN5DRSuTDN6quptG4w

PARISH LIVESTREAM MASS LINK:

<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 - 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			
YOUTUBE CHANNELS: Parish - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4QgKeNNdXQOpZaxOhNNGzg/featured Franciscans of Halifax - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9L3qlfstB9xYyv2ZMOqc0g/videos			