

# St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish



**Parish Administrator:**  
Fr. Nathanael DesRoches, FoH

**Pastoral Support:**  
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## One Parish Community at these locations:

**St. Catherine of Siena Church**  
6476 Bayers Road  
[www.saintcatherineofsiena.ca](http://www.saintcatherineofsiena.ca)

**St. Mother of Teresa of Kolkata Church**  
6032 Normandy Drive  
[www.motherteresaparish.com](http://www.motherteresaparish.com)

**St. Patrick's Church**  
2263 Brunswick Street  
[www.saintpatrickschurch.ca](http://www.saintpatrickschurch.ca)

**St. Theresa's Church**  
6351 North Street  
[www.sttheresaschurch.org](http://www.sttheresaschurch.org)

## Administrative Assistants:

**St Theresa's & St. Catherine of Siena**  
Pat Belgrave, 902-454-8221  
Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 1:00pm

**St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata:**  
Cheryl Delaney, 902-454-5835  
Tues. & Thurs. 9:00am - 2:00pm

**St. Patrick's:**  
Cheryl Delaney, 902-429-1300  
Wed. & Fri. 9:00am - 2:00pm

## Religious Education Coordinators:

St. Catherine - Donna Noddin  
St. Mothers Teresa - Susan Sarty  
St. Patrick's - Michele O'Neill  
St. Theresa's - Sr. Lucia

## PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

**St. Catherine of Siena**  
Sunday - 11:00am & 7:00pm  
Tuesday - Noon

**St. Theresa's**  
Saturday 4:30pm; Sunday 9:30am  
Wednesday - 9:00am

**St. Patrick's**  
Sunday 9:30am

**St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata**  
Saturday 4:00pm; Sunday 11:15am  
Friday - 9:00am

## ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA'S CHURCH BULLETIN

*Home of the Franciscans of Halifax*

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 12, 2023

## ST. FRANCIS AND ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH 2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

IS PROVIDED AT THE END OF THIS BULLETIN.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – Lata Hall  
Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – Elfrieda Oster

### SAVE THE DATE

**SUNDAY, MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>, AT 2:00 PM**

All parishioners are invited to a Town Hall meeting on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm at St. Mother Teresa's Church Hall (6032 Normandy Drive).



New Parish initiatives will be reviewed, and most importantly, feedback from all parishioners will be collected for moving forward together as St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish as we reflect on our NEW Parish Vision Statement:

**"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."**

Mark your calendars! Plan now to attend!

## **ONE PARISH BULLETIN!!!**



Hey everyone,  
you heard correct!  
We are launching a new single  
Parish Bulletin!  
And we need your assistance!

Kindly help us with the naming of  
our new bulletin. Email your  
suggestion(s) to

[bulletin@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca](mailto:bulletin@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca) by March 23<sup>rd</sup>  
and if you are the lucky winner, then coffee is on us!



### **FEAST OF ST. PATRICK**

#### **FRIDAY, MARCH 17TH, AT 7:00 PM MASS**



Everyone is welcome to come  
and celebrate the  
Feast of St. Patrick on Friday,  
March 17<sup>th</sup>, at a special  
7:00 pm Mass. It will be  
celebrated at St. Patrick's  
Church (2263 Brunswick  
Street). Don't forget to wear  
green in honor of the day!

*Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona duit!* (Happy St. Patrick's Day!)

### **ST. FRANCIS AND ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH**

#### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**



**PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY** – Sat/Sun, April 1st & 2nd  
Regular Mass Schedule at each Church location

#### **CHRISM MASS** - Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

12:00 noon Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica  
(12:00 noon Mass at St. Catherine's is cancelled.)

Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – regular 9:00 am weekday  
Mass at St. Theresa's Church

#### **HOLY THURSDAY** - Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm – St. Catherine of Siena Church  
(followed by one hour of Adoration)

#### **GOOD FRIDAY** - Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

3:00 pm – St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church  
& St. Theresa's Church

#### **GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS** – Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm - St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church

#### **EASTER VIGIL** - Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

8:00 pm – St. Patrick's Church

#### **EASTER SUNDAY** - Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

Regular Sunday morning Mass Schedule at each  
Church location; NO 7:00 pm Mass at St. Catherine's.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**



The Parish offers two opportunities on the Fridays of  
Lent (except Good Friday) for praying the Stations of  
the Cross. Parishioners are invited to attend:

- St. Theresa's Church at 3:00 pm. These Stations  
will be broadcast weekly on the [Parish YouTube  
Channel](#).
- St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church at 7:00 pm.

### **DONATIONS FOR EASTER FLOWERS**



We are accepting donations for  
the purchase of Easter flowers. If  
you wish to make a donation or a  
donation in memory of a loved  
one, please mark your name,  
contact information and envelope  
number on a plain, white envelope and place it in the  
regular collection. We will be pleased to acknowledge  
these remembrances.

### **MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**



We are pleased to announce  
that a Men's Prayer Breakfast  
will take place at St. Mother  
Teresa of Kolkata Church,  
6032 Normandy Drive on  
Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Mass will begin at 9:30 am followed by breakfast and  
fellowship. This is a great opportunity to meet and  
connect with men in our parish over a meal and  
discuss issues of faith we face in today's world.

Register at [events@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca](mailto:events@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca). As well, there will be an opportunity to sign-up following Sunday Masses in the coming weeks.

### FRANCISCANS OF HALIFAX NEWS

Brother Nathanael occasionally keeps us up to date on his ice hockey skills! However, did you know that the Franciscan Sisters are giving him stiff competition!!!

If you haven't already met Sr. Rose, she is now known as the 'speed-skating Franciscan Novice' and her skills have gone viral! She skated and played hockey at university before she joined the order. The eight second video of her skating on the Oval already has over 250,000 hits! As Sr. Teresa stated on her twitter feed, "Things my novice does: I've lost all control."



Here is a link to the article and video:

<https://aleteia.org/2023/03/01/speed-skating-franciscan-novice-goes-viral/>

Go, Sr. Rose!!!

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



This Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate a Children's Liturgy during the 11:00 am Mass.

Next Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, another "Gathering" for students from grade primary to six will take place from 10:15 – 10:45 am in St. Catherine's Church Hall.

For more information on the elementary program, please contact Donna Noddin at [donna.noddin@gmail.com](mailto:donna.noddin@gmail.com).



On March 1<sup>st</sup>, the Youth Group visited St. Catherine of Siena Church while the Parish Mission was being held at St. Theresa's. We were so glad to welcome them!

Excitement is building for the Celebration of Confirmation on May 28<sup>th</sup>!

Also, the Parish will be organizing a group of 20 Youth to attend Steubenville Atlantic from July 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> at Dalhousie University.

Registration is now open for students who will be completing grade eight to grade twelve. The theme this year is 'REFUGE' (Matthew 11:28). The cost is \$200 but the group will be fundraising together to cover it! This list of interested youth is needed by March 30<sup>th</sup>. Please email Anne Yurchesyn at [anne.yurchesyn@dal.ca](mailto:anne.yurchesyn@dal.ca) for more information.



### EASTER WEEKEND FUNDRAISER AT ST. THERESA'S

*It's Back!*

## EASTER WEEKEND FUNDRAISER

In support of  
St. Theresa's My Extra Help 2023 Campaign and  
In Loving Memory of Bill Quinn who organized so many of our parish's social events.

**Make your Purchase go TWICE as far:** Your purchase will be DOUBLED in value as a Parishioner has offered to match, dollar for dollar, all funds raised.

Order **Electronically** by clicking anywhere on this ad. **OR**  
On **Paper** by picking up an order form at the doors of St. Theresa's Church and returning it through the mail slot at the Parish Office or in the collection basket at Mass on the next 3 week-ends.

**ALL ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY NOON ON SUNDAY, APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup>**



### PICK-UP ON GOOD FRIDAY

All items will be pre-packaged and ready for pick up on  
**Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**  
in **St. Theresa's Church Hall**  
6351 North St. (Please use the parking lot door off Seaford Street)

### PAYMENT

**By Cash or Cheque at time of Pick-Up.**

Please have exact change as making change will not be possible.

**WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

We sincerely thank our Bakers, Cooks, Organizing Team, Packers, and Purchasers for your participation in this fundraiser to help "Keep St. Theresa's Strong!"

### 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!

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### DIOCESAN NEWS:

#### **DIOCESAN COLLECTION: FORMED IN FAITH**

The generosity of donors across the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth helps to ensure that the pastoral work needed to help the vulnerable, pass on the faith, and support missionary disciples is accomplished. Thank you to all who have contributed to diocesan collections in the past.

In 2023, the first of three diocesan collections will take place. As in previous years, this will be a direct mailout to donors across the Archdiocese. The theme and focus of the collection:

Formed in Faith. Your donation to this collection will be used to support diocesan and parish initiatives that help us pass on

the faith to all the baptized. Return your Donor Card to the Archdiocese by mail or drop it in the collection basket at your parish. Donate online at [www.halifaxyarmouth.org/donate](http://www.halifaxyarmouth.org/donate).



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## **St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish 2022 Financial Report**

Issued: March 2023

The on-going COVID pandemic continued to affect parish finances. Although the pandemic affects have diminished, they continue to be a drain on attendance and contributions. In this report, we will highlight impacts on revenue and expenses.

Our main revenue is Sunday Collections. Whether they arrive through pre-authorized payments, e-transfers, envelopes, or loose collections, this allows our church to provide community ministry. Sunday collections were up slightly overall (+3.4%), though down in most churches.

Our 2022 budget was limited to meet basic needs. Every effort was taken to ensure minimum expenses. Despite this, unexpected increases in insurance and heating drove expenses higher. Both higher rates for fuel and more days operating and heating our churches affected our heating costs. Keeping our churches heated properly has been challenging.

With those increased costs and modest revenue gain, the parish saw an operating deficit of \$134,083. That large deficit was offset with extraordinary revenue, some of one time and some continuing into future years.

With limited gathering options, Parish fundraising projects and hall rental opportunities have been minimal. A notable exception has been the revenue generated from the ongoing rental of St. Mother

Teresa of Kolkata rectory for use as a Jesuit Residence and St. Theresa's rectory as the Franciscan Sisters' Residence.

A one-time revenue source was the \$118,000 sale of a piece of land in front of St. Catherine of Siena Church which was expropriated for a city bus lane.

With the increased rental revenue and sale of land, the parish recognized a surplus of \$155,012, which will be put toward future parish ministry and building projects.

St Francis and St Clare of Assisi Parish					
YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT 2022					
		2022		2021	
<b>Sunday Collections</b>			\$573,756		\$554,908
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>					
Salaries & Benefits	\$	166,063		\$	168,296
Church Expenses	\$	303,482			237,375
Hall Expenses	\$	5,058			4,892
Residence Expenses	\$	81,529			58,645
Community, Formation & Mission	\$	60,208			62,004
Diocesan Assessment	\$	91,499			93,110
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>			\$707,839		\$624,322
<b>Operating Surplus/Deficit</b>			<b>-\$134,083</b>		<b>-\$69,414</b>
<b>Extraordinary Revenue</b>					
Capital Projects	\$	4,200		\$	7,271
COVID-19 Wage Subsidy		0			16,686
Gain on Sale		118,265			0
Insurance Proceeds		2,455			0
Interest on Deposits with Diocese		36,930			27,905
Rental Income		75,410			47,618
Donations, Fundraising and Other		77,088			80,286
<b>Total Extraordinary Revenue</b>			\$314,348		\$179,766
<b>Extraordinary Expenditures:</b>					
Capital Projects - Church	\$	9,333		\$	14,112
Capital Projects - Residence		15,920			1,296
<b>Total Extraordinary Expenditures</b>			\$25,253		\$15,408
<b>Extraordinary Surplus/Deficit</b>			<b>\$289,095</b>		<b>\$164,358</b>
<b>Total Surplus/Deficit</b>			<b>\$155,012</b>		<b>\$94,944</b>
<b>Bank balance as at December 31st</b>			<b>\$330,370</b>		<b>\$285,218</b>
<b>Undesignated Funds on deposit at the Diocese</b>			<b>\$1,293,439</b>		<b>\$1,179,478</b>

### **Some notable statistics for the year 2022**

Total Operating Expenses +13%. The largest dollar increase is in Church Expenses which is up 28% mainly due to insurance and heating costs. Insurance now accounts for more than 1/3 of the total church expenses, and insurance and heating together account for 2/3 of the total church expenses. Residence Expenses also rose 39% mainly due to heating and insurance costs.

Total Operating Deficit +93%

Total Extraordinary Revenue +75%. The biggest reason for the increase is a Gain on Sale of \$118,265, which is the expropriation of land at St. Catherine of Siena Church. Interest on Deposit is up by 32% due to an increase in interest rate and more money on deposit. Rental Income was up 58% for a full year of rent from the Jesuits at St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata rectory and a partial year of rent for the Franciscan Sisters at St. Theresa's rectory.

The Bank Balance has increased by 16%. Further funds will be placed on deposit with the diocese in 2023 to earn additional interest.

The Undesignated Funds on Deposit with the Diocese increased by 10%. This is due mainly to the expropriation money at St. Catherine of Siena Church from the HRM. Interest on deposit is paid at 3%.

Increases in Designated Funds included a significant bequest to support the organ at St. Patrick's Church. Designated Funds are funds that are held and used for a specific purpose usually proposed by the donor.

### **Looking Forward to 2023**

The challenge going forward will be to achieve an effective pastoral, operational and capital plan that we can pay for and accomplish. We need to be prepared to put more funds into our programs and buildings to be able to continue our work into the future. It will not be easy, but we are confident that with your continued participation and support we can realize both our operation and mission objectives.

We have recently hired an Operations Manager and begun more detailed and regular talks about coming together as a parish. As we continue our collective journey to define our parish identity, we extend to our parishioners our sincerest appreciation for your unfailing commitment to our parish.

We plan to send 20 youth to Steubenville this summer and we will have Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) in our parish for a month. Our parish has initiated building reviews and energy audits in each of our buildings to understand our future needs. A parish goal is to be a good steward of the earth, God's creation.

We are privileged to be able to provide livestream of Sunday Mass and some parish events for our parishioners who are unable to attend in person.

Any parishioner who would like a box of Sunday envelopes can simply drop a note in the collection basket and they will be issued by the Parish Office. You will receive a charitable income tax receipt that should entitle you to tax savings. These tax savings will offset the cost of your donation.

We also encourage you to consider making your donations through the Pre-Authorized Debit Program. If you have automatic debits taken from your bank account to pay your bills, then you already understand the principle. Using the PAD program for your offering allows you to give intentionally, proportionally, and faithfully to the church, even when you are not able to attend mass in person.

Church specific financial reports will follow next week.

Please feel free to approach any of your financial representatives should you have questions or suggestions.

Submitted by:

Fr. Nathanael DesRoches, FoH

Peter Browne, Cathy Harris, George McCormack, Dan O'Connor, Ruth Bartholomeusz

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**PARISH LIVESTREAM MASS LINK:**

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

**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<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7:00 pm – Exposition/Adoration/Confession– St. Mother Teresa's Church

Thursday – Franciscans of Halifax hold Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration & 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>