

ST. FRANCIS AND ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH AT ST. CATHERINE'S

Home of the Franciscans of Halifax

March 13, 2022



Don't forget to move your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday – or you might be late for church on Sunday morning!

Pre-Registration is still required to attend Sunday Mass at St. Catherine's Church.

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH – MARCH 13, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 13, 2022

We are at full capacity for both Masses on March 13th,
with physical distancing guidelines in place.



Mass will be livestreamed on the Parish Youtube Channel at
4:30 pm Saturday and 9:30 am Sunday.

These recorded Masses will also be available at any time.

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

OTHER ONLINE MASS LINKS:

St. Mary's Basilica Cathedral – <https://livestream.com/halifaxyarmouth/cathedral>

Salt & Light – <https://saltandlighttv.org/mass/>

TELEVISED MASSES:

Vision TV – Channel 458 with Bell; Channel 660 with Eastlink - Sunday at 9:00 am; Monday to Friday at 9:00 am & 1:00 pm; Saturday at 9:00 am & 10:30 am

Mass for Shut-Ins – Sunday at 11:30 am on CTV television.

FEAST OF ST. PATRICK – MARCH 17TH – 5:15 PM MASS



On Thursday, March 17th, all are welcome to come to St. Patrick's Church (2263 Brunswick Street) and attend the 5:15 pm Mass on the Feast Day of St. Patrick. No pre-registration is required to attend. As we are still in Phase 2 of the province's re-opening plan, masks and social distancing are required. Parking is permitted onsite and at St. George's Church, who have graciously made their parking lot available for this special occasion. On-street parking available according to city signage.

St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain and he was reunited with his family.

A vision prompted Patrick to study for the priesthood. Later, he was ordained a Bishop and was sent to take the Gospel to Ireland. He is credited with converting the Irish to Christianity.

By the time of his death on March 17, 461, he had established monasteries, churches, and schools throughout Ireland. Many legends grew up around him. For example, that he drove the snakes out of Ireland, and used the shamrock to explain the Trinity.

Besides being the Patron Saint of Saint Patrick's Church in the Parish of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi, he is most well known as the Patron Saint of Ireland. He is also the Patron Saint of engineers because of the many churches he built, those afraid of snakes/for protection against snake bites, and Nigeria.

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH – MARCH 19TH – 9:00 AM MASS



The highest feast in honour of St. Joseph is celebrated annually on March 19th. It has been celebrated since the 10th century in several western countries, with the feast day becoming the official practice of the Church in the 1500s.

Of St. Joseph, Pope Francis has stated that: "Each of us can discover in Joseph -- the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence -- an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble". "St. Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

There is very little about the life of Joseph in Scripture. We hear about him when he was visited by the Angel telling him that his child would be the Son of God, at the birth of Jesus, as he led his family to safety from Herod, and is last mentioned in the Gospels when he and Mary frantically searched for the

lost young Jesus in the Temple. Since Joseph does not appear in Jesus' public life, at his death, or resurrection, many historians believe Joseph had probably died before Jesus entered public ministry. We also know that he came from the royal lineage of King David.

Joseph is the Patron Saint of the Universal Church, families, fathers, expectant mothers, travelers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers and working people, among others. He was chosen as the Patron Saint of Canada by the first Recollect Franciscan missionaries in 1624.

The Parish Mass celebrating the Solemnity of St. Joseph will take place at the 9:00 am Mass at St. Catherine's Church on Saturday, March 19th. As we remain in Phase 2 of the province's re-opening plan, masks and social distancing are required. Seating is limited. There will be no pre-registration for this Mass. People will be seated on a first-come, first-serve basis. The Mass will also be livestreamed on the Parish Youtube Channel:

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

PARISH MISSION – SAVE THE DATE!!!



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**SAVE THE DATE,
APRIL 4TH to 7TH,
FOR OUR UPCOMING
PARISH LENTEN MISSION**

CHALICE CANADA LAUNCHES FUND FOR FAMILIES IN UKRAINE



Chalice Canada, a Catholic Nova Scotia-based, development and aid charity, has launched a disaster fund for the communities it serves in Ukraine. All donations are being matched by a generous private donor until they reach \$250,000.

Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine has devastated families across the country, and those at our Lviv, Ternopil and Pochaiv sponsor sites are suffering. The prices of food are skyrocketing, and the families and local staff we work with are struggling to cover even their most basic needs.

That's why Chalice Canada has launched the Ukraine Regional Assistance Fund. The fund will support the three communities in the west of the country where Chalice supports children experiencing poverty. Chalice will not use any of the money for its administrative costs.

Chalice has worked in Ukraine since 1998 and supports 4,572 children through sponsorship. Money will be transferred into the Chalice family funding bank accounts. Family funding is Chalice's model of giving families their own bank accounts where sponsorship funds are deposited.

“At Chalice, we like to think of ourselves as second responders, there to help individual families meet their needs in regular times and times of crisis,” says Randy Spaulding, Chalice’s International Operations Manager for Ukraine. “The Regional Assistance Fund will help families when they need it most.”

For more information, please visit:

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registrator/DonationPage.aspx?eventid=374356&langpref=en-CA&Referrer=https%3a%2f%2fchalice.ca%2f>

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

O Lord our God, look down with mercy on the Ukrainian people. Protect and save them from the unjust aggressors who seek to subdue them. Grant them steadfast trust in your mercy and protection.

O Mother of God, who gave us your miraculous icon at Zarvanytsia, intercede for the Ukrainian people, who run to the shelter of your mercy in their time of need.

O Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Grant peace and protection to the people of Ukraine. Give them strength and courage to defend what is good, right, and holy. Keep them safe from harm and provide for all their needs, both temporal and spiritual.

Hear our prayers, O Lord, and deliver us from distress, for You are merciful and compassionate and love mankind. To You we give glory: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.

ATTENDING SUNDAY MASS



Phase 2 of our provinces reopening plan still requires physical distancing. Therefore, the easing of restrictions will not have any positive effect on the numbers able to attend Mass at St. Catherine’s due to the size of our Church so, the sharing of the seats available to us will continue up to and including March 20th.

If you would like to attend Sunday Mass, please call the Parish Office on Wednesday between 9:00 am and 11:30 am to pre-register for Sunday Mass (11:00 am & 7:00 pm).
Phone: 902-454-8221 (Ext. 221)

Confirmations will be sent out by end of day Thursday, each week, to those who will be registered to attend that following Sunday.

You can only attend those Masses that have been confirmed by email or phone.

REMEMBER, AT THIS TIME, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO SIMPLY WALK-UP TO THE CHURCH DOOR AND ATTEND MASS.

TAX TIME



The Canada Revenue Agency provides Canadians with a network of CVITP tax volunteers in communities throughout Canada. Volunteers help other members of their community honor their tax obligations and receive their tax credits. Individuals donate their time to provide this free service to people with a low-income threshold, such as: seniors and pensioners; students; wage earners; people with disabilities and social benefit recipients; newcomers to Canada; people who are not fluent in either official language; and people filing to claim refunds, benefits and credits.

We have two tax volunteers with the CVITP who are offering this free tax service to those within our community. If you would like to have your taxes done by Ellen O'Reilly (902-454-0958) or Marg McMillan (902-454-0553), please give them a call to set up an appointment.

PARISH SCHEDULE OF MASSES/ADORATION/CONFESSIONS

ST. FRANCIS AND ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH

SUNDAY MASSES:

St. Catherine of Siena: Sunday at 11:00 am & 7:00 pm
St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata: Saturday at 4:00 pm, Sunday at 11:15 am
St. Patrick's: Sunday at 9:30 am
St. Theresa's: Saturday at 4:30 pm, Sunday at 9:30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday – 12:00 noon, St. Catherine of Siena Church
Wednesday – 9:00 am, St. Theresa's Church
Thursday – 5:15 pm, St. Patrick's Church
Friday – 9:00 am, St. Mother Teresa's Church

FRANCISCAN OF HALIFAX MASSES CELEBRATED AT ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH:

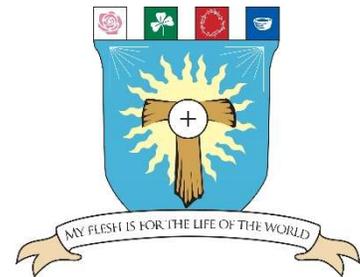
Tuesday to Friday – 7:00 to 7:45 am Mass
Saturday – 9:00 am Mass - Morning Prayer will take place at 8:30 am, and Confessions will be heard after Mass.

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 each month, 7:00 pm - Exposition, Adoration and Confession – St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata 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/UC9L3qfstB9xYyv2ZMOqc0g/videos>



STEWARDSHIP



During this time of Covid, 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

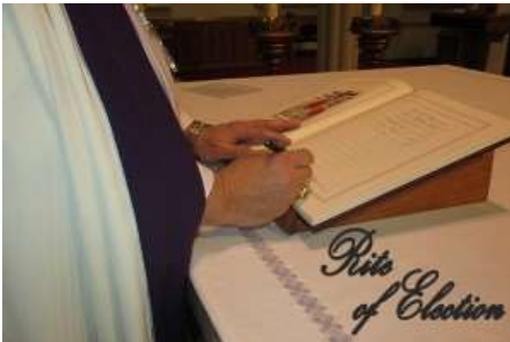
Steubenville Atlantic 2022

As our province moves towards reopening, we are excited to officially announce we are going ahead with Steubenville Atlantic 2022!



Steubenville Atlantic is our annual high school youth conference. This year's conference (our first since our 2019 conference) will be held from July 8th – 10th at Dalhousie University in Halifax. Stay tuned for more details about registration.

Rite of Election



Congratulations to all who attended the Rite of Election this past weekend with Archbishop Dunn at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica. Together with their sponsors and godparents, nine catechumens who will be baptized this Easter Vigil were welcomed to the Church by Archbishop Dunn and took part in this liturgical rite which formally welcomes them to the Catholic faith as they look forward to receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

We also congratulate the twenty-one candidates who took part in the Rite of Calling to Lenten Renewal, who will be joining the Catholic Church this Easter from other Christian traditions. The Rite of Election was an afternoon of hope, joy, and anticipation for Easter. Please pray for all of the catechumens and candidates in our Diocese as they prepare for their sacraments.

Employment Opportunities



The pandemic has left many looking for work. Maybe you or someone you know has some great skills and gifts that could help renew our local Church. There are job postings on our Human Resources page. You may just find the exact job you – or someone you know – is looking for!

Check out www.halifaxymouth.org and click on Employment Opportunities under Administrative Services.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if you were already there,
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen