



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

*Home of the Franciscans of Halifax*

March 20, 2022

### Reopening plan

NOVA SCOTIA

On Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, Nova Scotia will enter Phase 3 of our provincial re-opening plan. Protocols remain in place for this Sunday's celebration of Mass (March 20<sup>th</sup>).

**STARTING NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 27<sup>th</sup>, PARISHIONERS WILL NO LONGER  
NEED TO BE REGISTERED TO ATTEND MASS.  
OUR DOORS WILL BE WIDE OPEN TO WELCOME YOU!**

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH – MARCH 20, 2022

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 20, 2022



**We are at full capacity for the 11:00 am Mass, but have a few seats left at the 7:00 pm Mass this Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.



With great sadness, we share with you the news that Marie 'Hilda' Fougere has died. Please remember Hilda, her family and friends in your daily prayers and during this Sunday's Mass.

On Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, we learned of the passing of Fr. Livio Poloniato in Italy. Fr. Livio was a friend of Fr. Roberto Donato and the Franciscans of Halifax and had recently spent a few years in our Archdiocese living in the Franciscan Convent in Musquodoboit. May he rest in peace.



#### 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.

**PARISH MISSION – SAVE THE DATE!!!**



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

**SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH – MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup> – 9:00 AM MASS**



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 19<sup>th</sup>. 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>

## THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD - MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup> – 9:00 AM MASS



The **Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord**, one of the principal feasts of the Church, is celebrated on March 25<sup>th</sup>, nine months before Christmas. The word **Annunciation** means the announcement of something. The Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord celebrates the visit of the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary, during which he announced that God had chosen her to be the mother of His only Son.

*“Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son and you shall call his name Jesus.”*

The feast announces the **Incarnation** of Christ. The word Incarnation means 'to take on flesh'. It is the central Catholic doctrine that God became flesh, that God assumed a human nature and became a man in the form of Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the second person of the Trinity, for the salvation of all mankind. For all Christians, the Incarnation shows that Jesus was fully God and fully human. It is an essential part of our belief in the Trinity, and in many ways, it forms the basis of Christianity.

The Parish Mass celebrating the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord will take place at the 9:00 am Mass at St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church (6032 Normandy Drive) on Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



This Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, students will receive an emailed lesson from their Catechists!

## PRAY 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.**

## 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> 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/UC9L3qlfstB9xXyv2ZMQqc0g/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

### Special Stations of the Cross: With Gregorian Chant & English Hymns



The Holy Heart Schola Cantorum of Halifax will lead the Stations of the Cross, supplemented with Gregorian chant and English hymns, on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> and Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica. On March 18<sup>th</sup>, the readings will be taken from Pope Benedict XVI's 2005 Way of the Cross at the Colosseum in Rome, and on April 1<sup>st</sup>, they will be taken from reflections on the Stations by John Henry Cardinal Newman. All are welcome to attend!

## NET Recruitment Retreat



Are you a Catholic young adult between the ages of 18-30 who is passionate about your faith and would like to receive faith formation and youth ministry training? Are you interested in an opportunity to share your faith alongside other young adults and help transform the lives of youth in Canada? If you answered yes to these questions, this retreat is for you! Join us for a 1-day retreat experience to discover more about your missionary calling and what being a missionary with NET Canada is like! To register, visit <https://dsa.netcanada.ca/>

## 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