

St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish



Parish Administrator:
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Pastoral Support:
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Rev. Mr. Paul Carnell
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One Parish Community at these locations:

St. Catherine of Siena Church
6476 Bayers Road
www.saintcatherineofsiena.ca

St. Mother of Teresa of Kolkata Church
6032 Normandy Drive
www.motherteresaparish.com

St. Patrick's Church
2263 Brunswick Street
www.saintpatrickschurch.ca

St. Theresa's Church
6351 North Street
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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 26, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, March 28th – Charles Thomas Berryman

Saturday, April 1st – Charlotte Landry

THIS SUNDAY – MARCH 26TH, AT 2:00 PM



The day has arrived for our Town Hall Meeting! It will take place this Sunday afternoon, March 26th, at 2:00 pm at St. Mother Teresa's Church

Hall (6032 Normandy Drive).

The focus of this Town Hall is pastoral action by our united Parish. A second Town Hall will be held in the future on our finances and on the engineering reports

of our four buildings and will be scheduled once the engineering reports have been received. 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."

The Town Hall's Agenda will include:

- Welcome and Opening Prayer
- Introduction of our Vision for St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish

- Our Leadership Teams, Operations Manager & Office Staff
- Parish Initiatives
- Feedback from Archbishop on his Pastoral Visit
- Small Group Sharing and Discussion
- Closing Prayer

A **SPECIAL INVITATION** is extended to all of those parishioners who have been involved previously or are presently involved in committees or organizations at the local church level or Parish level. We would welcome your experience and input.

See you all on Sunday afternoon!

ONE PARISH BULLETIN!!!



This is the last weekend for our local church bulletins as the new Parish bulletin will be published for the weekend of April 1st & 2nd. The new Parish bulletin will be available both electronically and in print.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT



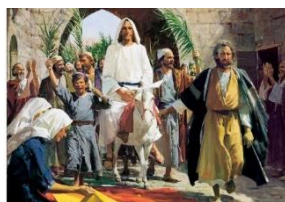
The St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish is pleased to announce the consolidation of offices into a single Parish office with immediate effect. This consolidation will result in operations being run more smoothly and allows for staff to work as a team. We acknowledge that the parishioners will have to get used to this and have the following transition process in place.

One of our staff members will visit St. Mother Teresa's office every Tuesday and Thursday morning and St. Patrick's office every Wednesday and Friday. The purpose of the visit will be to take care of any local matters.

The single Parish office is located at 6351 North Street, Halifax, NS B3L 1P7 and may be reached at 902-454-8221.

We thank you for your understanding and co-operation with this long-standing directive from the Archbishop over three years ago.

PALM SUNDAY STREET PROCESSION



The faith communities of St. Patrick's Church, New Horizons Baptist Church, St. George's Anglican Church and Brunswick Street United Church will join together next Sunday, April 2nd, for their annual 'Palm Sunday Street Procession'. The procession begins at St. George's Anglican Church, 2222 Brunswick Street, at 9:15 am where palm will be distributed and then everyone will head outside to bless the donkey, Tabitha. The procession will then stop at St. Patrick's Church, then along Brunswick Street to the Little Dutch Church, then to New Horizons and finish at Brunswick Street United (people dropping off at their various churches along the way). This is a wonderful ecumenical event for all as we mark Christ's arrival in Jerusalem. All are welcome.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION



For those looking for times for Confession within the Parish prior to the celebration of the Triduum, there are two opportunities:

Thursday, March 30th, 7:30 pm – Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration, Confession available – St. Catherine's Church.

Wednesday, April 5th, 7:00 pm – Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration, Confession available – St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church.

WASHING OF THE FEET – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The Parish will be celebrating Holy Thursday at St. Catherine of Siena Church on April 6th at 7:00 pm Mass. We would appreciate the involvement of parishioners throughout the Parish to assist us with the Washing of the Feet ceremony that takes place within the Mass. Would those parishioners willing to participate, please call the Parish Office (902-454-8221) or email office@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca. Please leave your name, phone number and email address. Thank you!

DONATIONS FOR EASTER FLOWERS



We are accepting donations for the purchase of Easter flowers at each Church location. 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 at any weekend Mass. We will be pleased to acknowledge these remembrances in the Easter Sunday Parish bulletin. Thank you!

LITURGICAL NORMS



The Diocese has issued a few reminders for the faithful regarding liturgical norms in the recitation of the Creed and the reception of Holy Communion.

During the creed, at the words (and by the Holy Spirit... and became man), the whole assembly makes a profound bow.

Holy Communion is to be received standing, though individual members of the faithful may choose to receive Communion while kneeling. When standing before the minister to receive Holy Communion, the faithful should make a simple bow of the head. When receiving Holy Communion on the tongue, they reverently join their hands; when receiving Holy Communion in the hand, they reverently open their hands placing one beneath the other, and they consume the host immediately upon receiving it. All should respond "Amen" before they receive communion.

SOLIDARITY SUNDAY



Established in 1967, Development and Peace-Caritas Canada is the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. D&P partners with organizations in the Global South that promote alternatives to unjust social, political and economic structures and

support women in their quest for equality and justice. With the help of their 11,000+ volunteer members,

they inform Canadians about the root causes of impoverishment and mobilize them to act for change. Their Lenten campaign this year, ***Stand for the Land*** focuses on people's defence of their territories in Colombia and Honduras.

The Fifth Sunday of Lent is known as Solidarity Sunday. Development and Peace invites all Canadians to give generously to their annual collection, and thanks you warmly for your generosity. (An envelope for the 'Development and Peace' campaign is provided in your box.) Donations transform the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world. Such is the difference you can make by giving to your Share Lent parish collection.

STEUBENVILLE ATLANTIC – REGISTER TODAY!



The Parish hopes to organize a group of 20 Youth to attend Steubenville Atlantic from July 7th to 9th 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 30th.** Please email Anne Yurchesyn at anne.yurchesyn@dal.ca for more information.

ST. FRANCIS AND ST. CLARE EVANGELIZATION PROJECT

MARCH 30TH @7:00 PM



You are invited to participate in our Parish Evangelization Project by signing up

at evangelization.halifax@gmail.com to receive a booklet. You can also download a copy in PDF provided in partnership by the Knights of Columbus. Join us as we share our insights on the first part of the booklet entitled: *Called to Love: John Paul II's Theology of Human Love* from the [Catholic Information Series](#). Please help us by inviting our brothers and sisters, our friends or family members who are not celebrating their Catholic faith, or anyone who desires to know more about our rich Catholic Tradition to join us in person. Light

refreshments and snacks will be served. See you there!

Where- St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church (corner of Robie Street & Normandy Drive)

When- Thursday March 30th @ 7:00 pm until 8:00 pm.
Please use the Robie Street entrance side red door.

SYCAMORE PROGRAM STARTS ON

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19TH

Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today.

It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. Each session involves a short film and time for discussion. Everyone is welcome.

This is an eight-week enquiry course with a 1-day retreat for anyone interested in exploring the Christian faith, aimed at those with little or no Christian background, or those who have lost touch with their Christian faith.



What do you believe?

JOIN US FOR THE
SYCAMORE COURSE BEGINNING
WED APRIL 19TH 2023
7:00PM – 8:30PM

Meet people, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter in this informal course that explores the Christian faith. Each Sycamore session involves a short film and time for discussion.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

SYCAMORE

REGISTER NOW !
CALL 902-454-8221 OR
EMAIL
events@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca

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 4th

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

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

HOLY THURSDAY - Thursday, April 6th

7:00 pm – St. Catherine of Siena Church (in-person and live stream) ***BRING YOUR BELLS!***

(Followed by one hour for private prayer.)

GOOD FRIDAY - Friday, April 7th

3:00 pm – St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church

3:00 pm – St. Theresa's Church (in-person and live stream)

GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS – Friday, April 7th

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

EASTER VIGIL - Saturday, April 8th

8:00 pm – St. Patrick's Church

BRING YOUR BELLS!

EASTER SUNDAY - Sunday, April 9th

Regular Sunday morning Mass Schedule at each Church location; except

NO 7:00 pm Mass at St. Catherine's Church.

(The 11:15 am Mass from St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata's Church will be in-person and live stream)

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.
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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 2nd



HOT CROSS BUNS
\$5.00
pkg. of 6



FISH CHOWDER
\$12.00
(10 oz. container plus 1 of Theresa's famous tea biscuits)



COOKIES*
*may not be exactly as illustrated
One Variety Only
Easter Egg Chocolate Chip Cookies
\$5.00
pkg of 6

PICK-UP ON GOOD FRIDAY

All items will be pre-packaged and ready for pick up on

Good Friday, April 7th

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

in St. Theresa's Church Hall

6351 North St. (Please use the parking lot door off Seaforth 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!"

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



This Sunday, March 26th, we will celebrate a Children's Liturgy during the 11:00 am Mass.

Next Sunday, April 2nd, 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.

For information on the junior high program, please contact Anne Yurchesyn at anne.yurchesyn@dal.ca.

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:

SOLIDARITY SUNDAY: MARCH 26, 2023



The 5th Sunday of Lent is designated as Solidarity Sunday in dioceses across Canada and observed in parishes across the country. An initiative of Development

and Peace Caritas Canada (D&P), this Sunday is set aside to highlight and support the humanitarian work of D&P. This is also the day that the faithful can make donations to the annual Share Lent collection. Archbishop Dunn encourages the faithful to contribute as they are able. This year's Share Lent campaign theme is: *Create Hope – Stand for the Land*. May we remember our vulnerable brothers and sisters in the developing world and find ways to help provide for their basic needs.

For more information on D&P's 2023 Share Lent campaign and the work they do go to www.devpc.org/en/campaign/stand-for-the-land

CCCB CALL OF THE CATECHIST WEBINARS



The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' office for Evangelization is hosting webinars for Catechists on March 28th, April 11th, and April 18th from 2:00 – 3:30

pm. You are able to register for each of the events individually, or all of them. These should be great sessions, and all parish leaders are welcome to attend. Please [Click This Link](#) for more information or to register.

CLASS ACTION: CLAIMS PERIOD



The Claims period of the class action suit filed against the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth runs from December 14, 2022, until December 14, 2023. Individuals who wish to make a claim to receive settlement benefits have 12 months in which they can make a formal claim. See notice below. For more information on this suit, visit www.halifaxyarmouth.org/classaction

This notice was approved by the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT IN CLASS ACTION

To all individuals who were sexually abused by a priest of the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Halifax or Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Yarmouth between April 14, 1954 and March 31, 2020 and have not previously settled or otherwise released either the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Halifax or Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Yarmouth.

The Court has approved a settlement which provides compensation to eligible class members who file a claim for sexual assault and meet the requirements of the claims process.

If you opted out of the class action, the settlement will not impact you.

If you are part of the lawsuit as a Class Member, you can submit a claim for a payment of money as compensation. The amount of money that you may receive will depend on the specifics of the claim you submit. The potential amount of money to be paid to a Class Member whose claim is accepted will likely range from \$30,000 to \$350,000.

For further information, visit <https://kmlaw.ca/cases/catholic-priest-sexual-abuse-class-action/> or call 1-833-630-1785, or email catholicabuseclassaction@kmlaw.ca.

You must submit your claim for compensation before December 14, 2023. If you do not submit your claim for compensation before December 14, 2023, you will lose your right to compensation.

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 – 1st 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>