



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

Home of the Franciscans of Halifax

March 27, 2022

REOPENING PLAN: PHASE 3

OUR DOORS WILL BE WIDE OPEN TO WELCOME YOU!

Reopening plan

As of Monday, March 21st, Nova Scotia entered Phase 3 of our provincial reopening plan. Public Health continues to remind us to follow core measures. They include getting vaccinated, staying home if you are sick, self-isolating as per current Public Health advice, and washing/sanitizing hands frequently. It also continues to encourage masking in indoor public spaces.



Based on provincial and Diocesan guidelines, here's "What to Expect" when you attend Mass!

- You no longer need to register to attend Mass.
- Parishioners are strongly encouraged to self-screen for symptoms before attending church. PLEASE, continue to stay home if you are sick.
- All doors will be open for parishioners to enter and exit where they wish.
- Masks are no longer mandatory, but it is **strongly recommended** that all parishioners continue to wear masks.
- Hand sanitizer will continue to be available throughout the church for those who wish to use it.
- As the need for social distancing is no longer mandated, we will use the full length of the pews except, a portion of the pews in each church of the Parish will be available, for a period of time, for those seeking to maintain social distancing (skipping one pew between those seated).
- The Offertory Collection will be conducted from the pews in the usual manner before the restrictions.
- There will continue to be a single line for parishioners coming forward to receive Communion.
- Communion will continue to be distributed under one species, the consecrated host. Communion on the tongue is not permitted at this time.

On behalf of all parishioners, we extend our thanks to our volunteers who spent countless hours over these last two years (off and on with closures) ensuring that all Covid protocols were in place for the safety of all who attended our liturgies. From those who were involved in registration, to those who carried out the constant cleaning/sanitizing, to our greeters and Mass Coordinators, a heartfelt THANKS!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 27, 2022



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.

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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.

MESSAGE FROM FR. PIO

My dear brothers and sisters,

I ask you to please have a look at this video I have prepared for you about the Parish Lenten Mission with Father Bill Burke on:

- April 4th at St. Theresa's - Mission Presentation – 7:00 pm
- April 5th at St. Catherine of Siena - Mission Presentation – 7:00 pm
- April 6th at St. Patrick's - Presentation and Reconciliation Service – 7:00 pm
- April 7th at St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata - Closing Mass – 7:00 pm



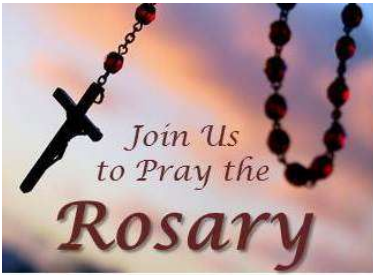
I also address our Parish Structure as well as other matters of current interest to all Parishioners.

God bless you. Peace and all good.

Fr. Pio Libby

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INVITATION TO PRAY THE ROSARY



All are welcome to join the Marian Group as they pray the Rosary for Canada on the steps of St. Catherine of Siena Church on Saturday, April 2nd, at 10:15 am.

PRAY FOR PEACE: MARCH 25, 2022



This past week, Pope Francis invited the bishops of the whole world, along with their priests, to join him in the prayer for peace and in the consecration and entrustment of Russia and of Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Friday, March 25th, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.

In solidarity with the Holy Father, Most Rev. Brian Joseph Dunn, Archbishop of Halifax-Yarmouth, celebrated Mass and prayed the consecration prayer this Friday, March 25th at 9:00 am at

Saint Ambrose Co-Cathedral in Yarmouth. Although the publication of our e-bulletin is March 25th, you can still view the livestreamed Mass on their website: <http://www.stambroseyarmouth.ca/>.

Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica was also holding the Stations of the Cross at 11:50 am today, Mass and consecration prayer with Fr. Craig Cameron, Rector of the Cathedral, followed by the recitation of the Holy Rosary.

Together, let us pray for Peace

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at-risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.



On March 27, 2022, **Our Lady of Guadalupe** will host Saint Andrew's Ukrainian Catholic Mission (Halifax-Dartmouth), an Outreach Mission of Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church in Sydney, NS for a celebration of the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom. The liturgy will be celebrated by their pastor, Fr. Roman Dusanowskyj. Proceeds from the collection will go to Chalice Ukraine sponsor sites. All are welcome!

When: Sunday, March 27th, at 4:00 pm at St. Peter's Church, 10 Maple Street, in Dartmouth.

THE CHURCH'S RELATIONSHIP WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES



From March 28th to April 1st, a delegation of Indigenous People and Canadian Bishops will make a trip to meet with Pope Francis in Rome. For more information on the delegation go to: www.cccb.ca .

As the delegation makes their journey, Indigenous communities across this land will light Sacred Fires. In Indigenous spirituality, Sacred Fires start a ceremony or sacred event. This spiritual practice is a means to make individuals feel open, grounded, and connected with people on the Earth and those who have moved on. On March 28th, as the encounter in Rome begins, in solidarity with the Indigenous Fire Keepers keeping the Sacred Fire in our region and across this land, all are invited to light a fire or a candle and to pray.

As we watch the interactions from Canada, we are mindful of the work we must do to help all learn more about the dark history of our country and our Church when it comes to the relationship with Indigenous communities. In that light, the Diocese begins this ten-part weekly series of notices.

Residential Schools: We are sorry. We apologize.

Archbishop Dunn has consistently expressed a deep desire to work towards healing and reconciliation with the Mi'kmaq in the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth. He continues to express his sorrow and to apologize for the Catholic Church's involvement in Residential Schools. In keeping with the Calls to Actions given in the Truth and Reconciliation Report, we want to provide people with an understanding of the residential school system in Canada. It is hoped that greater knowledge and sensitivity to what happened will help in the ongoing work needed towards reconciliation.

To begin, I, the Archbishop, and we, the Catholic Church in Nova Scotia, are sorry and apologize for the part we played in the national residential school system. After the discovery of the remains of 215 children on the grounds of the former Kamloops Residential School, I offered a Mass for their souls and apologized for the Church's part in a deeply flawed system that caused long lasting damage to the Indigenous people of this land. In my homily, I shared what the Church has done and said in recent times, and I reiterated my apology:

To all these apologies, on behalf of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth, I again apologize for the harm, violence and abuse caused in the operation of the residential school. I am personally committed to walking with our Mi'kmaq communities to find a process of healing and reconciliation regarding this tragic chapter of our history.

However, while these apologies deal with the actions of the past, I am most concerned with how our relationship with Indigenous People will continue to evolve. This week I have spoken with Chief Norman Sylliboy, the Grand Chief of the Mi'kmaq, and expressed my horror to him. I expressed my commitment to working with the Grand Council in addressing this issue of residential schools in this local area. As well, I understand that two searches have been done at the Shubenacadie site seeking graves of children and nothing has been found. I support these ongoing searches.

You can view the homily by visiting: <https://www.halifaxyarmouth.org/video> . For more information on the relationship between the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth and the local Mi'kmaq community go to: <https://halifaxyarmouth.org/mi-kmaq-community>

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/UC9L3qlfstB9xXyv2ZMOqc0g/videos>

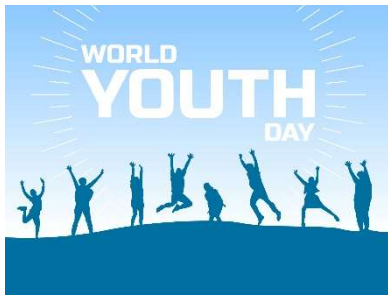


STEWARDSHIP



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!

World Youth Day: April 10, 2022



Each year, World Youth Day is recognized on Palm Sunday throughout the Church. Many are familiar with the international gatherings that happen every few years that gathers young adults with the Holy Father in a particular place in the world. This year the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth, through Holy Cross University Chaplaincy, will host a World Youth Day event on Sunday, April 10th, at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica. Join the chaplaincy team for music, fellowship, talks, and food! The festivities will close with the celebration of the 5:00 pm Mass.

Mark your calendars now!

When: April 10, 2022 (Palm Sunday)

Time: 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Where: Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica Hall

Who: Youth & Youth leaders

Coping with Climate Change: The story of Madagascar



Madagascar is among the countries most vulnerable to Climate Change. Our partner, the Development Council of Andohatapenaka (CDA), operates in a part of the country. Together, the community members rehabilitated a contaminated area into a community garden and implemented 51 climate change adaptation microprojects in the capital region. Residents of these communities, 173 locals and 14 youths, were also trained and equipped to turn their community into an ecological village. Today, each of the village's 50 households has a vegetable garden, a stove, and solar panels.

To be in solidarity with communities impacted by Climate Change, give to our Solidarity Sunday collection on the 5th Sunday of Lent (April 3rd).

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