



# ST. FRANCIS AND ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH AT ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

*Home of the Franciscans of Halifax*

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### May 1, 2022

### FEAST DAY OF ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA – APRIL 29TH

As the electronic version of our bulletin is published on Friday, we wish all parishioners a . . .



TODAY, April 29<sup>th</sup>, there will be a special Mass celebrating the Feast Day of St. Catherine of Siena at 7:00 pm in St. Catherine's Church. All are welcome.

***“Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.”***

*– St. Catherine of Siena*



Reverend Frank Carroll was our first Pastor. On a trip to Rome, Father Carroll

had celebrated Mass over the tomb or at a shrine in honour of St. Catherine of Siena. It was he who then requested permission to have our new parish named after this remarkable woman.

On Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, we remember that on this day in 1954, Archbishop Berry solemnly blessed our new church on Bayers Road. Although the Parish had been established on February 15, 1948, it took years to raise the funds to build our own church. Prior to its building, Mass was celebrated at the military barracks on the corner of Oxford Street and Bayers Road.



With great sadness, we share with you the news that Jerri Strickland has died. Please remember Jerri, her family and friends in your daily prayers and during this Sunday's Mass. May she rest in peace.

### WESTEND COMMUNITY FOOD BANK NEEDS A VOLUNTEER



The Westend Community Food Bank is a volunteer operated food bank. They are located on 3495 McAlpine Street. They are open on Thursday mornings from 8:30 am until noon and have between seventy to ninety clients who they distribute food to each week.

They are looking for a volunteer to help on Thursday mornings. They have a great group of volunteers with a variety of life experiences. They all pitch in to do whatever is needed, so a volunteer could be taking client names, handing out groceries, packing more groceries, repackaging frozen foods, etc.

If you would be interested in talking about this exciting and rewarding volunteer opportunity, please contact them at 902-469-3661 or [susan.hazelwood@icloud.com](mailto:susan.hazelwood@icloud.com).

### SILVER ROSE PRAYER SERVICE FOR LIFE

The Knights of Columbus, Halifax Council 1097, with Brother Grant, FoH, are hosting the Silver Rose Prayer Service for Life on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm at St. Theresa's Church. Please bring family and friends and your rosary! Livestream link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ukd9fThLBy8>

Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus Councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centred occasion for Knights, parishioners, and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



The rose was chosen to commemorate Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses, an important part of the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

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### **RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS - PART 6 FROM THE DIOCESE**



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 we continue our ten-part weekly series on residential schools.

Removed from their parents' home at a young age, stripped of their traditional clothing, their hair cut short, issued uniforms, and introduced into institutional life, the experience for most children was distressing at best. No wonder many survivors speak of the experience as "bereft of love". Even contact with siblings was largely discouraged.

The mode and degree of physical discipline common in schools during that period would already have seemed cruel and vindictive. Added to that, the forms of physical discipline were known to exceed the regimen of discipline exercised in non-Indigenous schools. Taunts and slurs against their Indigenous Heritage were common in too many schools. Sexual abuse from school staff, and even from some of the older children, scarred the lives and memories of a number of Residential School Survivors.

Children were stripped of their indigenous names and given Christian names. Last names were also changed according to the custom established in particular schools. In a few schools the children were called by number. Many children were taught to hate their indigenous roots and to reject their parents' teachings. The use of their own language was discouraged by a variety of sometimes severe and cruel, punishments.

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>

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### **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.

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### **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:

### OUR LADY OF THE CAPE STATUE VISITS ARCHDIOCESE



The Marian Devotional Movement is visiting various dioceses in Canada in 2022 as it spearheads pilgrim statue tours of Our Lady of the Cape to provide opportunities for Canadians to venerate Canada's National Madonna, to promote consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to promote enrollment in the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary.

The best preparation for welcoming and participating in the 'Our Lady of the Cape Pilgrim Statue Tour' is viewing the Bridge of Roses docudrama (70 min.). To view, visit: <https://www.bridgeofrosesfilm.com/>

Locally, there will be a screening of the movie "Bridge of Roses" on Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 pm at the Stella Maris Church Hall (St. Michael's Church), 6 St. Michaels Avenue.

On Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, at Stella Maris Parish, the Celebration of the Crowning of Mary will begin at 6:30 pm, followed by Mass at 7:00 pm, presided by Fr. Ben St. Croix, CC.

For more information on the Marian Devotional Movement and the Bridge of Roses, visit: [www.Canada54.com](http://www.Canada54.com) : [www.RosaryBridge.com](http://www.RosaryBridge.com)

### CLOSING OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



Our Lady of Guadeloupe Parish invite past and present parishioners of Immaculate Conception Church, on Pleasant Street in Dartmouth to join them

for the last Mass in that church. The closing Mass will take place on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am. Archbishop Dunn will join the community and preside at the Mass. Please note, this location is not wheelchair accessible.

### PARISH LIVESTREAM MASS LINK:

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

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<b>ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA</b> 6476 Bayers Road Sunday-11:00 am & 7:00 pm Weekday-Tues. 12:00 noon	<b>ST. MOTHER TERESA'S</b> 6032 Normandy Drive Sat. 4:00 pm; Sun. 11:15 am Weekday-Fri. 9:00 am	<b>ST. PATRICK'S</b> 2263 Brunswick Street Sunday-9:30 am Weekday-Thurs. 5:15 pm	<b>ST. THERESA'S</b> 6351 North Street Sat. 4:30 pm; Sun. 9:30 am Weekday-Wed. 9:00 am
<b>FRANCISCAN OF HALIFAX MASSES CELEBRATED AT ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH:</b> 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			
<b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION/CONFESSION:</b> 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 Confessions - 7:30 pm – St. Catherine's Church			
<b>YOUTUBE CHANNELS:</b> Parish - <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4QgKeNNdXQOpZaxOhNNGzg/featured">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4QgKeNNdXQOpZaxOhNNGzg/featured</a> Franciscans of Halifax - <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9L3qlfstB9xYyv2ZMOqc0q/videos">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9L3qlfstB9xYyv2ZMOqc0q/videos</a>			