



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

*Home of the Franciscans of Halifax*

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

**May 29, 2022**

### CELEBRATION OF FIRST COMMUNION

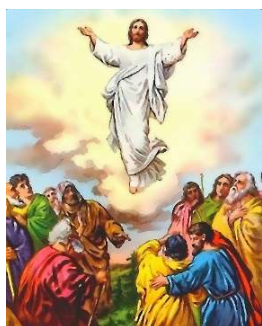


This Sunday at the 11:00 am Mass, we celebrate with Daniella D'Castro, Nora Edwards, Elijah Irish, Zamar MacDonald, Emma MacIntyre, Bea Tarulli, their family, and friends as they receive their First Holy Communion. On this day and every

day, may they continue to grow in their faith and love of the Lord, and may they always remember how much He loves them.

A reception will take place following Mass in the Church Hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend this celebration.

### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



Forty days after the resurrection, Jesus and His disciples went to Mount Olivet, near Jerusalem. There, Jesus promised His followers that they would soon receive the Holy Spirit, and He instructed them to remain in Jerusalem until the Spirit had come. Then

Jesus blessed them, and as He gave the blessing, He began to ascend into heaven. It is plain from Scripture that Jesus' ascension was a literal, bodily return to heaven. He rose from the ground gradually and visibly, observed by many intent onlookers.

The Catholic Catechism summarizes three important theological aspects of the Ascension concisely:

1. Christ's Ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain, from which He will come again.
2. Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, precedes us into the Father's glorious kingdom so that we, the members of His Body, may live in the hope of one day being with Him forever.

3. Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

### REST IN PEACE



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

### MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, May 31st, 12:00 Noon Mass – Irene Coolen

Saturday, June 4th, 9:00 am Mass – Michael Aloisi

### ST. CATHERINE'S SPIRITUAL CARE TEAM



Following COVID, the Spiritual Care Team is ready to go out into the community and bring Holy Communion again. Two Spiritual Care Ministers would bring Holy Communion to those who are ill, shut-in, or unable to attend Mass at this time.

If you are interested or have family members who would benefit, or if you know of someone who would like to receive Holy Communion on Sundays, we ask that you contact the Parish Office at 902-454-8221 and we will be in touch with you.

### BAYERS ROAD DEDICATED BUS LANES



As was noted in the 2021 Financial Report to parishioners, the widening of our section of Bayers Road (Connaught to Windsor) is postponed until 2023. We had also noted that the HRM was putting temporary bus lanes in place

across the street from the church (outbound) from Windsor to Connolly Street. This took place this past Thursday. Therefore, from 3:00-6:00 pm, Monday to Friday, the right-hand outbound lane will be for transit-only, and parking will not be permitted. Also of note, left-hand turns from Bayers onto Oxford Street will be restricted.

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## **ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA BURSARIES**



**Bursaries & Scholarships** Bursaries are awarded to parishioners of St. Catherine's Church who are entering a full year of post-secondary studies, university, trade school or community college with special consideration given to those students who are active in our worshipping community. Applications are available through the Parish Office or contact Donna at [donna.noddin@gmail.com](mailto:donna.noddin@gmail.com). The deadline for applications is **June 15<sup>th</sup>**.

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## **INVITATION TO THE INVESTITURE WITH THE PALLIUM**



This Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Ivan Jurkovič, will bestow on Archbishop Dunn the Pallium from the Holy Father at 3:00 pm at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica. All are welcome to join in this special diocesan celebration! A reception will follow for people to congratulate Archbishop Dunn and greet Archbishop Jurkovič. The mass will also be available by livestream – [www.halifaxarmouth.org](http://www.halifaxarmouth.org) and on Eastlink TV (channel 10 and 610).

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## **EMERGENCY SHELTERS UPDATE**



As spring arrives in Nova Scotia so does the deadline for our diocesan Emergency Shelters Project. Initially, the project was to end on May 31, 2022. However, the housing crisis in our province has only continued to increase rather than decrease. As a result, after further discussions with local municipalities, the Diocese will extend the stay of our current guests. They are also looking at ways that they can provide further assistance.

The Diocese have asked each Parish to keep their shelters in place until a solution is found for their current occupant. After that, the shelter can be moved, or a new guest can be welcomed. To support

this extension, the Diocese is partnering with local community groups to work with all our guests to find housing. Also, a full-time Project Coordinator to support our parish teams, connect with guests, and help interface with various aid organizations is being hired. You can find a detailed job description at [www.halifaxarmouth.org](http://www.halifaxarmouth.org). Click on Employment Opportunities under the Admin Services tab.

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## **ANNIVERSARY OF THE FINDINGS AT THE KAMLOOPS RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL**



Monday, May 23, 2022, marked the one-year anniversary of the findings on the site of the former Kamloops Residential School. In light of this, the CCCB has prepared this statement:

“It is with great sadness that Canada’s Catholic Bishops wish to recognize the one-year anniversary of the shocking reports from the site of the former Kamloops Residential School. These triggered a painful and lasting reminder of the ongoing legacy of suffering caused by Canada’s residential school system.

“Over the last year, the Catholic Church’s reconciliation efforts have been galvanized by the reports from Kamloops, and elsewhere across the country. With humility, we have sought to undertake the necessary steps to meaningfully accompany Indigenous Peoples on the long journey towards healing and reconciliation.

“In September of last year, Canada’s Catholic Bishops came together to apologize unequivocally for the role of Catholic entities in the residential school system, and for the grave abuses committed. In reaffirming our commitment to healing and reconciliation, we supported a delegation of Indigenous Peoples to the Holy See in March, where we welcomed an apology from the Holy Father, and have launched renewed fundraising efforts in support of reconciliation initiatives, as well as other initiatives on records disclosure and education.

“This journey is far from over, and Canada’s Catholic Bishops recognize we must continue to walk in solidarity with the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples of this land.

“On this somber anniversary, Canada’s Catholic Bishops wish to reiterate our deep regret and heartfelt

sadness for the Catholic Church's role in the Indian residential schools. Today, we pray for children who did not return home, and for the survivors and communities who grieve and cope with the trauma as the truth of residential schools comes to light."

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### **RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS - PART 10 FROM THE DIOCESE**



We are most sorry for the legacy that has endured long after the residential schools were closed. If it was simply a matter of the past, something that is over and

done with and is no more, there would not be reason for so much grief. But the legacy endures and is all encompassing. Families were broken up, parents were not able to share their culture, language and moral principles with their children, children were not able to be proud for who they were, and entire Peoples were denigrated and excluded from Canadian society all because of who they were. The result, over successive generations attending these same institutions, have been profound and deep. Made to feel ashamed for being indigenous, our Indigenous Brothers and Sisters are only now beginning to heal and re-discover who they are.

The closing of residential schools in the 60s and 70s has not been the end to discriminatory policies against Canada's Indigenous People. Over-representation of Indigenous Children in Adoptive and Foster Care and the restrictive measures of Canada's Indian Act are but two ways that Indigenous Peoples find themselves at odds with the way they are treated, often more as wards of the state, than as a recognized people. Much work still remains to repair the legacy of the past, to overcome systemic/deep-seated racism, to establish an equal footing, and to truly be a Treaty People – both Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Peoples alike, reconciled one to the other.

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### **RECONCILIATION FUND COLLECTION: JUNE 4TH – 5TH**



The Reconciliation Fund Collection will take place on the weekend of June 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. If you are a registered parishioner, you will receive a direct mail piece about the

Reconciliation Fund Collection. The goal of the collection is to support Mi'kmaq communities in Nova Scotia as part of the Archdiocese's ongoing response to the recommendations to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action. The Diocese asks you to prayerfully consider your contribution to this upcoming important collection.

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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:**

#### **ST. AMBROSE'S SUMMER CAMP!**



We will be holding our annual residential camp at Johnston Christian Park in Digby County again this year! It is an amazing time to grow in your faith, to swim, canoe, to do

crafts, games, challenges and to build lifelong friendships. The camp begins Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, and goes to Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. It is for ages 10 to 14 and the cost is \$200.00 before June 30<sup>th</sup>, and after June 30<sup>th</sup>, it is \$225.00. For further information, contact the Saint Ambrose Parish office:

902-742-7151 or email

[stambrose.youthministry@gmail.com](mailto:stambrose.youthministry@gmail.com)

#### **CAMP HILL HOSPITAL SEEKING AN ORGANIST**



Catholic Chaplaincy at Camp Hill requires an organist for a 10:30 am Liturgy on Sunday mornings beginning in June. It would be preferable that they be

able to select appropriate hymns and lead in the singing as well. Enquiries may be directed to Colleen Quinn at 902-473-2401.

**PARISH LIVESTREAM MASS LINK:**

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

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<b>ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH:</b> <a href="mailto:office@saintcatherineofsiena.ca">office@saintcatherineofsiena.ca</a>   <a href="http://www.saintcatherineofsiena.ca">www.saintcatherineofsiena.ca</a>			
<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/UC9L3qlfstB9xXyv2ZMOqc0q/videos">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9L3qlfstB9xXyv2ZMOqc0q/videos</a>			