

St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish



Parish Administrator:

Fr. Nathanael DesRoches, FoH

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One Parish Community at these locations:

St. Catherine of Siena Church

6476 Bayers Road
www.saintcatherinesofsienna.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

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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's - Donna Noddin
St. Mothers Teresa - Susan Sarty
St. Patrick's - TBA
St. Theresa's - Sr. Lucia

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

St. Catherine of Siena	St. Theresa's	St. Patrick's	St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata
Sunday - 11:00am & 7:00pm Tuesday - Noon	Saturday 4:30pm; Sunday 9:30am Wednesday - 9:00am	Sunday 9:30am Wednesday - 5:15pm	Saturday 4:00pm; Sunday 11:15am Friday - 9:00am

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA'S CHURCH BULLETIN

Home of the Franciscans of Halifax

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING November 20, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, November 22nd - Margo Mullan

Saturday, November 26th - Garnet Avery

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING



This Sunday, we celebrate the end of another liturgical year, as we celebrate the

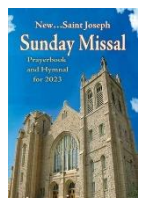
Feast of Christ the King.

Pope Pius XI established

the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ or the Feast of Christ the King in 1925 to honor Jesus Christ as King over all creation.

Throughout Scripture, Jesus Christ refers to the "kingdom" when He shared His message with those He met. As He stood before Pilate before He was put to death, Pilate said to Him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth, hears my voice."

The 2023 **St. Joseph's Sunday Missal** is available for purchase at the back table. The cost is \$5.00.





November 17, 2022

Dear faithful of Saint Francis and Saint Clare Parish,

On Wednesday I met with Fr. Nathanael and members of parish leadership to begin to formulate a plan to support you.

I wish to announce that Archbishop Martin Currie has agreed to provide pastoral support to the parish and assist Father Nathanael with the spiritual care of the people of Saint Francis and Saint Clare parish.

Additionally, I have appointed two members of my staff to work closely with your parish leadership team to continue to advance the administrative work of your parish.

Your leaders also raised some questions regarding Fr. Pio's withdrawal of faculties for pastoral ministry. Father Pio has confirmed his part in these allegations. Plans to care for all involved, including counselling, are underway. As you can understand providing significant details is impossible out of respect for the privacy of everyone involved. I also wish to restate that this matter does not involve minors.

While I understand the situation is difficult, I ask you to show kindness and respect and pray for everyone involved.

May Saints Francis and Saint Clare intercede for all of us at this time.

Sincerely in Christ,

†Brian Joseph Dunn
Archbishop of Halifax-Yarmouth

ADVENT IS COMING – ONE WEEK TO GO!!



On Sunday, November 27th, the Season begins! We invite everyone to the Church Hall following the 11:00 am and 7:00 pm Masses that day to *BRING ADVENT HOME* by making an Advent Wreath for your home. Everything you need to make the wreath will be supplied. All you will need to bring is a pair of clippers/cutters to assist in trimming the wreath.

We would like to ask for your help in providing some light snacks, muffins, sweets, etc., for us to enjoy while we make our wreaths. A sign-up sheet will be available at the back of the Church so that we can ensure we have enough food to share. Refreshments will be provided.

The circle of the Advent Wreath, with no beginning and no end, reminds us of God. The wreath is often made of branches that remind us of living things. There are four candles on the wreath. The four candles (3 purple, 1 pink)



represent the four Sundays of Advent. Each Sunday, another candle is lit. At Church, we add a fifth candle, which is white and lit at Christmas. It is called the "Christ Candle" and represents the life of Jesus Christ that has come into the world.

We look forward to this time together! Plan now to attend!

IF YOU STILL HAVE A WREATH FRAME AT HOME,
PLEASE BRING IT WITH YOU TO THIS EVENT!

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
THE CHRISTMAS PROJECT



The mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is to help those in need within our community. Each week

Vincentsians go out in twos to assist those in need with gift cards to allow them to buy food. At Christmas, through the generosity of parishioners, the Society makes a special effort to help through the Christmas Project. Gift cards are provided to those in need to buy everything needed for a Christmas meal, and gift cards are given for children 16 years and under, to allow parents to buy gifts for under the tree.

Next Sunday, the Christmas Angel Tree will be placed in the Sanctuary. On the tree will be envelopes that will allow parishioners to make a monetary donation to this project. It simply can't happen without your support! The need is greater than ever. You can put your donation in the collection basket at any Sunday Mass.

If you are not attending Mass at this time, donations could be mailed care of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish, 6351 North Street, Halifax, NS, B3L 1P7 or by electronic transfer:

<http://www.saintcatherineofsiena.ca/Re-opening.html>. No gift is too small. Please indicate your donation is for the St. Catherine's Christmas Project. Together, we can make a difference!

FAITH AND CHRISTIAN CULTURE FORMATION SERIES

AN INVITATION FROM THE FOH



We would like to invite any of you who are interested to join in our adult formation series. Each Wednesday, our community will hold a weekly ***Faith and Christian Culture formation series***, which aims to explore the sources and growth of Christian Culture, Imagination, and Identity. The formation sessions will be on a different topic each week. The series is open to all, and there is no registration. There is no fee, but free offerings are welcome to support the development of faith formation. More information on additional presenters to come.

They will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm, in the Pius X room at St. Theresa Church, and will continue until January 4th.

We hope you can join us. Peace and all Good,
FOH Communications

ST. FRANCIS AND ST. CLARE EVANGELIZATION PROJECT
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH @7:00PM



We are asking all parishioners to participate in inviting our brothers and sisters who have fallen away from celebrating their

Catholic Faith, and anyone seeking to share their Catholic faith or anyone who desires to know more about our rich Catholic Tradition. We gather to prayerfully read, listen and reflect upon the infinite beauty from the three-fold love of God presented to all participants in the New Evangelization Series. You are welcome to pick up the second booklet entitled *I Believe in You: The Question of God in the Modern World* at the entrance of our churches this weekend. The booklets are provided by the Knights of Columbus Council 1097 from the Catholic Information Series. Please sign up to receive your free copy of both booklets and join us and please invite a friend or family member.

Where- St. Mother Teresa of Kollkata Church, at the corner of Robie Street and Normandy Drive. Please use the Robie Street entrance side door.

When- Thursday, November 24th, from 7:00-8:00 pm. For any further information, contact Deacon Grant McLean at evangelization.halifax@gmail.com

The elves at St. Theresa's have been very busy getting ready for an old-fashioned, in person, **Bake Sale!**

Saturday, December 3rd
St. Theresa's Church Hall
 (Please use the Entrance off the Parking Lot)
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

A Fundraiser for St. Theresa's My Extra Help to Keep St. Theresa's Strong Campaign

Please bring your own shopping bag. We'll help you to fill it up!

Jams - Jellies - Pickles - Beets - Relishes

Thank You for supporting our church!

Cookies - Squares - Pies - Bread - Rolls - Tea Biscuits - Muffins - Cakes - Cupcakes - Candy - Fudge - Snacks etc.

St. Patrick's Christmas Fair

St. Patrick's Christmas Fair will be held in the church hall on Saturday, December 10 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. There will be a craft table, bake table, cake walk, books and prints, fish pond, 50/50 draw, tickets on draws, ring toss and bingo. Lunch will be available from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$15.00 each and \$30.00 for a family (two adults and two children). Tickets must be purchased prior to the day of the Fair. The menu is available on St. Patrick's web site.

COME JOIN IN THE FUN.

Turkey Dinner at Lunchtime

A delicious Turkey Dinner, with all the trimmings, Assorted Pies, and Beverages

Thursday, December 15, 2022
11:30 for 12:00 Noon
St. Theresa's Church Hall
 Please use the door off the Parking Lot

\$20

DOOR PRIZES

CAROLING

50/50 DRAW

Tickets for this event will be pre-sold on a first-come, first-served basis

Watch the bulletin for details!

A maximum of 100 tickets will be sold.
No tickets will be sold at the door on the day of the luncheon!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



This Sunday, November 20th, we will celebrate a Children's Liturgy during the 11:00 am Mass.

Next Sunday, November 27th, another "Gathering" for students from grade primary to six will take place from 10:15 – 10:45 am in St. Catherine's Church Hall.

Then, everyone is welcome to **BRING ADVENT HOME** by coming to the Church Hall following Mass to make an Advent Wreath.

If you have not registered your child/children as yet, please do so by contacting Donna Noddin at donna.noddin@gmail.com.

For information on the junior high program, please contact Laurie Tarulli at laureltarulli@yahoo.com.

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:

THE DIOCESANS COMMUNITY COLLECTION: NOVEMBER 19TH & 20TH



This year's Diocesan Community collection is being taken up the weekend of November 19th & 20th. Donor cards were mailed out this week to parishioners all across

the Archdiocese. The pandemic has highlighted the desire and need for community. Across the Diocese new ways to pray, worship, serve, and build relationships have been found due to your support. Let's continue to build up our communities together. Donations can be made in the following ways:

1. Complete the donor card and return it using the enclosed return envelope. Or drop the envelope in

your Sunday collection on the weekend of November 19th & 20th.

2. Donate by credit card online at www.halifaxyarmouth.org/donate Please select: Community Collection.
3. Make a monthly pledge to provide on-going support. Indicate this on your donor card or online.

Please prayerfully consider contributing to this collection. Thank you for your generosity!

STATUS OF SAINTE-MARIE CHURCH IN CHURCHPOINT



Pointe-de-l'Église
Sainte-Marie

Last week, Archbishop Dunn was advised by the local community group, Société Edifice Sainte-Marie de la Pointe, that they have been unable to raise the funds

needed to renovate and preserve Sainte Marie Church in Churchpoint, NS. The Société has worked hard for

nine years to find a way to keep the church building going and have unfortunately not been successful. Two weeks ago, they circulated a media release to this effect.

Discussions between the Société and the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth have been on-going over many years to determine how the Société might take ownership of the church building of Sainte-Marie. Most recently, they were given an extension to September 30, 2022, to raise the funds. Due to a variety of circumstances, they will not continue with their efforts.

We are saddened about how this will impact a piece of Acadian history in that region of our Diocese, but we also acknowledge the reality of the situation for all involved. The Archdiocese will work with the leadership at Paroisse Notre Dame d'Acadie, of which Sainte Marie Church is a part, to determine the best next steps.

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/UC9L3qlfstB9xYyv2ZMOqc0q/videos>