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*Saint Catherine of Siena Parish
"Home of the Franciscans of Halifax"*

*3rd Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2019*

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Daily Mass Intentions

St. Theresa's

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| Tues. Dec. 17 | 9:00am | Maria and Giuseppe Santilli † |
| Wed. Dec. 18 | 9:00am | The Sampson Family † |
| Thurs. Dec. 19 | 9:00am | All the Intentions in the Book |
| Fri. Dec. 20 | 9:00am | Russell LeBlanc † |

St. Catherine's

Sat. Dec. 21 9:00am Andrew and Frank LeBlanc †

Liturgy



MASS TIMES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
– REGULAR SUNDAY LITURGIES AT 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH - 8:00 PM
– NATIVITY PLAY/CAROL SING (7:40PM)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH - 11:00 AM
(NO 7:00 PM EVENING MASS)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH – FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY - 11:00 AM
(NO 7:00 PM EVENING MASS)

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1ST - 11:00 AM
(NO 7:00 PM EVENING MASS)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5TH - FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY
– REGULAR SUNDAY LITURGIES AT 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday–Friday 9:00am at St. Theresa's
Saturday 9:00am at St. Catherine's

Weekend Mass Times

Sunday 11:00 am
7:00pm (Rosary at 6:25pm)

Confessions at St. Catherine's

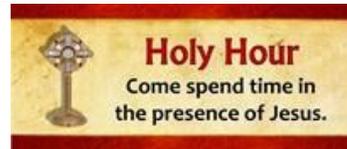
Saturday following the 9:00am Mass

Praying the Rosary (in Spanish)

Monday evenings 7:00pm
St. Catherine's Church

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday Evenings 7:00–8:00 pm
St. Catherine's Church
Monday–Friday 9:30 am–4:30 pm
St. Theresa's Chapel



Holy Hour

The Franciscans would like to invite you to join them in prayer during this Advent Season. Every Thursday evening from now till Christmas, there will be an hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with sacred music from the Franciscan Choir. It will be an hour of prayer, reflection, and song. All are welcome to join with them between 7:00-8:00 pm.



Christmas Flowers

If you wish to make a donation, or a donation in memory of a loved one, it may be placed in a plain envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" and placed in the regular collection.

Please include your envelope number or name and full mailing address. The names of our remembered loved ones will be listed in the Christmas bulletin.



Celebration of Special Wedding Anniversaries

—Last Sunday, we were privileged to extend blessings to two couples in our community who, this year, have celebrated significant Wedding Anniversaries. At the 11:00 am Mass, we witnessed the blessing of Ellery & Anita Oickle who celebrated 40 years of marriage. At the 7:00 pm Mass, we witnessed the blessing of John & Carmelita Walsh who celebrated 50 years of marriage. Our congratulations and best wishes for many more happy years together!!

Parish News



Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Christmas Project

Each year, your Society of St. Vincent de Paul organizes our efforts to help those less fortunate within

our community. To those parishioners who have already taken a gift tag from the **Christmas Angel Tree**, thank you! Those gifts should be returned this weekend.

Along with the gifts collected for children 16 and under, everything that is needed for a complete turkey dinner is also supplied to our needy families. Our dinner boxes include a gift card for a turkey (or meat of choice), along with carrots, potatoes, onions, peas, cookies, stuffing, gravy, apples, margarine, bread, tea, cranberries and yes, even a box of chocolates. To help support the cost of these dinners, "Turkey Tags" will remain on the Christmas Angel Tree throughout Advent. Parishioners who would like to give a monetary donation toward the cost of these dinners can take a "Turkey Tag" or can place any amount in a plain envelope (mark your name and envelope number) and place the donation in the regular collection sometime during the Advent and Christmas season.

All of our efforts will come together when we deliver the food and gifts to our brothers and sisters within our community. Delivery will take place next Sunday, December 22nd, following the 11:00 am Mass from the Church Hall. If you are able, please come down following Mass, grab a bite to eat, and lend a hand! Many hands, strong arms and many vehicles make light work. From all who carry out this work, and from the families who will receive it, many thanks!



DON'T FORGET TO RETURN YOUR WREATH RING

– Just a reminder that when your Advent Wreath loses its last needle or the Advent Season ends, whichever comes first, you are asked to bring back the metal ring and we will store it for you until next year. THANKS!

Religious Education



We look forward to seeing families over the Christmas season. Our program will resume on January 5th with a "Gathering" from 10:15—10:45 am in the Church Hall.

St. Francis and St. Clare Parish



2020 Calendars of the soon-to-be established Parish of the St. Frances and St. Clare of Assisi are now available for the cost of \$10.

This has been a combined effort of the four communities with the calendar containing pictures of the four churches.

A big thank you to the students of NSCC who designed and copied the calendars as part of their class project, and to Adora Fernando, a student at Citadel High and a parishioner of St. Theresa's, who came to the four churches and took the beautiful photographs.

Stewardship



Grounded in Faith
Growing to Serve

2019 Contributions – Parishioners are reminded that if you wish to have your December donations included in the year 2019 for income tax purposes, they must be received by December 31st.

Cheques are to be dated no later than December 31, 2019. Any donations received January 1st onward, regardless of the date on the cheque, will be credited to 2020. If you have moved, or your civic address has changed, please notify the parish office so that our data can be updated in preparation for the 2019 income tax receipts.

2020 Sunday Envelopes are now available at the back of the Church for those who are currently envelope contributors. If you would like to request a box, please fill out one of the yellow registration forms available on the back table.

Those who contribute by cheque in their weekly envelopes should note that starting on January 1st, 2020, cheques should be made payable to **St. Frances and St. Clare of Assisi Parish**. The check box on the new envelope will allow you to indicate the intention of your donation coming to St. Catherine of Siena.

Diocesan News

Messe en français - La communauté catholique francophone de la métropole de Halifax-Dartmouth est heureuse de vous annoncer son nouveau lieu de culte au sein de la paroisse Christ the King situé à l'église Saint Thomas More au 15 rue Caledonia Road à Dartmouth. Notre messe du dimanche a lieu à 11 heures chaque dimanche La messe de la nuit de Noël du 24 décembre aura lieu à 22h30 heures, avec les chants traditionnels qui débiteront à 10heures. Il n'y a pas de messe française le jour de Noël 25 décembre. La messe du mercredi 1ier janvier, fête de Sainte Marie, Mère de Dieu aura lieu également à 11heures

Steubenville Atlantic 2020 - Big news about Steubenville Atlantic 2020! Our venue is changing this year for Steubenville Atlantic, our annual high school youth conference. We will still be at Dalhousie University in Halifax, but this summer we're moving to the Dalhousie Student Union Building (SUB), in the McInnes Room. This year's conference is July 3rd-5th, 2020, and registration opens January 15th, 2020. Talk to your Pastor or parish group leader, or contact Elizabeth Craig at (902) 429-9800, ext 311, or ecraig@halifaxyarmouth.org.

Women's Weekend of Grace - The early bird registration deadline for the 14th Weekend of Grace for Women is December 31, 2019. The conference returns to the Lord Nelson Hotel, Halifax, from April 24th – 26th, 2020. For more information and to download a registration form, please visit www.weekendofgrace.com.