



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

*3rd Sunday of Advent
December 16, 2018*

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Wednesdays 9:00am-5:00pm

Daily Mass Intentions

St. Theresa's

Tues. Dec. 18 9:00am Gerry Upcott †
Wed. Dec. 19 9:00am Russell LeBlanc †
Thurs. Dec. 20 9:00am All the intentions in the book
Fri. Dec. 21 9:00am Andrew and Frank LeBlanc †

St. Catherine's

Sat. Dec. 22 9:00am Bride and James Timms †

Liturgy



MASS TIMES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23RD - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
REGULAR SUNDAY LITURGIES AT 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS – MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH - 6:00PM

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30TH – FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
REGULAR SUNDAY LITURGIES AT 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS – MONDAY, DECEMBER 31ST – 6:00PM

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6TH - FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY
– REGULAR SUNDAY LITURGIES AT 11:00 AM & 7:00PM

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday–Friday 9:30 am–4:30 pm
in St. Theresa's Chapel



Holy Hours - The Franciscan Choir, under the direction of Sr. Ilaria, have hosted Holy Hours on the Tuesdays of Advent. The last one will be this Tuesday, December 18th, at 7:00 pm in

the Church. The Holy Hour will include some times of silence and times of music led by the Franciscan Choir. All are welcome.



It's Movie Night this Friday! Now that Fr. Paul's Advent Reflection is complete, everyone is invited to the Church Hall on Friday, December 21st, at 7:00 pm to view the movie. And, yes, popcorn will be served! All are welcome



Book of Special Intentions – Every Thursday at the 9:00 am weekday Mass at St. Theresa's, the Mass is offered for "All the intentions in the book". Books are available at both St. Catherine's and St. Theresa's for parishioners to write their special prayer intentions. As many of our parishioners may be unable to attend weekday Mass at St. Theresa's, our Book of Special Intentions is brought up in the Offertory Procession and placed on the Altar during the Liturgy of the Eucharist at our Sunday Mass. The Sunday Mass is celebrated for the needs of the parish and this is made more visible when the book is brought up in procession. Our special book can be found at the entrance of the Church. All parishioners are encouraged to use the book requesting prayers for the living and our deceased.



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.

The **2019 St. Joseph's Sunday Missal** is available for purchase at the back table. The cost is \$3.00 each.

Religious Education



We look forward to seeing families over the Christmas season. Our program will resume on January 6th with a "Gathering" from 10:15-10:45 am in the Church Hall.

Parish News

St. Vincent de Paul's Christmas Project



**THANK YOU
FOR BEING
THE MISSING
PIECE!!!**

Following Mass today, the delivery of a full Christmas dinner and gifts from the Angel Tree will take place to those in need within our community. Thank you for sharing in the spirit of Christmas!

THANK YOU, Community Life Committee!!

Last Sunday, close to one hundred parishioners gathered in our Church Hall to enjoy some pre-Christmas cheer! The company was warm, the sweaters were festive, and the cookies divine!

Thanks to members of the Community Life Committee for organizing this event.

C.W.L. News

Saint Catherine of Siena CWL had their annual lunch on December 11/2018. After much discussion the motion was made and the vote was taken with the majority in an agreement to disband Saint Catherine of Siena CWL.

Franciscan News



Theology on Tap will not take place this Wednesday, December 19th but will return in January. If you have any questions, please contact Br. Nathanael FoH at 902-233-7827.

North End News

Homeless Memorial Service will be held at St. Patrick's Church, 2263 Brunswick St., Halifax on December 21st at 11:30 am, a luncheon reception will follow the service. Please contact Claudia Jahn (Affordable Housing Association of Nova Scotia) for more information at 902-406-1777. All are welcome to attend.

Diocesan News

Pastoral Centre Closed for Christmas - The Catholic Pastoral Centre in downtown Halifax will close at 12:00 noon on Friday, December 21st, and re-open in the new year on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. Advent Blessings to one and all as we prepare to rejoice in the birth of our Saviour!

We look forward to serving you in the New Year!

Stewardship

2018 Contributions – Parishioners are reminded that if you wish to have your December donations included in the year 2018 for income tax purposes, they must be received by December 31st. Cheques are to be dated no later than December 31, 2018. Any donations received January 1st onward, regardless of the date on the cheque, will be credited to 2019. 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 2018 income tax receipts.

Stewardship is...

*"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."
(Philippians 4:6)*

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

...EVERYTHING we think, say, and do after we say "I believe"