



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

*1st Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2019*

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On-site Office Hours:

Wednesdays 9:00am-5:00pm

Daily Mass Intentions

St. Theresa's

Tues. Dec. 3	9:00am	Maria Colaiacovo †
Wed. Dec. 4	9:00am	Mary Sampson †
Thurs. Dec. 5	9:00am	All the Intentions in the Book
Fri. Dec. 6	9:00am	1st Friday of the Month (memorial book)

St. Catherine's

Sat. Dec. 7 9:00am Bride and James Timms †



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

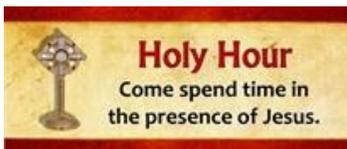
regular collection. Please include your envelope number or name and full mailing address. The names of our remembered loved ones will be listed in the Christmas bulletin.



**PLEASE JOIN US TODAY
FOLLOWING THE 11:00 AM MASS
TO MAKE AN ADVENT WREATH
FOR YOUR HOME!!**



Liturgy



A **Holy Hour** is held each Thursday evening from 7:00-8:00 pm in the Church. During Advent, the hour will include

some times of silence and times of music led by the Franciscan Choir, under the direction of Sr. Ilaria. All are welcome.



Greetings at Christmas – The Liturgy Committee would like to send greetings to parishioners who now find themselves housebound or reside in a nursing home. If you have a family member or know of a parishioner in this

situation, please give their name and address to the Parish Office.

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

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

Parish News

St. Vincent de Paul's Christmas Project



The Christmas Angel Tree has now been placed in the Sanctuary. With information provided on the gift box ornaments, parishioners are asked to purchase a gift for that child. The gift should be returned by Sunday, December 15th.

Next week, "Turkey Tags" will appear on the Christmas Angel Tree. Parishioners who would like to give a monetary donation toward the cost of a full turkey dinner can take a "Turkey Tag" from the Tree and place their donation in the regular collection sometime during the Advent and Christmas season. Our dinner boxes include a gift card for a turkey, carrots, potatoes, onions, peas, cookies, stuffing, gravy, apples, margarine, bread, tea, cranberries and yes, even a box of chocolates. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul invites parishioners to participate in their annual project. The Christmas Project is not intended to be a burden on anyone. You are simply invited to do what you can if the spirit so moves you!

The mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is to help those in need within our community. If you are experiencing a particularly difficult financial strain this Christmas season, please call the St. Vincent de Paul phone line (902-455-6525) if you need assistance with Christmas Dinner.

Delivery day is Sunday, December 22nd, following our 11:00 am Mass. If you can lend a hand, it would be appreciated! From all who carry out this work, and from the families who will receive it, many thanks!



Christmas BINGO

NEXT SUNDAY
ST. CATHERINE'S
CHRISTMAS BINGO
will be held on Sunday,
December 8th, at 2:00

pm (doors open at 12:30 pm). Each regular game is for a turkey with four specials being played for baskets filled with lots of Christmas goodies and a ham. The final game is for a turkey, ham, and the GRAND asket of Christmas goodies. Books (regular games) are \$5.00, and each special is \$1.00. Fun for all ages. Everyone is welcome!

Religious Education



Next Sunday, December 8th,
a **Children's Liturgy**
will be celebrated during
the 11:00 am Mass.

St. Francis and St. Clare Parish



PARISH MISSION **ENVELOPES**

were made available to those in attendance at the recent Parish Mission. Anyone who is still hoping to give a

donation in thanks for the Mission, and to support the ongoing work of the Redemptorists is asked to place an envelope in the collection basket marked Redemptorists, with your name and envelope number.



2020 Calendars of the soon-to-be established Parish of St. Francis 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 the Nova Scotia Community College 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.

Diocesan News

Congratulations Deacon Rob Elford! - On behalf of the newly ordained Deacon Rob Elford, thank you to all who joined us for the celebration this past Friday evening. Many gathered to celebrate with Rob and his family on this milestone event. This week, Deacon Rob begins his ministry with the faith communities of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Dartmouth. Congratulation Deacon Rob and God Bless!

Thank You for Giving to the Community Collection - Thank you for contributing to this year's Community Collection! Your donation will help, Archbishop Mancini, his staff, and other church leaders to develop and provide the training, programs, resources, and support for all of us to create healthy vibrant communities of faith. It is within and through these communities that we witness and grow Christ's presence in our world today. There is still time to make a contribution! The three ways you can donate: 1) Use your donor card and return envelope and mail to the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth; 2) Place your donation card in the return envelope and put it in your Sunday collection; 3) Make a donation online at:

www.halifaxyarmouth.org and click 'Donate'.

Please remember, all donations made before December 31st will be included in your 2019 tax receipt. Thank you for your generosity.