

# St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish



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Including the Communities of:

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**Pat Belgrave, Admin. Assistant**  
St. Theresa's:  
Monday 9:00 am–11:30 am  
Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 am–Noon

St. Catherine's:  
Wednesday 9:00am–5:00 pm

**Cheryl Delaney, Admin. Assistant**  
St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata:  
Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 am–Noon;  
1:00 pm–4:00 pm

St. Patrick's:  
Wed. & Fri. 9:00 am–1:00 pm

Religious Education Coordinators:  
St. Catherine's—Donna Noddin  
St. Mother Teresa—Susan Sarty  
St. Patrick's—Sr. Bernadette  
St. Theresa's—Sr. Lucia

## SUNDAY MASS TIMES

<u>St. Catherine of Siena</u>	<u>St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata</u>	<u>St. Patrick's</u>	<u>St. Theresa's</u>
Sunday 11:00 am & 7:00 pm	Saturday 4:00 pm; Sunday 10:00 am	Sunday 10:00 am	Saturday 4:30 pm; Sunday 9:30 am

## The 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time — February 16, 2020

### Daily Mass Intentions

<b>St. Theresa's</b>		
Tues. Feb. 18	9:00 am	Gerry Upcott †
Wed. Feb. 19	9:00 am	The Sampson Family †
Thurs. Feb. 20	9:00 am	All intentions in the Book
Fri. Feb. 21	9:00 am	Thomas & Mildred Hartnett †
<b>St. Catherine's</b>		
Sat. Feb. 22	9:00 am	Bride & James Timms †

### Liturgy

Readings for next Sunday, February 23rd:

Leviticus 19, 1-2, 17-18  
1 Corinthians 3, 16-23  
Matthew 5, 38-48

**Countdown to Lent – Ash Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

Parishioners are asked to return their palm from last year. This palm will be burned in order to make ashes for distribution on Ash Wednesday. Thank you.



On **Ash Wednesday**, Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am at St. Theresa's and at 7:00 pm at St. Catherine's. There will be distribution of ashes at both Masses. The Offering at St. Catherine's will be for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

**Every Friday during Lent** (except Good Friday), Mass will be celebrated at 12:00 noon at St. Catherine's (February 28<sup>th</sup>, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup>).

### Religious Education



Next Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, a **Children's Liturgy** will be celebrated during the 11:00 am Mass.

### Church News



**St. Valentine Day Luncheon – A BIG THANK YOU** to members of the Community Life Committee for their hard work in putting on a wonderful event last Sunday! It takes a lot of hours of preparation and planning to pull off such a successful event. The room was beautifully decorated, delicious food was arranged, and the desserts contributed by parishioners were a real treat. A special THANK YOU to "The Farm Team" for providing the music.



A **LENTEN LUNCHEON** will be held each Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) following the 12:00 noon Mass in St. Catherine's Church Hall. Price is \$8 and includes Fish Chowder or Soup, tea biscuit, dessert, tea & coffee. Everyone is welcome.

A fellow parishioner who, herself, had immigrated to Canada a few years ago had a sister who also wanted to come to Canada from Syria. At that time, financial support needed to be pledged to start the process and parishioners responded. Now, it is expected that within four to ten weeks, she will be arriving in Canada!

Next Steps: 1) Refugee Committee members will ensure that everything is in place to welcome our soon-to-be, newest Canadian. 2) Those who pledged monies in 2018 will receive direct correspondence to inquire as to whether they are still in a position to donate the funds as pledged. 3) And, attached to last week's bulletin (with extra on the back table) is a form that will allow others, if they so wish, to support this project.



**Hope Cottage** – St. Catherine's Society of St. Vincent de Paul supports the mission of Hope Cottage, on Brunswick Street, in

feeding the homeless men and women in the Halifax area, and welcomes everyone to help out. We are looking for members of our community to prepare casseroles for the supper meals using ingredients of your choice, prepared in a disposable aluminum pan. Our next date is Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Two members of our Society will deliver the casseroles to Hope Cottage. If you are interested in this project, please contact Miriam Dobbeltsteyn at 902-455-9573. Thank you.

### Meetings

**St. Catherine's Pastoral Council** will meet this Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:45 pm in the Church Hall. All members are encouraged to attend. Parishioners are also welcome!

### Stewardship

Those who **contribute by cheque** in their weekly envelopes are reminded that 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

**A Blessing NOT a Burden: Persons with Disabilities and Euthanasia** - A presentation by Deacon Larry Worthen at two locations: St. Thomas Aquinas Hall on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm and St. Clements Church, 16 Gaston Rd., Dartmouth on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm. Disability organizations are very concerned that disabled people will choose euthanasia because of lack of adequate health and social services supports. We should be offering the disabled love and support, not euthanasia. Deacon Larry Worthen has worked with the homeless, people with mental health concerns, the physically disabled, the elderly, and people at end of life. He is currently Executive Director of the Christian Medical and Dental Association of Canada.

**Steubenville Night of Worship** - Don't miss our next Steubenville Night of Worship! We had a great turnout last month for our first Night of Worship (NOW) of 2020. Mark your calendars for our next NOW: When: 7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> Where: Good Shepherd Parish (St. Thomas Aquinas Church – 1725 Oxford St., Halifax). All are welcome for this great chance to experience a taste of Steubenville Atlantic!



There will be a session held on Safe Environment Protocol part of **Responsible Ministry Protocols** of our Church.

The session will be held on February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 am - 11:30 am in St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata's Church Hall, 6032 Normandy Drive. It is being led by Ann James and Rachel Jacques from the Human Resource Department at the Pastoral Centre. All those who volunteer with children and vulnerable adults, and our money counters are requested to attend. All parishioners are most welcome.

Please contact Susan Sarty at 902-454-5835 or email [mothertereseparish.halifax@gmail.com](mailto:mothertereseparish.halifax@gmail.com) by 12:00noon Feb. 22nd, if you are planning on attending.



On Thursday, July 27, 2017, we welcomed our first Syrian refugee family after listening to Pope Francis' 2015 challenge to "not be taken

aback by their numbers, but rather view them as persons, seeing their faces and listening to their stories, trying to respond as best we can to their situation."

Again, in May of 2018, parishioners of St. Catherine's were approached with another opportunity to sponsor a Syrian refugee.

#### Weekday Mass Times:

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

#### Confessions at St. Catherine's

Saturday following the 9:00 am Mass

#### Praying the Rosary (in Spanish)

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

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

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