

St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish



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Including the Communities of:

St. Catherine of Siena Church
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St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church
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St. Patrick's Church
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St. Theresa's Church
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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 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time — February 23, 2020

Daily Mass Intentions

St. Theresa's		
Tues. Feb. 25	9:00 am	Anne & Alexander Campbell †
Wed. Feb. 26	9:00 am	George Lewis †
Thurs. Feb. 27	9:00 am	All intentions in the Book
Fri. Feb. 28	9:00 am	Teresa Orman †

St. Catherine's		
Sat. Feb. 29	9:00 am	Madeline McGinn †

Lenten Folders are available at the entrance of the Church for those interested parishioners.

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

Lenten Journey - Taking Up the Cross in these 40 Days



Social scientists say it takes 28 days to change a habit. Lent asks us to change more than a

habit. We're invited to change our priorities and the focus of our lives. Maybe that's why Lent takes a full 40 days and happens every year.

Liturgy

Readings for next Sunday, March 1st:

Genesis 2.7-9, 16-18, 25; 3.1-7
 Romans 5.12, 17-19
 Matthew 4.1-11

Lent Begins this Wednesday, February 26th

This Wednesday, **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.

There are other reasons that our Lenten journey lasts 40 days. Throughout the Bible, the number 40 holds special meaning, indicating a span of time when significant events took place. It rained on Noah and his ark for 40 days and 40 nights. Moses spent 40 days and nights with God on Mount Sinai. The Hebrew people spent 40 years wandering in the desert upon their deliverance from slavery to the Promised Land. And Jesus fasted in the wilderness for 40 days and 40 nights.



Our time of preparation in Lent is similar to Jesus' preparation for his work. We spend 40 days fasting, praying, and giving. "By the solemn 40 days of Lent, the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert," the Catechism of the Catholic Church says. We are called to live as representatives of Jesus today - even when the ashes have been washed away, even when no one is looking.

Religious Education



Our next "**Gathering**" will take place on Sunday, March 1st, from 10:15-10:45 am for students from grade primary to nine.

Church News



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.



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 16th. Two members of our Society will deliver the casseroles to Hope Cottage. If you are interested in this project, please contact Miriam Dobbelsteyn at 902-455-9573. Thank you.



As we will gather to celebrate Ash Wednesday, **Bingo** will be cancelled for this Wednesday ONLY – **February 26th!**



Spring Fair Meeting – Sunday, March 1st, following the 11:00 am Mass - The committee is always looking for volunteers to help organize and work at the Fair. Please consider joining us in the Church Hall for this meeting.

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.

St. Francis and St. Clare Parish News

Saint Patrick's Church is hosting a **Saint Patrick's day lunch on Saturday, March 14th from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm**. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$30 for a family. There will be music, children's activities, a raffle of Irish goodies and more. A delicious lunch of shepherd's pie, soda bread and gingerbread will be served. Cash bar. Tickets are available for purchase at the door. For information please call 902-429-1300.

Annual Irish Concert by the Halifax Concert Band will be held on Sunday March 15th at 2:00 pm in Saint Patrick's Church. Good will offering. All are most welcome to come and enjoy the music!

Diocesan News

Archbishop Mancini's Lenten Letter to the Faithful

<https://www.halifaxarmouth.org/archbishops/letters-videos-to-the-faithful/item/share-lent-2020-letter-january-2020>

Nightfever: March 7th - All are invited to the next Nightfever event at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica on Saturday, March 7th, from 7:00pm – 9:30 pm. Nightfever is an evangelistic evening of Eucharistic Adoration where the doors of the Basilica are opened and young adult missionaries go into the street two-by-two and invite anyone passing by to come into the church, light a candle, and spend some time in prayer or to experience the peace and music inside the church. More information and information about volunteering can be found at www.facebook.com/NightfeverHalifax.

Do You Have a Cathedral Story to Share? - More than simply a beautiful building, more than just a parish, Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica has been a welcoming space for Roman Catholics and people of all faiths for almost 200 years. We know that many of the parishioners and visitors to the Basilica have wonderful memories of their life events, large and small, that have taken place at Saint Mary's. If you or a family member have stories to share, we'd love to hear them and share them on our website. To share your story, email your stories to us at vbobyk@saintmarysbasilicafoundation.ca.

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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