

# St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish



Pastor: Fr. Francesco Pirisi, FoH  
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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**  
2263 Brunswick Street; 902-429-1300  
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**St. Theresa's Church**  
6351 North Street; 902-454-8221  
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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 Baptism of the Lord — January 12, 2020

### Daily Mass Intentions

St. Theresa's		
Tues. Jan. 14	9:00 am	The Sampson Family
Wed. Jan. 15	9:00 am	John Miller
Thurs. Jan. 16	9:00 am	All intentions in the Book
Fri. Jan. 17	9:00 am	Antonio Reggi

St. Catherine's		
Sat. Jan. 18	9:00 am	Lea Comeau

### Liturgy

Additional donations for Christmas Flowers have been received in memory of:

Nell and Roydon O'Reilly  
Jim Strachan  
Austin McKenna  
Ella and Bill Conrod  
Tim James  
Richard Bentley and Adam  
Margaret & Cornelius Power  
Albert Romard  
MacDougall Family  
Mike and Betty Kelly and Family



### INAUGURAL MASS OF ST. FRANCIS AND ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH

On January 1, 2020, a Decree established the new Parish of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi.

Archbishop Anthony Mancini will celebrate the **Inaugural Mass** of our New Parish on **Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm**. The Inaugural Mass will be celebrated at the oldest church in our new Parish, **St. Patrick's Church**, at 2263 Brunswick Street.

All parishioners of the four local communities are invited and encouraged to attend this Inaugural Mass. There is parking available at St. Patrick's and at St. George's Church, as well as, on-street parking. Parishioners are encouraged to carpool. In the case that it may be impossible for parishioners to come because they don't have a car or any chance to carpool, we will explore the possibility of renting a bus that will pick up parishioners from the three communities to travel to St. Patrick's. A sign-up sheet will be available after Mass this weekend.

A reception will take place in St. Patrick's Church Hall. If you plan to attend and can bring a donation of sweets for the reception, it would be appreciated.



**The Christmas Season concludes today** - The celebration of the Baptism of Our Lord brings to an end the season of Christmas. In this short span of time, we have gone from Jesus being born as an infant in the manger, to him being baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan at the age of 30!

The baptism of Jesus is, on his part, the acceptance and beginning of his mission as God's suffering Servant. He allows himself to be numbered among sinners and out of love for us, he consents to his future baptism of death for the forgiveness of our sins. The Father's voice responds to the Son's acceptance, proclaiming his entire delight in his Son. The Spirit whom Jesus possessed in fullness from his conception comes to "rest on him". At his baptism "the heavens were opened" - the heavens that Adam's sin had closed.

Jesus Christ had no need of the Sacrament of Baptism, as we do, for He was without sin. However, in submitting Himself humbly to the baptism of John the Baptist, Christ provided the example for the rest of us. If even He should be baptized, though He had no need of it, how much more should the rest of us be thankful for this sacrament, which frees us from the darkness of sin and allows us to enter into the life of the Church, the life of Christ on earth! His Baptism, therefore, was necessary--not for Him, but for us.



Ending Christmas with the Baptism of the Lord makes theological sense even though the two events (Jesus' birth and baptism) are separated by roughly 30 years. In a certain way, both events are about beginnings. At Christmas, we meet Jesus for the first time as a baby, the start of the hidden life of Christ. At His baptism, we meet Jesus for the first time as an adult, the start of the public ministry of Christ.

**Religious Education**



Our next "Gathering" will take place on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, from 10:15-10:45 am for students from grade primary to nine.

**Meetings**

**St. Catherine's Pastoral Council** will meet on Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:45 pm in the Church Hall. All members are encouraged to attend. Parishioners are also welcome!

**Church News**

**Bayers Road Dedicated Bus Lanes Project** – St. Catherine's Church has received communication from the Halifax Regional Municipality in regard to their Transit plans for Bayers Road. This includes dedicated bus lanes in an attempt to encourage more people to use transit. Link: <https://www.halifax.ca/about-halifax/regional-community-planning/transportation-planning/transit-priority/bayers-road>

How will this affect our community??  
In order to complete this project, the HRM will be compensating our community for 4.5 feet of our land in front of the parking lot, Church, and Rectory. The company hired by the HRM will not only appraise the value of the land but will value the impact of those changes (loss of parking spaces) for the community. It has also been noted that our two signs (Church and Bingo) will need to be moved. We will also need to be compensated for the front section of the retaining wall in front of the Rectory. Once a report is received, if the community does not agree with the outcome, we are free to have our own appraisal completed.

Another issue of major concern is parking restrictions that are associated with dedicated bus lanes. The HRM website states: "Dedicated bus lanes require that on-street parking is prohibited in order to allow buses unimpeded use of the lanes. The time periods during which dedicated bus lanes are in effect can vary, and a final decision has not yet been made on the time period during which the lanes on Bayers Road will be operational."

In April of 2018, a meeting with Councillors Cleary and Smith took place with our community's leadership. At that meeting, we had discussed that inbound, 7:00-9:00 am, and outbound, 3:00-6:00 pm, Monday to Friday, would be reasonable to allow traffic to move smoothly while allowing access to parking in our community. This is similar to the understanding that was negotiated for Gottingen Street, also a part of this transportation study.

Meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup> – Through communication with Councillor Cleary, we have been told that a meeting to discuss this project will be held at the Halifax Forum on Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. We have not received any formal notification of this meeting, and we will inform parishioners when we are notified. As the issue of on-street parking will be of significant importance to this community, we would encourage parishioners' attendance.

Expertise Required – If you have any specific expertise that may be of benefit to the community on this issue, please speak to Fr. Francesco or Donna.

**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

**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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