

# St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish



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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 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time — January 19, 2020

### Daily Mass Intentions

|                        |         |                                 |
|------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|
| <b>St. Theresa's</b>   |         |                                 |
| Tues. Jan. 21          | 9:00 am | Gesidio Zavrella                |
| Wed. Jan. 22           | 9:00 am | Thanksgiving to Mary and Joseph |
| Thurs. Jan. 23         | 9:00 am | All intentions in the Book      |
| Fri. Jan. 23           | 9:00 am | Thomas and Mary Peters          |
| <b>St. Catherine's</b> |         |                                 |
| Sat. Jan. 24           | 9:00 am | Leo and Evangeline Ridgley      |

### Liturgy



The annual **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** will be celebrated from January 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 on the theme "*They showed us unusual kindness*" (Acts 28:2). The theme remembers the historic shipwreck of Paul on the island of Malta and calls us to a greater generosity to those

in need. The story begins with Paul being taken to Rome as a prisoner (Acts 27). Paul is in chains, but even in what turns out to be a perilous journey, the mission of God continued through him.



The Catholic Church believes in the dignity of human life from beginning to natural end. The Coalition for Healthcare and Conscience is strongly encouraging Canadians to express their views on Medical Assistance in Dying legislation by visiting the Department of Justice website - <https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/cons/ad-am/index.html>.

(This following information is taken from the DOJ website.)

"Medical assistance in dying (MAID) became legal in Canada in June 2016.

"During the development and implementation of MAID (Bill C-14) in 2016, many Canadians voiced their support for broader access to MAID. As a result, the Government of Canada committed to study a wider variety of medical circumstances where a person may want to access MAID.

"Specifically, the Government of Canada asked the Council of Canadian Academies to study three complex issues including requests for MAID by mature minors, advance requests, and requests for people where mental illness is the only reason for requesting MAID.

## Church News

### **Bayers Road Dedicated Bus Lanes Project**

As stated in previous bulletins, this project will result in HRM compensating our community for 4.5 feet of our land in front of the parking lot, Church, and Rectory. 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."

**OPEN HOUSE INVITATION FROM THE HRM:** We're hosting an open house to present details of the Bayers Road project, as well as the expected implementation approach and time frame. The drop in, open house session, will take place on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in Maritime Hall at the Halifax Forum, 2901 Windsor Street. The snow date will be Thursday, January 30, 2020 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the same location. Everyone is welcome to attend. Municipal staff will be on hand to answer your questions. The renderings below illustrate how Bayers Road will be configured following construction.

<https://www.halifax.ca/about-halifax/regional-community-planning/transportation-planning/transit-priority/bayers-road>

**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.

### **St. Francis and St. Clare Parish News**

**Catholic Spiritual Book Group** - faithful readers welcome! - This winter we are reading through the most popular Catholic self-help book of all time, 'Introduction to the Devout Life' by St. Francis de Sales. This 17th century classic is a proven spiritual guide for living an authentic Christian life. <https://www.catholicity.com/devoutlife/>. Group starts 7 pm Monday Jan. 27th at St Theresa's Rectory. We will meet every second week. Contact person: Hanna Ritvanen, [hanna.ritvanen@gmail.com](mailto:hanna.ritvanen@gmail.com)

"As legalizing medical assistance in dying was a significant step for Canada, Parliament committed to reviewing the law five years after it was passed. This review will provide the opportunity to hear from Canadians about how MAID is working, and to see if any changes should be made. It is expected that this review will start in 2020.

"On September 11, 2019, the Superior Court of Québec found that it was unconstitutional to limit access to MAID to people nearing the end of life. . . Practitioners who assessed them (the plaintiffs) were of the view that they met all eligibility criteria for MAID, with the exception of nearing the end of life. The Court declared the "reasonable foreseeability of natural death" criterion in the federal *Criminal Code*, as well as the "end-of-life" criterion in Quebec's provincial law on medical assistance in dying, to be unconstitutional.

"The Court's ruling will come into effect on March 11, 2020, unless an extension is granted by the Court. While this ruling only applies in the province of Quebec, the Government of Canada has accepted the ruling and has committed to changing the MAID law for the whole country.

"Updating Canada's MAID law will expand eligibility for MAID beyond people who are nearing the end of life, and could possibly result in other changes once the review is complete. This questionnaire offers Canadians the opportunity to share their views with the Government of Canada on this deeply personal and very important issue.

"This consultation closes on Monday, January 27, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. (PST)."

### **Religious Education**



Next Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>,  
a **Children's Liturgy**  
will be celebrated  
during the 11:00 am Mass.

### **Meetings**

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

#### **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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