

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
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St. Patrick's—Sr. Bernadette
St. Theresa's—Sr. Lucia

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

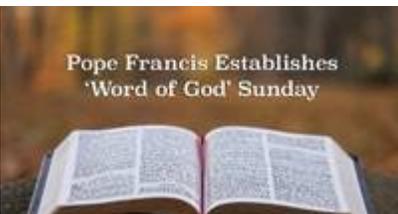
<u>St. Catherine of Siena</u>	<u>St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata</u>	<u>St. Patrick's</u>	<u>St. Theresa's</u>
Sunday 11:00 am & 7:00 pm	Saturday 4:00 pm; Sunday 10:00 am	Sunday 10:00 am	Saturday 4:30 pm; Sunday 9:30 am

The 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time — January 26, 2020

Daily Mass Intentions

<u>St. Theresa's</u>		
Tues. Jan. 28	9:00 am	Luigini Zavrella
Wed. Jan. 29	9:00 am	Gerry Upcott
Thurs. Jan. 30	9:00 am	All intentions in the Book
Fri. Jan. 31	9:00 am	Allister and Effie Lewis
<u>St. Catherine's</u>		
Sat. Feb. 1	9:00 am	Lea Comeau

Liturgy



Sunday of the Word of God

On September 30th, 2019, Pope Francis released an Apostolic Letter, *Aperuit illis*, designating the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time as 'Sunday of the Word of God' – an opportunity to celebrate and study holy scriptures. The Holy Father invites Catholics around the world to highlight the gift that the scriptures offer us. This year, Sunday of the Word of God, is TODAY, January 26, 2020.



Canadian Bishops Encourage the Faithful to Have their Say About Euthanasia/ Assisted Suicide - The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) wants to draw the faithful's attention to the Government of Canada's launch of a two-week general public consultation on the expansion of eligibility for assisted suicide – euthanasia ("Medical Assistance in Dying", commonly referred to as MAID) following the September 2019 Superior Court of Québec ruling that found it unconstitutional to limit access to MAID only to people nearing the end of life. Canadians are being invited to share their views (online or PDF) by the close of the consultation period on **Monday, 27 January 2020, at 11:59 p.m. (PST).**

Online English: <https://justice.sondage.ca/f/s.aspx?s=6E6210A5-E100-4201-A55D-CFB52ADA1C0C>
PDF English: https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/cons/ad-am/survey_maid_eng.pdf

The questions in the survey do not ask whether or not euthanasia/assisted suicide should be expanded to include persons with disabilities; that, instead, is assumed. While the survey questions are mainly multiple choice, there are sections that allow for further comment.

Archbishop Mancini invites the faithful of the Archdiocese to partake in the survey to express their views.



The **Feast of St. Blaise** is Monday, February 3rd. St. Blaise is the patron saint of people with diseases of the throat. Following Sunday Mass on February 2nd, parishioners will be invited to have their throats blessed. Two unlit candles are held next to each person's throat as the priest or deacon says, "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Religious Education



Our next "**Gathering**" will take place on Sunday, February 2nd, from 10:15-10:45 am for students from grade primary to nine.

Church News

The Community Life Committee of St. Catherine of Siena invites the Parish to celebrate an early

St. Valentine's Day Luncheon

Sunday, Feb. 9, 2020
in the Parish Hall after 11:00 a.m. Mass

Homemade Beef Chili and Vegetarian Chili will be served with sour cream and cheese along with rolls, tortilla chips and cornbread. Plus refreshments, tea and coffee.

LIVE MUSIC featuring
The Farm Team

Parishioners are invited to bring a dessert to share. Please let us know if you are able to contribute
Email: itsjusthedder@hotmail.com

All are welcome!

Bayers Road Dedicated Bus Lanes Project

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.

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

On Tuesday, January 21st, your Pastoral Team (formerly Pastoral Council) discussed this issue at their monthly meeting. They wish to encourage all members to attend this open house to express their views in regard to the impact on our community. (Please check the fine print on the diagrams being presented.) Your Pastoral Team believes that a consistent message is important and wish to share their concerns to all parishioners.

1. Concern that our neighborhood is becoming a traffic corridor.
2. Concern on how it will impact our community overall – we are losing 4.5 feet of property, losing spots in our parking lot but these are just the material impacts on our community.
3. Very concerned about on-street parking still being available. Parking restrictions during peak hours of traffic is understandable. Monday to Friday - Inbound from 7:00 -9:00 am, Outbound from 3:00-6:00 pm. Please note that these are the same parking restrictions as negotiated for Gottingen Street, also a part of this transportation study.
4. If parking is restricted, our community has concerns for when funerals are held during the week, for the elderly, those with disabilities, and families that come to our community to celebrate their faith and/or to attend events, including community groups that use our hall (without charge) on a weekly basis. We are not just a Sunday morning community.
5. What is the overall vision for Bayers Road and how is this project going to accomplish it?
6. How will crosswalks on Bayers Road be affected by this plan? (We should not have less crosswalks in our neighborhood.)

It is our hope that along with verbally expressing our concerns with staff present at the open house, that there will be an opportunity to submit written comments by print or by email.

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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