

St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish



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Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 am–Noon

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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

St. Catherine of Siena

Sunday 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata

Saturday 4:00 pm; Sunday 10:00 am

St. Patrick's

Sunday 10:00 am

St. Theresa's

Saturday 4:30 pm; Sunday 9:30 am

Epiphany of the Lord — January 5, 2020

Daily Mass Intentions

St. Theresa's

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| Tues. Jan. 7 | 9:00 am | Wayne MacPherson |
| Wed. Jan. 8 | 9:00 am | Maria & Giuseppe Santilli |
| Thurs. Jan. 9 | 9:00 am | All intentions in the Book |
| Fri. Jan. 10 | 9:00 am | Collette Theriault (living) |

St. Catherine's

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| Sat. Jan. 11 | 9:00 am | Bill Power |
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Jewish people. At Christmas, the Light shone forth, but dimly, seen only by a few around the crib including Mary, Joseph and the shepherds. At the Epiphany, the Light bursts forth to all nations.

The gifts of the Magi – gold, frankincense, and myrrh are richly symbolic: the gold heralds the kingship of Christ, the frankincense his High Priesthood and the myrrh his death and burial.

Even such an apparently minor detail as the return of the Wise Men to their own country by a different route (having been warned in a dream by an angel not to return to Herod) is felt to be of great symbolic importance. Some believe that this return by another path represents the life of the believer, who once he has encountered Christ, cannot continue as before, but must live very differently, walking no longer on the same road.

The feast encourages us, like the Wise Men, to have the courage to follow the light of the star, whatever that journey may demand. To recognize our Lord and Ruler in whatever unexpected way He may present Himself to us and that having recognized Him, we should bow down and adore Him, offering Him what we have.

Liturgy



Feast of the Epiphany

Epiphany takes its name from the Greek *epiphania*, which signifies the visit of a god to earth. The three Wise Men's arrival is the Lord's first appearance to the Gentiles, the first sign that the mission of the

Church is to be to all the nations, not merely to the

Religious Education



Next Sunday, January 12th, a **Children's Liturgy** will be celebrated during the 11:00 am Mass.

Church News

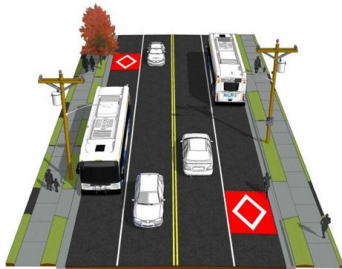
Bayers Road Dedicated Bus Lanes Project

St. Catherine's Church has received communication from the Halifax Regional Municipality in regard to their Transit plans for Bayers Road. The HRM website states:

"Municipal Staff are currently planning for the construction of dedicated bus lanes on Bayers Road between Romans Avenue and Windsor Street. This project is a key component of Halifax Transit's Moving Forward Together Plan (2016) and the Integrated Mobility Plan (2017), which recommend investment in transit lanes for the Bayers Road corridor in order to give priority to buses over general traffic, improve transit reliability, and ultimately encourage more people to use transit.

"Following a planning and engineering design process, the project is moving toward construction. Construction is targeted to start in 2020 and will be completed in phases.

"The renderings below illustrate how Bayers Road will be configured following construction."



Connaught Avenue to Windsor Street

<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.

Timeline of project according to HRM website:

"Construction will be completed in two phases, with phase one from Romans Avenue to Connaught Avenue expected to begin in 2020. The construction timeline for phase two from Connaught Avenue to Windsor Street has yet to be determined."

Meeting on January 29th – Through communication with Councillor Cleary, we have been told that a meeting to discuss this project will be held at the Forum Complex on Wednesday, January 29th. 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.



DON'T FORGET TO RETURN YOUR WREATH RING

– Just a reminder to return the metal ring for your Advent Wreath as we will store it for you until next year. THANKS!

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