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*Saint Catherine of Siena Parish  
"Home of the Franciscans of Halifax"*

*33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time  
November 17, 2019*

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**Daily Mass Intentions**

**St. Theresa's**

Tues. Nov. 19	9:00am	Maria & Giuseppe Santilli †
Wed. Nov. 20	9:00am	Rose Sasinek & Family †
Thurs. Nov. 21	9:00am	All the Intentions in the Book
Fri. Nov. 22	9:00am	All former St. Catherine's CWL members both living and deceased

**St. Catherine's**

Sat. Nov. 23	9:00am	Leo and Evangeline Ridgley †
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**St. Francis and St. Clare Parish**



**WELCOME FR. EUGENE O'REILLY!!**

The Mission of the New Parish of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi begins **TONIGHT!** All members of St. Catherine of Siena, St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata, St. Patrick's, and St. Theresa's are encouraged to attend the four night Mission. Each evening will start at 7:00 pm and is scheduled to last approximately one hour followed by a reception. We hope to see you there!

Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> – St. Catherine of Siena Church

Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> – St. Patrick's Church, 2263 Brunswick Street (Please note: St. George's Round Church has graciously informed us that we can use their parking lot for overflow parking for the Mission. The entrance is off Cornwallis Street.)

**Weekday Mass Times**

Tuesday–Friday 9:00am at St. Theresa's  
Saturday 9:00am at St. Catherine's

**Weekend Mass Times**

Sunday 11:00 am  
7:00pm (Rosary at 6:25pm)

**Confessions at St. Catherine's**

Saturday following the 9:00am Mass

**Praying the Rosary (in Spanish)**

Monday evenings 7:00pm  
St. Catherine's Church

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Thursday Evenings 7:00–8:00 pm  
St. Catherine's Church  
Monday–Friday 9:30 am–4:30 pm  
St. Theresa's Chapel

Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> – St. Theresa's,  
6351 North Street

Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> – St. Mother Teresa of  
Kolkata, 6032 Normandy Drive

**Liturgy**



The **World Day of the Poor** has been celebrated on the 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time since 2017 when it was established by Pope Francis. This year's theme is "The hope of the poor will not perish for ever" (Ps 9:19). In His Message, His Holiness states that "these words of the Psalm remain timely. . . The Psalm was composed at a time of great economic development that, as often happens, also led to serious social imbalances."

"The option for those who are least, those whom society discards (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 195) is a priority that Christ's followers are called to pursue, so as not to impugn the Church's credibility but to give real hope to many of our vulnerable brothers and sisters. Christian charity finds concrete expression in them, for by their compassion and their willingness to share the love of Christ with those in need, they are themselves strengthened and confirm the preaching of the Gospel."

The **2019 St. Joseph's Sunday Missal** is available for purchase at the back table. The cost is \$3.00 each.

Advent Folders can be found on the table at the back of the Church.



**Spiritual Care Team** - The mission of our Spiritual Care Team is to meet the spiritual needs of those who are no longer able to come to Church or who may desire a friendly visit from a Parish representative. Spiritual care is defined as attending to a person's spiritual or religious needs as he or she

cope with illness, loss, grief or pain. It is hoped that the visits will enable one to regain a sense of spiritual well-being, and for those who are now shut-ins, to keep an ongoing relationship with their Parish family.

If you have a family member who would like communion brought to their home, please let the Team know by contacting the Parish Office. If you feel you may be called to this ministry, please speak to Fr. Francesco or leave your name with the Parish Office. As the need for this ministry will continue to grow, more volunteers will be required.

## Parish News



### Advent is Coming!

In just a two weeks, we will begin the liturgical season of Advent. Your Community Life and Religious Education Committees are working together to bring back the

making of Advent Wreaths. It will take place following the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. More news next week. Plan now to attend!



## Christmas BINGO

### ST. CATHERINE'S CHRISTMAS BINGO

will be held on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm (doors open at 12:30

pm). Each regular game is for a turkey with four specials being played for baskets filled with lots of Christmas goodies and a ham. The final game is for a turkey, ham, and the GRAND basket of Christmas goodies. Books (regular games) are \$5.00, and each special is \$1.00. Fun for all ages. Everyone is welcome!

## Religious Education



Next Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, a **Children's Liturgy** will be celebrated during the 11:00 am Mass.

## Meetings



### St. Catherine's Pastoral Council

will meet on Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, at 6:45 pm in the Siena Room of the Church

Hall. All members are encouraged to attend. Parishioners are also welcome!

## Franciscan News



### St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity

- Did you ever consider being a Secular Franciscan or just hearing more about St Francis of Assisi? Secular Franciscans seek to follow Christ in the spirit and way of St. Francis. They meet downstairs in the Siena room following the Saturday 9:00 am Mass on the fourth Saturday of each month (November 23<sup>rd</sup>). These meetings are an opportunity for community, formation and spiritual sharing using the Rule of St Francis. All are Welcome! For more information, contact Eileen 902-229-6631.

### Happy 25th Anniversary Veritas Books and Gifts



Veritas Catholic Books and Gifts is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on December 13, 2019. A special Mass will take place at St. Agnes Church at

6:00 pm with Fr. Pio Libby, FoH, as the main celebrant. A dinner will be held in St Agnes Hall following Mass. Tickets for the dinner are available through purchase at Veritas. Donations are also welcome and a tax receipt will be issued upon request. Please call the store for details - 902-429-7216.

## Diocesan News

### Diaconal Ordination of Robert Elford: November 22, 2019

- On Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, Archbishop Mancini will ordain Robert Elford to the Transitional Diaconate. The Ordination will take place at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!

### Nightfever at the Cathedral – November 23<sup>rd</sup>

- All are invited to the next Nightfever event at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 7:00-9:30 pm. Come in for a time of prayer, and to intercede for those the missionary teams are reaching. More information and information about volunteering can be found at [www.facebook.com/NightfeverHalifax](http://www.facebook.com/NightfeverHalifax).

CCCB Statement on the Persecution of Christians - Last week, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), through the Commission for Justice and Peace, and in consultation with Aid to the Church in Need Canada, released a statement titled: "In His Name: Statement on the Persecution of Christians." For the full document on the CCCB website, visit:

<https://www.cccb.ca/site/eng/media-room/5170-ccb-releases-statement-on-persecuted-christians>

Guided Tours of Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica - Take advantage of guided tours, offered as part of the Downtown Business Association's Festival of Lights, to learn more about the fascinating history of St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica in downtown Halifax. Tours begin at 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 2:30 pm, in the church foyer on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Tours are offered free of charge, although donations are gratefully accepted!