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

*Feast of Christ the King
November 24, 2019*

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Daily Mass Intentions

St. Theresa's

Tues. Nov. 26	9:00am	Antonio Reggi †
Wed. Nov. 27	9:00am	Mildred Cody †
Thurs. Nov. 28	9:00am	All the Intentions in the Book
Fri. Nov. 29	9:00am	Special Intention

St. Catherine's

Sat. Nov. 30	9:00am	Thomas, Maude and Fabian Mitchell †
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St. Francis and St. Clare Parish



THANK YOU FR. EUGENE O'REILLY for guiding us in a wonderful Parish Mission. Thanks also to the parishioners of St. Catherine's, St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata, St. Patrick's and St. Theresa's for making our first joint venture a success!

Liturgy



This Sunday, we celebrate the end of another liturgical year, as we celebrate the **Feast of Christ the King**. Pope Pius XI established the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ or the Feast of Christ the King in 1925 to honor Jesus Christ as King over all creation. Throughout Scripture, Jesus Christ refers to the "kingdom" when He shared His message with those He met. As He stood before Pilate before He was put to death, Pilate said to Him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth, hears my voice."

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

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.

Parish News



The Religious Education Committee invites St. Catherine's to



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 AFTER 11:00 A.M. MASS

Light refreshments will be provided.

Don't forget to wear your favourite Christmas sweater for a chance to win prizes!



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The Advent Wreath is a symbol of Advent. The wreath is a circle. A circle has no beginning and no end, just like God. The wreath is often made of branches that remind us of living things. There are four candles on the wreath. The four candles (3 purple, 1 pink) represent the four Sundays of Advent. At Church, we add a fifth candle, which is white and lit at Christmas. It is called the "Christ Candle" and represents the life of Jesus Christ that has come into the world.

Each Sunday of Advent, we light another candle. As the light gets brighter, we grow in hope, and know that Christmas is getting closer. The first two Sundays, we light a purple candle. The third Sunday came to be a time of joy and rejoicing and so we light the more joyous color of pink as the time of waiting is almost over. The Third Sunday of Advent is known as "Gaudete Sunday". Then, the fourth Sunday is back to purple.



ST. CATHERINE'S CHRISTMAS BINGO will be held on Sunday, December 8th, 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



Our next "**Gathering**" will take place on Sunday, December 1st, from 10:15-10:45 am for students from grade primary to nine.

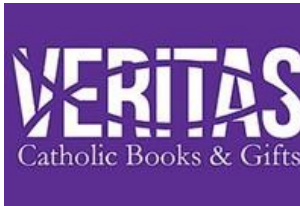
Meetings



St. Catherine's Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday, November 26th, at 6:45 pm in the Siena Room of the Church Hall. All members are

encouraged to attend. Parishioners are also welcome!

Franciscan News

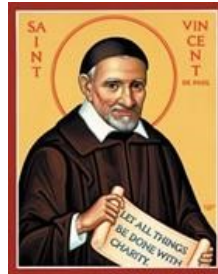


Happy 25th Anniversary
Veritas Books and Gifts

Veritas Catholic Books and Gifts is celebrating its 25th 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.

History at a Glance



ST. CATHERINE'S CONFERENCE OF THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

- This Saturday, November 30th, will be the 59th Anniversary of our St. Catherine's Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Yes, on November 30th, 1960, the Conference began with only three members to carry out the work. Then, as now, the faithful members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul cared for the poor in our community.

We remember the past members of the Society, both living and deceased, whose tireless work for the poor did not go unnoticed. Much thanks is extended to the twelve parishioners who, today, carry out this work in the name of our Church family. Thanks is also extended to those parishioners who continue to bring non-perishable food items to Mass to be distributed to the needy, and to those who financially support the continuing work of the society. Without the support of food and funds, this work would not be possible.

Diocesan News

Equip the Saints: Community Collection:

The Community Collection will happen this weekend, November 23rd & 24th, the Feast of Christ the King. There are three ways for you to give:

1. Fill out the Community Collection donor card you received in the mail and using the included return envelope, place it in your parish's Sunday Collection basket.
2. Fill out the Community Collection donor card and use the included return envelope and mail it directly to the Archdiocese: Community Collection, 1559 Brunswick St, Suite 101, Halifax, NS B3J 2G1
3. Make a donation online through the Archdiocesan website by visiting www.halifaxymouth.org/donate. Please prayerfully consider your donation to the Community Collection. Thank you for your continued support!