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*Saint Catherine of Siena Parish  
“Home of the Franciscans of Halifax”*

*28th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
October 15, 2017*

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**Daily Mass Intentions**

**St. Theresa’s**

Tues. Oct. 17 9:00am Catherine LeBlanc †  
Wed. Oct. 18 9:00am The Sampson Family †  
Thurs. Oct. 19 9:00am All the intentions in the book  
Fri. Oct. 20 9:00am Gene Chiasson †

**St. Catherine’s**

Sat. Oct. 21 9:00am Juliana, Maria, Pippy & Family †

**Liturgy**



Next Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, we recognize **World Mission Sunday**. On this day, every Catholic community and parish throughout the world takes part in this global effort to bring spiritual and material help to our brothers and sisters who long

for the hope and love that comes from knowing Christ’s love for them. In this Diocese, a special collection does not take place but a portion of monies collected through the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal goes to support this cause. Please continue to pray for all those who serve in mission countries.

**Anointing of the Sick— On Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>,**

a special Mass of healing with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will take place at **St. Theresa’s Church** at 7:00 pm. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that “the Church believes and confesses that among the seven sacraments there is one especially intended to strengthen those who are being tried by illness, the Anointing of the Sick”. It is appropriate to receive the Anointing of the Sick for those suffering from a chronic condition detrimental to their health and well-being, and as soon as “anyone from the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age”, “just prior to an operation”, or “for the elderly whose frailty becomes more pronounced”.



Sacrament of Anointing

Through receiving this sacrament, the Holy Spirit will give strength, peace and courage to help those overcome the difficulties of chronic sickness, serious illness or old age. Parishioners of both parishes are invited to attend this special Mass to receive the Sacrament or to pray for those within our communities who ask for this strength and healing.



*Did You Know. . .*

That during the Liturgy of the Word we receive God in his Word. On Sunday, the cycle of readings is divided into three years – A, B &

C. In Year A, we read mostly from the Gospel of Matthew. In Year B, we read the Gospel of Mark and chapter 6 of the Gospel of John. In Year C, we read the Gospel of Luke. The Gospel of John is read during the Easter season in all three years. The year of the cycle does not change on January 1st, but on the First Sunday of Advent (this year, December 3<sup>rd</sup>) which is the beginning of the liturgical year. We are currently finishing Year A.

The First Reading is generally taken from the Old Testament, with two exceptions: During the Easter season, the first reading will come from the book of Acts, and on certain solemnities (All Saints and Immaculate Conception), the First Reading will come from the book of Revelation. The First Reading is always linked to the Gospel in one of many ways:

- + To show how a prophecy in the Old Testament is fulfilled through Jesus Christ in the Gospel
- + To make a contrast between events and personalities in the Old Testament and the Gospel
- + To make the meaning of the Gospel more clear through giving “the rest of the story”.

**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 and  
7:00 pm (Rosary at 6:30 pm)

**Confessions at St. Catherine’s:**

Saturday following the 9:00am Mass

**Lectio Divina:** Thursday 7:00–8:00pm  
(Rectory Chapel - side door)

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Monday–Friday 9:30 am–4:30 pm  
in St. Theresa’s Chapel

The Psalms that we proclaim at Mass come from the book of Psalms in the Old Testament. From the time of the Jews, Psalms were a regular part of worship — you could even call the book of Psalms the Bible's song book! The early Christians continued this practice of singing psalms in their worship, although now with a clearer understanding of how those Psalms spoke of Jesus Christ.

The Second Reading is usually from one of the epistles, a letter written to an early church community. These letters are continuously read. Each Sunday, we pick up close to where we left off the Sunday before, though some passages are never included.

As we actively participate in the Mass, we receive God in two primary ways: we receive him through his Word and through the Eucharist. These are the two main parts of the Mass: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Liturgy is a term that means work or public duty. It is the work of the people, not just of the Presider standing at the Altar. All the people gathered are doing the work of celebration.

## Franciscan News



*A Touch of Classical*  
A fundraising concert hosted by the Franciscans of Halifax

Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 p.m.

St. Catherine of Siena Parish  
6476 Bayers Rd., Halifax, N.S.

The proceeds of this concert will go toward supporting studies for the members of the Franciscans of Halifax.

The poster features a line drawing of a Franciscan friar with arms raised in prayer, set against a sunset background. Musical notes and a staff are integrated into the design.

On **October 28th at 7:00 pm**, the Franciscans of Halifax will be hosting ***A Touch of Classical*** Concert. This is an annual fundraiser to further the education of the Franciscan Brothers and Sisters currently pursuing studies, and a great opportunity to gather with people from other parishes and the wider community while enjoying classical music performed by local musicians.

Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased online at [www.franciscansofhalifax.com](http://www.franciscansofhalifax.com) or by calling Sr. Edith at 902-717-2012. Payment can be made either online or by cash at the door.

## Religious Education

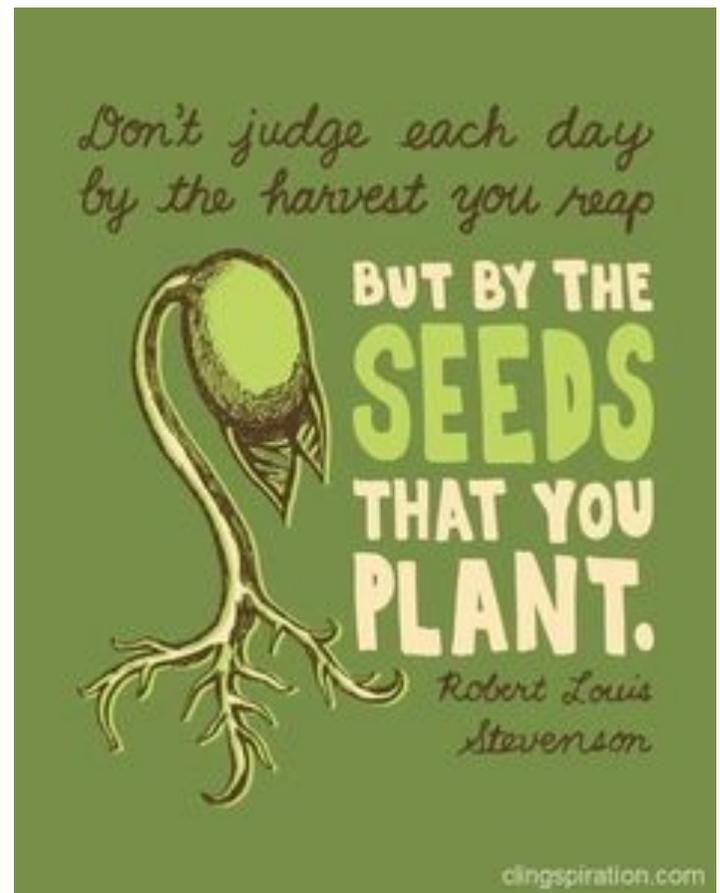


Next Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, a **Children's Liturgy** will be celebrated during the 11:00 am Mass.

## Meetings

**St. Catherine's Pastoral Council** will meet on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:45 pm in the Siena Room of the Church Hall. All members are encouraged to attend.

## Stewardship—A Way of Life



Don't judge each day  
by the harvest you reap  
**BUT BY THE SEEDS THAT YOU PLANT.**  
Robert Louis Stevenson

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The poster shows a green seedling with a large root system growing from a seed. The background is a solid green color.

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