

St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish



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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

St. Catherine of Siena

Sunday 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata

Saturday 4:00 pm; Sunday 11:15 am

St. Patrick's

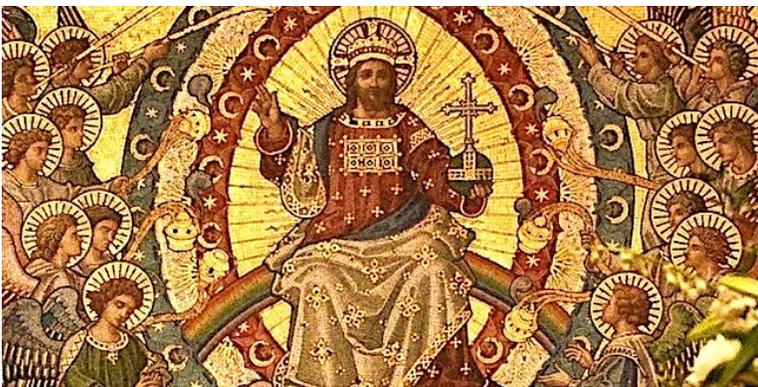
Sunday 9:30 am

St. Theresa's

Saturday 4:30 pm; Sunday 9:30 am

The Feast of Christ the King—November 22, 2020

Liturgy



Today's Gospel is about the end of time and the final judgement. We read this gospel at the end of our Liturgical year. Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgement. The judgement will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least among us, the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick and those in prisons. Last week's parable taught us that the gifts we received are intended to be used for the service of others. Our judgement will be based on how we have used these gifts. Jesus tells that whenever we have served these least ones we have served Christ himself. Jesus establishes a kingdom that grows through humble acts of service.

This last Sunday in the Liturgical Year celebrates the Solemnity Feast of Christ the King. The feast was instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI to proclaim the majesty and divinity of Christ in response to a growing secularism throughout most of Europe. At time many Christians began to doubt Christ's authority and existence as well as the Church's authority to continue Christ's authority. Pope Pius hoped the institution of this feast would have the following effects: that nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom and immunity from the state and that the faithful would gain strength and courage from the celebration of the feast as we are reminded that Christ must reign in our hearts and minds. Pope Francis wrote "To acknowledge the kingship of Christ means that we should dedicate ourselves to prayer, to building up our families and our parish communities, and to bring healing to a broken world.

Religious Education

If you are interested in receiving children's liturgies or catechism lessons by email or regular mail, please contact Sr. Lucia. sr.lucia.oster@gmail.com or by phone (902) 266-2135.

*During the month of November,
we remember in a special way,
those whose Funeral Liturgies have been celebrated
in St. Theresa's Church during the past year.*

- John Arthur Belgrave
- Lynn Beverley Currie
- Alma Mary Hartnett
- Francis William Hickey
- Marion Mary Jordan
- Theresa Margaret MacDonell
- Arthur Edwards MacKean
- John Desmond O'Connor
- Viola Marie O'Connor
- Theresa May Orman
- Thomas Patrick Pottie
- James Kenneth Power
- Louise Helene Pyke
- Ann S. Sampson
- Margaret Mary Smith
- Joseph Leo Paul Viau
- Robert Norman Warner



Pastoral Team Message

This week we prepare for the Feast of Christ the King. We are reminded of the humble and powerful strength of Jesus. He is our King, but the strength of his leadership comes from his example of compassion. He shows us how to be charitable by making the ultimate sacrifice.

Living in a pandemic is a true test of how we can care for others. We have an opportunity to practice the teachings of Jesus as we focus on others as well as ourselves. We still need to be vigilant about daily routines and sacrifices required to keep each other safe.

JESUS CHRIST, OUR KING



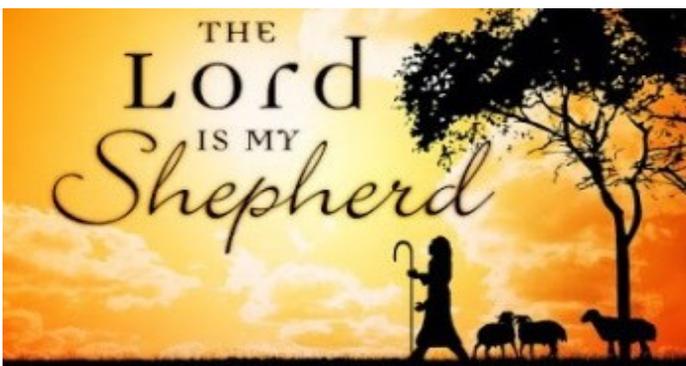
The Pastoral Team at St. Theresa's Church is still meeting and discussing ways to help our community remain connected. We miss the usual events that would have been provided through the year. These were opportunities to socialize together and we continue to look for to new ways to feel connected as a community. Thank you for looking out for one another in this difficult time.

The St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi calendar will soon be available. The Memorial Tree will also be placed on the altar very soon. These traditions have remained alive, even if they are presented in a new way. It is our hope they will serve as reminders of our strong faith community.

CENACLE PRAYER GROUP FOR OUR CHURCH IN NEED

We invite you to join us in prayer every Thursday morning at 10:30am in St. Theresa's Church hall as we pray for the Church - our Pope, Cardinals, Bishops, Priests, the Religious, and lay faithful.

All Covid-19 protocols are strictly adhered to and must be complied with - including wearing of masks and social distancing



Finance Corner

YOUR EXTRA HELP NOVEMBER DONATION, DOUBLED!

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Last week we learned that a Parishioner pledged to double the impact of our November donations to My Extra Help to Keep St. Theresa's Strong Campaign!

You still have time to make a difference by doubling the impact of your November monthly donation if you have not yet made a contribution. Any My Extra Help donations received by the close of business on Monday, November 30 will be matched!

As we head into the last two months of 2020, we have raised 73.2% or almost three-quarters of our \$30,000 goal.

We need to raise \$8,049 or about \$4,024 in November and December to reach our goal.

Despite Covid-19, Parishioners at St. Theresa's have continued to be very generous each month which sustains our operations.

To add to our monthly efforts this pledge to match the November donations to My Extra Help will double whatever is received in November greatly improving our chance of reaching the \$30,000 goal by the end of December.

We are grateful to the Holy Spirit who guides us all in so many ways and who shows us that **anything is possible with generosity and prayer.**

Thank you to those Parishioners who have continued to make their monthly offering to My Extra Help through the Pre-Authorized Payment Plan which will also be matched.

All these efforts including your weekly offerings combine to give us hope for the future that St. Theresa's will remain our spiritual home, a beautiful rose in the heart of Halifax.

Together let's keep St. Theresa's strong!

Diocesan News

Thank You Archbishop Mancini

Canon law states that all bishops must submit their resignation on their 75th birthday. Archbishop Mancini will reach this milestone birthday on November 27. In thanksgiving for his leadership and faithful ministry for over 13 years, the Archdiocese will host two gatherings next week.

- November 25 – An Evening of Prayer with the Clergy at Saint Benedict Parish
- November 27 – Celebrant at the 12:15pm Daily Mass at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica

Due to our current circumstances these liturgies are by invitation only. However, all are encouraged to join in the celebrations by livestream. The links for each of these events will be found on the diocesan website on the day of the event.

Greetings and best wishes for Archbishop Mancini can be:

Mailed to: Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth, 1559 Brunswick St., Suite 101, Halifax, NS B3J 2G1

or

Emailed to: info@halifaxyarmouth.org

Equip the Saints: Community Collection

This weekend, is the second opportunity for you to make a contribution to this year's Community Collection. During this weekend's Masses, November 21-22, people are asked to place their Community Collection envelope in their parish collection basket.

We all have an experience of what community is, yet do we have a sense of what a Christian community is? Jesus tells us: *For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.* (Matt 18.20) As we gather in our families, or each Sunday in our respective parish families, or our various outreach efforts, or our service to the larger community of which we are a part: Is Jesus present? As followers of Christ we are called to encourage and support one another to build and support communities that grow in their ability to witness Christ in all aspects of life. With this diocesan collection we can equip the saints, all of us, for this task!

Your contributions help develop tangible resources that can create the space needed to bring the transformative power of the Holy Spirit to a world desperately in need of hope, mercy, love...and true Christian community.

There are two ways for you to give:

- Fill out the Community Collection donor card and use the included return envelope and mail it directly to the Archdiocese: Community Collection, Suite 101-1559 Brunswick St., Halifax, NS B3J 2G1
- Make a donation online through the Archdiocesan website by visiting halifaxyarmouth.org/donate.

Please prayerfully consider your contribution. Thank you for your generosity!

