

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

32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time—November 8, 2020

Liturgy

"For since we believe that Jesus died, rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died." St. Paul wrote these words to the Thessalonians, "for we do not want you to be uninformed."

Paul travelled to the early Christian communities, likely staying for only a short time and therefore it is likely he could not teach them all the Christian dogma at once. This is one of Paul's first letters. He is learning what problems exist in these early days and finding ways to address them. Here he is teaching the Thessalonians what would happen to believers who died while waiting for Jesus' return.

St. Paul describes his vision of the coming of the Lord, the call of the Archangel, trumpets, clouds. In the Old Testament trumpets were used to announce important events, the Sabbath, impending danger etc. In the New Testament the trumpet signals Christ's Second Coming. The Book of Revelations gives many details of the trumpets sounding the last days. Clouds are associated with the presence of the Lord in both testaments. In his imagery Paul does not speak of going to heaven but being "with the Lord forever."

During the month of November when we honour with special prayers all those who have died we recall the words Paul wrote to the early Christians. As human beings we know the pleasure of just being with someone - watching a grandchild sleeping, sitting quietly with the elderly, sharing a sunset with a friend. We can "be with the Lord" in our silent meditation and reflection on the readings for today.

Religious Education



Congratulations to
Aaron Buke
for receiving the
Sacrament of Confirmation
on Sunday, November 1st

Did you know that in the time of Jesus, weddings were held at night? The bridesmaids had to carry lamps to see their way in the dark in order to meet up with the bridegroom. Because there weren't any street lights back then, if their lamps went out, they would have no other light to see by until the morning! They used oil lamps with wicks so they had to make sure they had enough oil and that the wicks were trimmed properly!

How will you keep your 'spiritual lamp' filled while you wait for the coming of Jesus?

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.

Pastoral Team Message

As Remembrance Day approaches, it brings to mind the many sacrifices made so we can enjoy our freedom. Freedom to speak, pray and worship as we choose. Those sacrifices deserve a special place in our hearts and prayers.

Freedom has been won and protected by people working together. Let us pray for strength in community as we continue to take care of each other by following the necessary health protocols. While physically distanced, the act of doing our part to keep neighbors safe can bring us together in different ways.



As we witness troublesome issues in the world, we can find strength in our faith and through the power of working together. We can honor the precious gift of freedom by continuing to work together and remembering how fortunate we are.

Many thanks to all veterans who have died to protect us & those who are still with us.



**SERRA Halifax invites you to join them
for an hour of Adoration on Friday November 13th
from 7-8 pm at Saint Mary's Basilica.**

This time of prayer will be led by Father Craig Cameron, Vocations director for the Diocese.

Please register by calling-902-453-2918.

We will be following the protocol for the covid-restrictions - masks are a necessity.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

St Theresa's Conference of St Vincent de Paul continues to benefit from the generosity of parishioners.

The Thanksgiving weekend envelopes brought in over \$2700.

Despite the restrictions of Covid, limiting our ability to get together, you have not forgotten the less fortunate. The envelope collection and the Poor Box allow us to drop off grocery store gift cards to help those who call when their fridge or cupboard is bare.

On behalf of the volunteers of St Theresa's Conference we are energized by your ongoing support.

Thanks again
John Mersereau

On behalf of St Theresa's Conference SSVP



RECOVERING TOGETHER.

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted us in Canada and is devastating the Global South through worsening poverty, hunger, inequality and conflict.

You can help by giving generously in response to a special appeal for support of Development & Peace's work – a gift from you to struggling people.

Giving now provides an opportunity for you to give a Solidarity Christmas gift to friends and family with a special donation in their name to the Development & Peace-Caritas. You can give on line to www.devp.org or phone 1-888-234-8533.

Your donation will help our partners in their struggle to improve the lives of the most vulnerable and marginalized in their communities. For further background and actions see the Halifax-Yarmouth Diocesan website or visit www.devp.org

My Extra Help November

November is a month of remembrance. We remember all those who served our country and gave their lives to protect us in times of war and peace to keep our communities safe and secure. Likewise, we need to remember the many health care workers, police, firemen, teachers, grocery store employees and many other people who every day do their work during this pandemic to maintain us in safety, security and peace of mind. A time of remembrance allows us to remind ourselves of the many gifts given to us each day by people we do not know. This is how our Christian faith of love protects us each day when we give these little gifts to each other.

October Results

In October, Parishioners generously offered 41 envelopes for a total of **\$1,820.00**. This is an amazing result during these challenging times. In 2019 we raised \$2,317.00 from 77 envelopes. This is a difference of about \$500. While every dollar counts in reaching our goal of \$30,000 the difference is minor during this time of Covid-19.

At the end of October 2020, the My Extra Help to Keep St. Theresa's Strong Campaign has raised a total of **\$21,951.21**. Last year at the end of September we had raised \$27,250.15 The decrease of \$5,299 is due to not being able to hold our usual fundraisers.

So we can be very happy and hopeful with these results. Despite the sacrifices that we must make on a daily basis due to the pandemic, Parishioners still have faith in keeping our Christian community strong.

November Campaign

This weekend we start the **November 2020 My Extra Help to Keep St. Theresa's Strong Campaign** as we head into the last two months of 2020 having raised 73.2% or almost three-quarters of our \$30,000 goal. This means we need to raise \$8,049 or about \$4,024 in November and December. **Anything is possible with generosity and prayer.**

The My Extra Help to Keep St. Theresa's Strong Campaign is a very important collection that helps to support the financial stability of our community. Numerous projects have been able to be completed at St. Theresa's due to the generosity of Parishioners at St. Theresa's in supporting this annual campaign (click here [to see Father Francesco's recent letter to read a full list of the projects](#)).

Able to Attend Mass

Please use the envelope on the table or attached to the paper bulletin as you leave the Church and return it at the next Mass you attend or drop it off at the Rectory to get a charitable donation receipt for your 2020 income tax return. A suggested special offering of \$10-\$20 or more, if possible, would greatly assist.

Unable to Attend Mass

If you are unable to be physically present at Mass at St. Theresa's for whatever reason, we would ask you to still consider making the monthly offering for the My Extra Help to Keep St. Theresa's Strong Campaign using one of the various ways we have discussed since the pandemic began:

Option 1: e-Transfer – See link below for Tips on How to Donate for My Extra Help

Option 2: PAPP – See link below for Tips on How to Donate for My Extra Help

Option 3: Cheque – See link below for Tips on How to Donate for My Extra Help

[Tips on How to Make Donations to St. Theresa's Church during the Covid-19 Emergency](#)

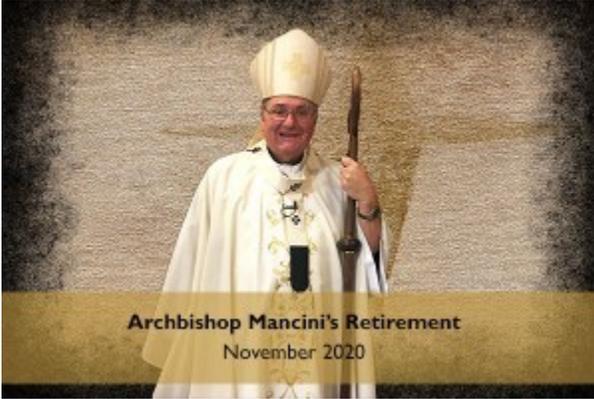
Option 4: Send your Offering for My Extra Help in an envelope with a Friend who has registered for Mass

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

We can only reach our \$30,000 goal through your ongoing generosity and spiritual intentions.

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!



Archbishop Mancini's Retirement: November 2020

After 13 years as our Chief Shepherd, Archbishop Anthony Mancini will retire at the end of November. Canon law states that all bishops must submit their resignation on their 75th birthday. To mark this milestone for Archbishop Mancini and the faithful of our diocese there will be several celebrations. We invite you to mark your calendars now!

•November 22 – Celebrant at the 10:30am Sunday Mass at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica

•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. Further details will be shared closer to the events.

A Blessing Not a Burden

Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.
Matthew 25:40

Take Action.

Write to the Federal Government.

New legislation is coming and disability advocates are fearful. The federal government has tabled legislation to expand access to euthanasia to people who are not about to die, including people with disabilities. A 2019 government report said that people choose euthanasia because of fear of being a burden, loneliness, lack of support, or loss of dignity and meaning. People with disabilities face these issues daily. As a society, we have a responsibility to support the vulnerable, not allow them to be permanently silenced.

The Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience encourages Canadians to write to their MP. Let them know you don't want access to euthanasia expanded to include vulnerable people who are not at the end of their lives. It could be someone in your family next or it could be you. To send an email, visit:

English: www.canadiansforconscience.ca/federal_government

French: www.coalitionssanteconscience.ca/gouvernement_federal

The Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience is an association of 10 organizations, of which 6 are Catholic. Many of you may know that our own Deacon Larry Worthen has been very active in this bring light to this issue. He and associates have put together two short YouTube videos on this relevant and important issue. The links to both English and French versions are here:

English: youtu.be/bECmV6OEDTo

French: youtu.be/MNhs5xcA5tQ

Deacon Larry is open and happy to receive comments or answer questions at the following email address: lworthen@cmdacanada.org



Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Theresa's:

We are commencing the **5th Annual Christmas Memorial Tree to Unite Our Generations!** It has been our annual tradition to place a Christmas Tree with specially decorated ornaments on the Altar as a visible sign of our dearly departed loved ones who have gone before us and are now with our Heavenly Father.

Our tradition will be different for 2020 due to Covid-19. In order to observe necessary health precautions, the process will be adjusted. The tradition of creating hand-crafted ornaments together will not be possible but to still honour the memory of our loved ones, we will hang paper angels on the tree that are personalized with the name of those who have passed. No ornament will be attached.

Hopefully by Christmas 2021 the St. Theresa's Youth Group can once again decorate beautiful ornaments for the Christmas Memorial Tree and we will be able to host once again a fun craft night when young and older Parishioners and Friends of St. Theresa's can work together to showcase their talents to make ornaments for the tree.

Despite Covid-19, November is a time to remember the dearly departed members of our Parish community. The Annual Christmas Memorial Tree allows the Past and Present Generations to celebrate Christ's birth in December.



**Christmas Memorial Tree
How it Works this Year**

If you have requested an ornament in the past we should have the name of your loved one on our previous annual lists and we will hang a personalized angel on the tree based on that information. No order is required unless there is a new name you want to include.

Please see over....

If there is a new name you want to include or if you have not previously ordered an ornament but would like an angel hung on the tree to remember a loved one, just drop a note in the collection basket at the back of the Church as you are leaving and we will prepare an angel for you.

Also you can send an email to the Parish Office with the name you wish placed on the tree.

There will be no charge this year as there is no ornament; however, if you would like to make a free will offering to St. Theresa's Church please ensure that your name, address and envelope box number are included along with your loved one's name so an income tax receipt may be provided. Offerings may be made in the usual ways: cash, cheque, e-transfer.

Please have your request in to the Parish Office during regular office hours so the angel will be on the tree for the first Sunday of Advent (November 28 and 29, 2020).

God Bless Our Dearly Departed Loved Ones!

