

# St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish



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**Pat Belgrave, Admin. Assistant**  
St. Theresa's:  
Monday 9:00 am—11:30 am  
Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 am—Noon

St. Catherine's:  
Wednesday 9:00am—5:00 pm

**Cheryl Delaney, Admin. Assistant**  
St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata:  
Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 am—Noon;  
1:00 pm—4:00 pm

St. Patrick's:  
Wed. & Fri. 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Religious Education Coordinators:  
St. Catherine's—Donna Noddin  
St. Mother Teresa—Susan Sarty  
St. Patrick's—Sr. Bernadette  
St. Theresa's—Sr. Lucia

## SUNDAY MASS TIMES

<u>St. Catherine of Siena</u>	<u>St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata</u>	<u>St. Patrick's</u>	<u>St. Theresa's</u>
Sunday 11:00 am & 7:00 pm	Saturday 4:00 pm; Sunday 10:00 am	Sunday 10:00 am	Saturday 4:30 pm; Sunday 9:30 am


## 3rd Sunday of Lent — March 15, 2020

### Daily Mass Intentions

St. Theresa's		
Tues. March 17	9:00 am	Gordon Thornhill †
Wed. March 18	9:00 am	Special Intention—St. Joseph
Thurs. March 19	9:00 am	All intentions in the Book
Fri. March 20	9:00 am	Gerry Upcott †

St. Catherine's		
Sat. March 21	9:00 am	Nuniziata Presutti †

### Liturgy

 On this Sunday, and the next two Sundays, we read from St. John's Gospel, the only Gospel not assigned to a particular liturgical year. Readings are interspersed throughout our three liturgical cycles. The selection for the Third Sunday of Lent, the conversation between Jesus and the woman from Samaria, is among the longest found in Scripture. It is an unusual conversation, a break from tradition. There was animosity between the Samaritans and the Jews and Jewish men were expected to avoid speaking to women in public.

Wells were important in the hot climate of Israel. The women of the town would have come early in the morning to draw water.

The fact that the Samaritan woman was there at noon, the hottest time of the day, is a clear sign that she was an out-cast in the Samaritan community. (her many husbands)

Jesus speaks of the "living water" which she first understands as the water from the well and only later understands "The water I will give will become in him a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

The woman is converted to believe Jesus is the Messiah, He knows her sins and speaks to her just the same. She becomes an evangelist to her own people. Jesus uses the encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit.



During Lent, please join C.W.L. members for the Stations of the Cross on Friday afternoons at 3pm in the main church. All are welcome.

**Confession & Absolution**

**LENTE PENANCE SERVICE**

St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church is holding a **Lenten Penitential Service** on Friday, March 27th, at 7:00 pm, following the Way of the Cross at 6:30 pm. All are welcome.



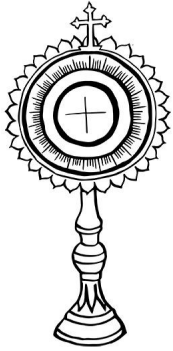
## Donations for Easter Flowers

We are accepting donations for the purchase of Easter flowers. If you wish to make a donation or a donation in memory of a loved one, please mark your name, contact information and envelope number on a plain, white envelope and place it in the regular collection. We will be pleased to acknowledge these remembrances.



Washing of the Feet – Volunteers Needed – As part of the Holy Thursday celebration, twelve people are needed for the Washing of the Feet. Would those parishioners willing to participate,

please call the Parish Office or email Sr. Rita at [sr.rita8@gmail.com](mailto:sr.rita8@gmail.com)



March 2020 marks 15 years since St. Theresa's Chapel began **Eucharistic Adoration** for 5 days a week, Monday thru Friday, from 9:30am - 4:30pm!

St. Theresa's is the only church in the Archdiocese who host the Living Presence on this regular basis.

We are so grateful to our regular signed-up adorers, as well as all those who drop in for a peaceful, prayerful encounter with the Lord.

Right now we have 1 adoration time space that needs a weekly adorer --- Mondays from 2:30 - 3:30. We pray you will respond.

Please contact Margo Burke to sign up! (902 420-1263, or [margoanneburke@gmail.com](mailto:margoanneburke@gmail.com)).

## Religious Education



There will be no religious education classes March 15th and March 22nd due to March Break.

Classes for grades Primary to Nine will resume, Sunday, March 29th.

## Church News



There will be No YG on March 17

The next Youth Group session will be Tuesday, March 24 in the Hall/Kitchen to bake for Hope Cottage.

Tuesday, March 31st - Game night in the Rectory.

### CALLING ALL SOCCER PLAYERS

The Mancini Cup is set for April 25th. We need players for the Jr High team (grades 6-9) & High School (grades 10-12)

Practices are Friday evenings at Oxford School gym (7pm to—9:00pm)  
March 27, April 3, 17 & 24



### CONGRATULATIONS

to Cathy Keating!  
Cathy won \$138 with Registered Number 122.

**Next Draw Date:** Sunday, March 15, 2020

Should you have any questions email [TRIPLE-T@eastlink.ca](mailto:TRIPLE-T@eastlink.ca).

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## Finance Corner

Every week throughout the year, 52 times a year, a team of dedicated Parishioners, volunteers to count the weekly offerings received by St. Theresa's and other organizations. Our Collection Counting Team also known as the "Holy Counters" wants to remind you about the following tips when using envelopes to make an offering:

- to print your name on your envelope;
- if you forget your envelope and use an envelope like a Welcome Envelope without your box number printed on it, please try and write your box number on the outside of the envelope, if you remember it;
- to please indicate the amount of your offering on the envelope;
- to not use scotch tape to seal the envelope. There is dry glue on the envelope and when moistened, seals the envelope well. This will make the Team's work go faster and will avoid the chance of damaging the contents of the envelope when opening the envelope. Of course, there may be an occasion when using tape is necessary and that is perfectly acceptable.
- to circle the PAPP box on the envelope when you place an envelope in the collection if you make offerings by PAPP.
- to check the box on the front of the envelope to indicate through which Church you are directing your offering.
- to make your cheque payable to **St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish**.
- to avoid, if possible, allocating your offering by cheque to more than one type of collection.

Remembering these tips will allow the "Holy Counters" to be more efficient and save time processing the collection for deposit in the bank. This will also help when entering your information to prepare your year-end tax receipt.

The "Holy Counters" are the first link in the accounting process. If the Collection Counting Team is able to process the envelopes smoothly then the whole system benefits from better efficiency and accuracy.

**THANK YOU.** Your cooperation and generosity are always appreciated.

## St. Francis and St Clare Parish

**Every Friday during Lent** (except Good Friday), Mass will be celebrated at 12:00 noon at St. Catherine's (March 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup>).

A **LENTEN LUNCHEON** will be held each Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) following the 12:00 noon Mass in St. Catherine's Church Hall. Price is \$8 and includes Fish Chowder or Soup, tea biscuit, dessert, tea & coffee. Everyone is welcome.

Ellen O'Reilly and Marg McMillan, tax volunteers with the CVITP and members of Saint Catherine of Siena Church, are offering a **free income tax service** to people with a low income threshold to members of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish. To book an appointment, please contact Ellen at 902- 454-0958 or Marg at 902-

"The next **Senior's Day at St. Mother Teresa Church** will be Wednesday, March 18th at 1 pm in their Church Hall. The theme is celebrating Saint Patrick's Day. All are welcome. For more information call Janet at (902) 455-3718."

**FISH CHOWDER SUPPER St. Mother Teresa Church** Hall March 20th from 5:00- 6:30 pm \$8.00 per person Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 8666.

There will be a **Healing Mass**, Thursday, March 19th at St. Mother Teresa's at 7 p.m. with Celebrant Father Mark Cherry.

Before the Mass, there will be a time of Prayer and Adoration beginning at 6 p.m. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and the rosary will be prayed, followed by a silent time of Adoration. There will be a short Benediction and repose of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:50 p.m. The Healing Mass begins at 7 p.m. with prayers for healing after the Mass.

All are invited to participate, as they are able. For more info. please contact Rhonda-Lynn Clarke, Ministry Coordinator at: 902 448 3660

## Diocesan News

Do you feel called to visit the sick, terminally ill, dying and bereaved in your parish community? As a member of a Parish, you would represent your parish community by journeying with a person and being a loving support by listening, with some understanding of the challenges with which they may be coping, to ease the suffering and improve quality of life. Would your parish like to enhance the outreach ministry to include palliative care volunteer visits?

Two day certified course - **May 2 and 30, 2020** 8:00am-3:30pm

**Location:** St. Agnes Church, 6903 Mumford Rd, Halifax, B3L 2H4

**Presenters:** Mary Wylde RN, Sister Nuala Kenny (videos) and Susan Duggan

**Contact:** Dianne Bulger [diannebulger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:diannebulger@ns.sympatico.ca) or 902-880-3494

**Cost:** \$25.00 to cover materials and lunch

Please **register by April 14, 2020** (earlier is better)