

# 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

## 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time — January 19, 2020

### Daily Mass Intentions

<b>St. Theresa's</b>		
Tues. Jan. 21	9:00 am	Gesidio Zavrella
Wed. Jan. 22	9:00 am	Thanksgiving to Mary and Joseph
Thurs. Jan. 23	9:00 am	All intentions in the Book
Fri. Jan. 24	9:00 am	Thomas and Mary Peters
<b>St. Catherine's</b>		
Sat. Jan. 25	9:00 am	Leo and Evangeline Ridgley

### Liturgy



This Sunday we welcome **Avery Michael Fowler** through Baptism, into the family of God. May the Spirit he receives, guide him as he grows in greater understanding of his faith and holiness!



### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18 - January 25

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (an Octave of eight days) is an international Christian ecumenical observance kept annually since 1894. The Theme for this year is inspired by Acts 28:2 "They showed us unusual kindness" and calls us to shared action. The theme recalls the shipwreck of Paul on the island of Malta and asks us to show greater generosity to those in need.

"In order to unite with one another, we must love one another, in order to love one another, we must know one another, in order to know one another, we must go and meet one another."

These words are known as the Testament of Cardinal Mercier, a Belgian Cardinal (1851-1926, a noted scholar, author, and educator.

At the end of this week the Church celebrates the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul with these words; "O God, who taught the whole world through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Paul, draw us, we pray nearer to you and so make us witnesses to your truth in the world..."

## 2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Frank Lynch



## Religious Education



Congratulations to Jakob Comeau, Diego Calderon, Boris Goerlandt, Alice Gillis and Edele Larsen on their first celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation this past Saturday.

Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they prepare for their First Communion.

## Pastoral Team News

The Pastoral Team of St. Theresa's met with the various leaders of our church's ministries and groups this week to discuss and plan for 2020. Similar to the last years, we are creating a number of opportunities to gather together outside of or after Masses. This allows us to bond, to grow in community, and hopefully faith.

Please take note of the following upcoming events. We hope you plan to join us for as many as you can. You are welcome at all!

**Saturday, February 1st** after Mass  
**Spaghetti Supper**

**Thursday, February 6th**  
**Afternoon Tea (Senior's Social)**

**Saturday, February 22nd** after Mass  
**All Ages Movie Night (pizza & popcorn)**

**Tuesday, March 17th**  
**St. Patrick's Day Lunch** and Irish Entertainment  
(Senior's Social)

We have more events planned for the year, including Family Fun Days, Volunteer Appreciation, Brunches, Suppers, etc; and we will keep you posted on them as they get closer.

## Church News

**Homily**—The paper or email **transcribed** Homily will be taking a two-week break - returning in February.



Youth Group will meet on Tuesday, Jan 21<sup>st</sup> at the Rectory for a game night - 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> will be a baking night in the kitchen of the church hall. Share some laughs while we prepare some baked goods to share with Hope Cottage.



Join us for **St. Theresa's Spaghetti Dinner** on Saturday, February 1st, after the 4:30 Mass.

Our meal includes:  
Spaghetti, Caesar salad, a roll,  
cake for dessert  
with tea or coffee

The meal is \$10 per person or \$30 for a family. There will also be take-away for those who can't stay with us.

It is our first church community event and fundraiser in 2020, and we hope you will spread the word and attend for a delicious meal and great company!

**TRIPLE-T**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to  
William O'Connor!

William won \$130 with  
Registered Number 104!

**Next Draw Date:** Sunday, January 19, 2020

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

TRIPLE-T Raising funds for St. Theresa's Church

## C.W.L. News

Thank you to all who supported our CWL Christmas Bake Sale to make it a success.

Our First Meeting of the new year will take place on Tuesday, February 4th at 6:30 pm in the Pius X Room.

A special Thank you to the Family of Teresa Orman for their generous gift to our CWL. Teresa was a member for 25 years.

## Finance Corner

**Pre-Authorized Payment Plan (PAPP) at St. Theresa's (optional):** If you have automatic withdrawals taken from your bank account to pay your bills, then you already understand how the Pre-Authorized Payment Plan works. At St. Theresa's you also have the option to make all of your offerings by automatic withdrawal. This means that the envelopes contained in the box of envelopes that represent your **Weekly Sunday Offering** and the monthly envelope for **My Extra Help** can be set up for automatic withdrawal. Other Special Collections can be included when you register to use the Pre-Authorized Payment Plan.

Using the Pre-Authorized Payment Plan for your offerings allows you to give intentionally, proportionally and faithfully to St. Theresa's, St. Vincent de Paul and the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth, even when you are not able to attend in person especially during the winter or when you are away on vacation.

The Pre-Authorized Payment Plan replaces the need to write cheques or have cash on hand and ensures that church finances are kept stable. If you make your Weekly Sunday Offering, My Extra Help and other special offerings by envelope, please consider switching.

It's easy to get started. Registration forms are available on the tables in the entrances to the Church. You can still participate in the Sunday offertory by placing your numbered envelope in the regular collection basket and circle the PAPP option which is pre-printed on each envelope. Once registered for PAPP you can make changes to the amount of your offering, the collections in which you participate or discontinue use of PAPP by contacting the Parish Office. You will also still receive a charitable donation receipt for your income tax return.

### Weekday Mass Times:

Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am at St. Theresa's  
Saturday 9:00 am at St. Catherine's

### Confessions at St. Theresa's:

Saturday 3:15 pm —4:00 pm

## St. Francis and St. Clare News

Catholic Spiritual Book Group - faithful readers welcome!

This winter we are reading through the most popular Catholic self-help book of all time, 'Introduction to the Devout Life' by St. Francis de Sales. This 17th century classic is a proven spiritual guide for living an authentic Christian life. <https://www.catholicity.com/devoutlife/>

Group starts 7 pm Monday Jan. 27th at St Theresa's Rectory. We will meet every second week. Contact person Hanna Ritvanen, [hanna.ritvanen@gmail.com](mailto:hanna.ritvanen@gmail.com)

## Diocesan News

**Steubenville Atlantic Registration** - Registration for Steubenville Atlantic 2020 is open! Steubenville Atlantic, our annual high school youth conference, is July 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at Dalhousie University. The conference is for youth who will enter grade nine in September 2020 through to youth who are graduating high school this June. Steubenville Atlantic is one of 25 Steubenville Youth Conferences across North America. It is a fundamentally Catholic, dynamic youth conference that reveals God to teens through powerful speakers, high-quality music, and participation in the sacraments. Curious about the conference? Join us on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm for a Steubenville Night of Worship at St. Clement Church to experience a taste of a Steubenville Conference. To register for the conference or learn more, visit [www.steubenville.ca](http://www.steubenville.ca) or contact Elizabeth Craig at [ecraig@halifaxyarmouth.org](mailto:ecraig@halifaxyarmouth.org) or (902) 429-9800 ext 311.

## Community News

**"Theology on Tap"** - The Good Shepherd Parish invites young adults (ages 20-40) to join them on the last Wednesday of every month for the next five months (Jan—May) for Theology on Tap. It's an opportunity for young adults to explore issues and topics that relate to the Catholic Faith.

**Date and Location:** January 29th, Dal Student Union Building, Grawood Room, 6:30-8:00pm.  
Speaker: Fr. Irek Bem.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Monday to Friday from 9:30am until 4:30 pm  
Saturday 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm  
in St. Theresa's Chapel