

St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish



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 Monday 9:00 am–11:30 am
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St. Catherine's:
 Wednesday 9:00am–5:00 pm

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 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

1st Sunday of Lent — March 1, 2020

Daily Mass Intentions

<u>St. Theresa's</u> Tues. March 3	9:00 am	Mr. and Mrs. Silvester Tesi and Family †
Wed. March 4	9:00 am	Cesare Taraschi †
Thurs. March 5	9:00 am	All intentions in the Book
Fri. March 6	9:00 am	The 1st Friday of the Month (Memorial Book)
<u>St. Catherine's</u> Sat. March 7	9:00 am	Heather Poulain †

Liturgy



We begin the Liturgical Season of Lent on Ash Wednesday. The forty day journey allows us to place ourselves before God with all our faults and shortcomings and to humble ourselves as we ask forgiveness in prayer and meditation. The forty days remind us that Moses, preparing to receive the ten commandments, stayed with the Lord forty days and nights, fasting and without water. The Israelites spent forty

years wandering in the desert, frequently tempted to question their confidence in God's promise of the promised land.

In today's Gospel we read that after Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus went to the desert to pray and fast for forty days where he was tempted by the devil. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case Jesus resists temptation with word from the scriptures. As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation. God's promise of protection can be trusted.

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving have always been part of the observance of Lent. Prayers allow us to know ourselves better and help us grow in faith and confidence in God's protection. Fasting allows us to gain some insight into the needs of the poor and homeless and makes us more attentive to their needs. Almsgiving helps us look upon our neighbours as our brothers and sisters with whom we share what we have.

Religious Education



This Sunday, **March 1st** there will be religious education classes for grades Primary to Nine following the 9:30am Mass. Next Sunday, **March 8th** there will be Children's Liturgy during the 9:30am Mass and Confirmation class following Mass

ST. THERESA'S PASTORAL TEAM

Effective communication with our parishioners is essential to the success of our pastoral work. As such, we are studying ways to make improvements in this area. If you have an email address, please be sure you have given it to Pat in the office. Likewise, if you have Facebook - please be sure that you have "liked" and "followed" our page.

Email for Pat - sttheresachurch@ns.sympatico.ca

Facebook URL - <https://www.facebook.com/SaintTheresaParish6351NorthSt/>

We ask all parishioners who have email and Facebook to take the active step of connecting to St. Theresa's. Thank you.

EVENTS

Thank you also to those who were with us on **Shrove Tuesday**. Thanks to the Pastoral Team members who prepared our food, the Youth Group members and others who served, and for all who joined us for a lovely dinner in community. It was a wonderful way to prepare ourselves and our church family for Lent.

Likewise, the **St. Theresa's Movie Night** was a complete success, and indeed all ages were represented at the event. Thanks especially to Teresa Flinn, our Youth Group Leader, for organizing the evening. We hope you will join us next time for a fun night of entertainment, popcorn, and community.

Our next pastoral event is **St. Theresa's After Mass Brunch**, being held on Sunday, April 19th. Please mark it in your calendars and make plans to join us!

Church News

Save The Date!



St. Theresa's
Socials For Seniors
Invites You To Attend
Our Next Event!

Watch next week-end's
Bulletin for details!

Tuesday, March 17th at Noon
St. Theresa's Church Hall

TRIPLE-T REMINDER – Please write your number on the stickers before placing them on the toonies. Also, write your number on the line drawn on the sticker. If we can't read your number we can't process it. Thanks.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bill Cruden! Bill won \$152 with Registered Number 200. **Next Draw Date:** Sunday, March 1, 2020

Should you have any questions email
TRIPLE-T@eastlink.ca.

Finance Corner

Over the past five and a half years we have done many things at St. Theresa's to make our spiritual home welcoming, safe and inviting. You have seen a lot of projects accomplished at St. Theresa's by our Property Management Committee. The Flat Roof Replacement Project and Rear Wall Repair Project are the most recent projects. Our Property Management Committee continues to address routine matters around our Church and considering project proposals for the future.

With any home, unforeseen circumstances can arise. Unfortunately this past week due to the freeze thaw cycle of our maritime climate a stone fell off the front facade of St. Theresa's. We are grateful that no one was injured because it happened overnight and that we have good professional engineers who were on the scene immediately to inspect and advise us on what to do. As a result we have already made arrangements with a contractor to make the necessary repairs and who will be adding more pins in the walls.

The front steps will remain closed until repairs are completed.

As this work was not planned, we may have to make adjustments to the budget over the 2020 fiscal to account for the impact of these added costs which increases the importance of the request in last week's Finance Corner.

Last week in Finance Corner you were asked if you would like to develop Creative and Innovative Ideas for fundraising or other things to do at St. Theresa's in service to our Lord. Please reflect on this again and if you have an idea contact the Parish Office. Your idea may assist us in ways you cannot imagine.

Investment in all projects is made possible through your continued financial support, prayers and faith in our Church combined with the enormous efforts made by all of our Volunteers. Together these projects, large and small, along with all of our programs and services show the determination of the Community of St. Theresa's to be a strong and vibrant part of the Eucharistic Family of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish intent on spreading the Word of Jesus Christ in the heart of Halifax. Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers that keeps St. Theresa's thriving for the next generation.

C.W.L. News



During Lent please join us for the Stations of the Cross on Friday afternoons at 3pm in the main church.

All are welcome.

The next meeting C.W.L. will take place on Tuesday March 3rd at 6:30 pm in the Pius X room

Franciscan News

Franciscan Way of the Cross – Thursdays at 7:00 pm - The Franciscan community invites you to join them to pray the Way of the Cross during this Lenten Season. The Way will be prayed every Thursday evening at 7:00 pm in St. Catherine's Church. All are encouraged and invited to attend.

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 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th and April 3rd).

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.

Saint Patrick's Church is hosting a **Saint Patrick's day lunch** on Saturday, March 14th from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$30 for a family. There will be music, children's activities, a raffle of Irish goodies and more. A delicious lunch of shepherd's pie, soda bread and gingerbread will be served. Cash bar. Tickets are available for purchase at the door. For information please call 902-429-1300.

Annual **Irish Concert** by the Halifax Concert Band will be held on Sunday March 15th at 2:00 pm in Saint Patrick's Church. Good will offering. All are most welcome to come and enjoy the music!

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

Diocesan News

Rite of Election – Sunday, March 1st - This Sunday afternoon at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica is the Rite of Election at 3:00pm. We would like to invite anybody who is interested in attending to come and experience this unique liturgical opportunity in our Church. The *Rite of Election* is the time during the RCIA process where catechumens (those joining the Church) come together with Archbishop Mancini and the rest of the catechumens from the Diocese in order to be welcomed to the Diocesan church, and for their names to be recorded in the "Book of Elect" of their parishes.

Equip the Saints: Formation Collection - The Formation Collection will take place on February 29th and March 1st. Please support the pastoral initiatives of Archbishop Mancini by donating to this year's collections. Please prayerfully consider your donation to the Formation Collection.

Questions can be directed to Christine Spears at (902) 429-9800 ext 312 or email: cspears@halifaxyarmouth.org

EQUIP Applications are now open - How can you EQUIP yourself for service in the Church today? EQUIP is the program of Formation for the New Evangelization launched by the Archdiocese designed to "equip the saints for the work of ministry" by helping you to discern and develop your God given gifts and use them to live the mission Christ entrusted to you. This three-year program is accepting 10 new participants beginning September 2020 from across the Archdiocese. For more information visit www.halifaxyarmouth.org/EQUIP

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