

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

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time - October 25, 2020

Liturgy

Before his death on the cross Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment, "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another," (John 13) When the Pharisees asked Jesus which commandment is the greatest Jesus answered, "You shall love God with all your heart and soul and all your mind and with all your strength...You shall love your neighbour as yourself." This is the Great Commandment, the fulfillment of the Ten Commandments.

All the readings for the 30th. Sunday in Ordinary Time present this same theme. The reading from the Book of Exodus teaches the proper concern for others. The letter to the Thessalonians praises the people who received the word with joy, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and became an example to others, even beyond their own borders.

Jesus teaches that a moral life can be summed up in terms of love of God, self and neighbour.. The Christian who cooperates with the Holy Spirit will not waver in his or her love of God. It was John, disciple and evangelist, who taught the world, in his writings, that "God is love", that "God so loved the world He gave his only son", and that "he who loves God must love his brother (and sister) also."

Religious Education



Confirmation

7th at St. Theresa's Church!!

Congratulations

Natalia Comeau on being Confirmed and Jakub Comeau on receiving First Communion this past Saturday Oct. 1

We continue to keep you in our prayers.

Religious Education 2020-2021- Fall update

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, we will be sending out lessons by email including videos and activities and our gatherings will be online this year. Even though this will in no way fully replace in-person meetings, we want everyone to feel safe and be comfortable. If you are interested in receiving catechism activity packages by mail, please indicate so on your **registration form attached to this bulletin.**

We will continue the rotation of "classes" and children's liturgy. We will also be having online "gatherings" twice a month for kids in grades 7 to 9. We can schedule periodic video check-ins with families once a month. Thanks for your feedback!

St. Theresa's Religious Ed team

Prayers for the Deceased in our Community

It is with sadness that we report the passing of **Arthur McKean**, brother of parishioner, **Helen Baxter**, and uncle of parishioner, **Libby Kinghorne**.

We pray for his family and for the repose of his soul:

Eternal rest grant unto Arthur, oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

*May his soul and the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.*

Pastoral Team Message

We find ourselves in very unusual and challenging times as we face a pandemic the likes of which we have only read about in history books.

We are a small Pastoral Team trying to manage the safety and expectations of a small population. We try to faithfully fulfill the requirements of the Archdiocese and the NS Health Authority in order to reopen our Church and our facilities in a safe way that is fair and as uncomplicated as possible.

Many of us and many of our brothers and sisters are suffering from what is *affectionately* being referred to as Covid fatigue. We are tired of masks and isolation and restrictions. It is hard to see the larger picture sometimes. It can be hard to graciously accept that this is all a necessary part of the journey to come safely out on the other side of this virus.

As a Pastoral Team, we understand the complex nature of this at our small level. We are humbled and amazed by what larger institutions, stores, cities, provinces and even countries must face. We have seen, at all levels, the anxiety and frustration of leaders who must enforce unpopular procedures and processes for the safety of those in their care. God bless them as they continue to work to keep us all safe.

This week's readings extol us to be kind and caring to our neighbors and to be just and fair. We need to take these lessons beyond our little Church community and try to graciously accept what is being asked of us for our own safety.

Property Management Update

Father Francesco has recently provided a major update on all the good work that has been and is being done at St. Theresa's.

Since that communication St. Theresa's has acquired an important piece of equipment to reduce the work required to disinfect the touch surfaces of the Church after Mass.

The device that has been purchased is called an electrostatic sprayer. It will make the disinfection process much easier by reducing the time required to manually clean the Church surfaces thereby relieving 8 volunteers from back breaking work. One person can now do the work of the 8 dedicated volunteers in much less time.

The sprayer was not inexpensive as it cost \$1,390 but this is a worthwhile investment in our future. It is already used by other Churches and by many commercial operations and some schools.

The sprayer will open up new opportunities for us to use the Church on a more regular basis like daily Mass because the disinfection process will not be so onerous or labour intensive for so many volunteers.

Thank you to all those dedicated Parishioners who have been volunteering their service to the Church each week in the performance of the disinfection process after the Saturday Mass to keep Parishioners safe for the next morning's Sunday Mass.

Finance Corner

Our Parish and our Church depend on everyone's generous prayers, volunteer efforts, financial support or all three.

At St. Theresa's we have many ways to assist our Community in the effort to raise funds needed to conduct the daily operations.

This includes the regular **Boxes of Weekly Envelopes, Pre-Authorized Payment Plan (PAPP), Special Purpose Collections and My Extra Help to Keep St. Theresa's Strong 2020.**

We have even learned through Covid-19 how to use **e-transfer** to make our weekly and other offerings to the Church which for many of us is a new creative and innovative way of doing things.

We can be nostalgic about the past, remembering our various important fundraisers like the Triple-T, the Strawberry Social, the Bake Sale, the Pie and Jar Sale and the Christmas Memorial Tree but today we need to put our energy into finding other new creative and innovative ways to have fun and celebrate our blessings from God.

Please take some time to think and talk with friends about ideas on how we might undertake some fundraisers during a time of Covid-19 and still have fun as a Community.

If you have some fundraising ideas that can bring joy to our Community while still respecting the safety rules, contact the Church office by phone or email.

Ways to Support for St. Theresa's Church

Sunday Envelopes

If you are able to attend Mass, please remember to drop your Sunday envelope in the box provided as you exit the Church.

If you are unable to be physically present at Mass at St. Theresa's for whatever reason, please continue to support St. Theresa's financially in the various ways we have discussed since the pandemic began especially during the beautiful summer days that we have been enjoying. Also you may participate in the scheduled Live Streamed Masses each week on the Parish YouTube Channel (see the link in the Social Media section of the e-bulletin).

Ways to Offer When You Cannot Attend

e-Transfer, PAPP and Cheque – for more details

Visit our website at www.sttheresaschurch.ca

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

Send your Sunday envelope with a Friend who has registered for Mass, drop it through the office mail slot or mail it to the office.

Creative and Innovative Ideas during a Pandemic – If you have an idea, please contact the Church Office. Your ideas will be appreciated.

Embedded in all of our actions is our **faith**, our **love** and our **hope** which are treasures from the Lord. Let us use all of our gifts to keep St. Theresa's strong to do the Lord's work in the heart of Halifax.

2020 Assembly of the People of God: Registration now open!

What are you doing on November 7th? If you are a leader at your parish, we hope you'll join us that day for our 9th Annual Assembly of the People of God! From 9:00 am to 1:00 pm we will gather with people from across the Diocese **online** for our first ever virtual Assembly.

This year we are encouraging one another to cast our nets into the deep for a catch! (Luke 5. 4) We know 2020 has been a year like no other that has challenged our faith and our understanding of what it means to be Church. Yet parishes and the faithful around our Diocese have proven that we are still Church! And we need to support one other as we seek to lead one another in faith.

So, if you are a member of parish pastoral council, a parish finance team, a parish leadership team, or a catechist **register now!** Our workshops will aim to equip you with a better sense of what your role is and how these leadership groups work together to build healthy, vibrant, growing parishes.

Don't find yourself in one of those categories above? Join us for the Archbishop Mancini's keynote address at the beginning of the morning. For more information and to register, visit: www.halifaxyarmouth.org/assembly

Equip the Saints: Community Collection

The Community Collection will happen this weekend, October 24th & 25th with a second opportunity to give on November 21st & 22nd. Your financial support of the pastoral initiatives of Archbishop Mancini are greatly appreciated! Letters and donor cards were mailed this week!

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, 1559 Brunswick St, Suite 101, Halifax, NS B3J 2G1
Make a donation online through the Archdiocesan website by visiting **www.halifaxyarmouth.org/donate**.

If you have any questions, please contact Christine Spears at 902-429-9800 ext.312 or cspears@halifaxyarmouth.org

Let us help strengthen people's search for meaning and hope through actions that share God's message of love. Thank you for your continued support!