

# St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish



Pastor: Fr. Francesco Pirisi, FoH  
 Associate Pastor:  
 Fr. Andrew Rembarczyk

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 Rev. Mr. Art Mitchell  
 Rev. Mr. Len Moore

Including the Communities of:

**St. Catherine of Siena Church**  
 6476 Bayers Road; 902-454-8221  
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**St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church**  
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[www.motherteresaparish.com](http://www.motherteresaparish.com)

**St. Patrick's Church**  
 2263 Brunswick Street; 902-429-1300  
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**St. Theresa's Church**  
 6351 North Street; 902-454-8221  
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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

## The Baptism of the Lord — January 12, 2020

### Daily Mass Intentions

<b>St. Theresa's</b>		
Tues. Jan. 14	9:00 am	The Sampson Family
Wed. Jan. 15	9:00 am	John Miller
Thurs. Jan. 16	9:00 am	All intentions in the Book
Fri. Jan. 17	9:00 am	Antonio Reggi
<b>St. Catherine's</b>		
Sat. Jan. 18	9:00 am	Lea Comeau

### Liturgy



For the people who followed John the Baptist, or looked on from a distance, the question in their minds must have been, "who is this man who preaches

about the one to come and baptizes with water at the River Jordan?" And who is this man called Jesus who comes to be baptized? The evangelist Matthew tells us that as Jesus was baptized a voice from Heaven said " This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." Matthew also wrote that John saw "the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting upon Jesus, and he heard the voice from Heaven."

The Baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another "epiphany." This is the last day of the Christmas Season. The Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God. In Luke's gospel all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus, the Son.

We are united as Christians through Baptism and the Holy Spirit protects and guides us throughout our lives. Jesus began his active ministry following his Baptism. We begin the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, until the beginning of the Lenten season on Ash Wednesday, February 26th.

### Church News



**TRIPLE-T Box Monitor Expression of Interest**—Teresa Orman was a dedicated supporter of TRIPLE-T since the games inception. Theresa could be found at the North Street entrance every Sunday accepting player's TRIPLE-T Toonies. Theresa's passing has created a gap in our TRIPLE-T Team and we are reaching out to the congregation for expressions of interest to serve as Box

Monitor before and after Sunday Mass. If you are interested and would like assist, please contact us by email at [TRIPLE-T@eastlink.ca](mailto:TRIPLE-T@eastlink.ca) or speak with Joanie Langley, Lucille Yochoff or Catherine Pinks.



**CONGRATULATIONS**  
to John Landry!

John won \$135 with Registered  
Number 66!

**Next Draw Date:** Sunday, January 12, 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

**Gratitude Corner**

Gratitude Corner is about celebrating and recognizing the great Christian works of service that we perform at St. Theresa's. The efforts of the **Hall Committee** at St. Theresa's have a significant impact on the life of Parishioners and guests to our Church. Under the committed and long time leadership of Roy Kelly, the Hall Committee coordinates and ensures the smooth operation and use of an important resource within our Church. Space for meetings and activities benefits us as Christ's family to be able to learn about our Faith, to celebrate, to have fun and amusement, to share meals together in happy and sad times, to raise some needed funds for Community priorities, all with the goal to put the Word into action through service. Our Hall with its kitchen facilities and the Pius X Room are important resources which help us to have more life at St. Theresa's and allow us to reach out to the broader community. Recent improvements include a complete repainting of the Hall, installation of new lighting in the Hall and the Pius X Room, a new stage curtain, and installation of WIFI access in the Hall and the Pius X Room.

The Members of the Hall Committee devote their free time to us to make sure that these facilities are used for the good of the Community. We are grateful for their service to St. Theresa's and thank them for their work on our behalf. Seek out the Members of the Hall Committee and thank them personally for their dedication to this Ministry and ask them if there is something you can do to help them to serve the Lord.

**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

**Community 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**

**New Year: New Parishes!**

As of January 1, 2020 we are new parishes! Archbishop Mancini released a letter on New Year's Day referring to this change in our local Church and the decrees that canonically enact this new reality. Our work in 2020, and beyond, will be for all of us - clergy, laity, and religious – to be collaborative in our efforts to truly become stronger together.

Archbishop Mancini's letter and links to the parish decrees can be found on the diocesan website.

**Steubenville Atlantic Night of Worship**

Registration for Steubenville Atlantic 2020, our high school youth conference happening this July, opens next week, on January 15! Curious what all the fuss is about? Want to know a little more about the conference before you commit to a weekend? We have good news! Join us on Tuesday, January 28 at St. Clement Church in Dartmouth for a Steubenville Night of Worship (NOW). What's a NOW? Think of it as a small taste of Steubenville Atlantic – there will be praise and worship music, a youth testimony, and a talk from guest speaker Fr. Craig Cameron, our diocesan Vocations Director. If you've never been to the conference before this is a great opportunity to experience it. If you've been before, it's a great time to have a reunion with your Steubie friends... and invite some new ones!

The event is free and no registration is required. For more information please contact Elizabeth Craig at [ecraig@halifaxyarmouth.org](mailto:ecraig@halifaxyarmouth.org) or (902) 429-9800 ext 311.

Join us Tuesday, January 28 at 7:30 pm, Divine Mercy Parish – St. Clement Church!

**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

## Finance Corner

Please check the **Report for the 2019 Results of the My Extra Help to Keep St. Theresa's Strong Campaign** available in the entrance areas of the Church.

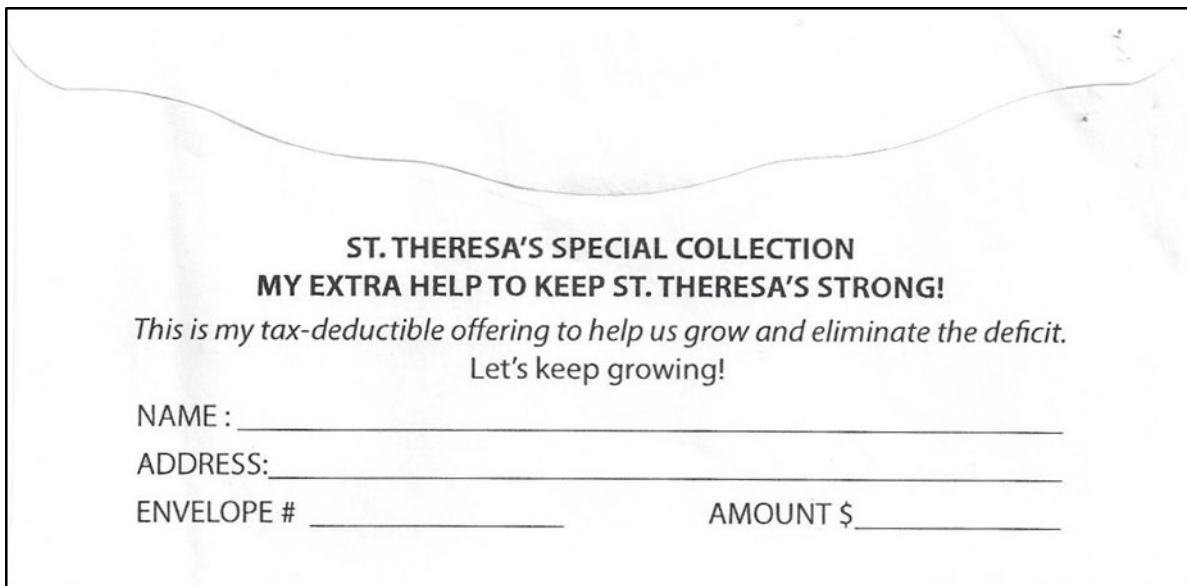
This weekend marks the start of the **2020 Campaign for My Extra Help to Keep St. Theresa's Strong**. Your prayers, volunteer activities, monthly offerings along with our various fundraisers throughout the year will ensure that 2020 is as successful as 2019.

Please note that nothing changes with respect to this special collection or its purpose just because the New Parish has been established except for the name placed on any cheque that you may offer. **The envelope specifies that the offering is being directed through St. Theresa's.**

Cheques should be made payable to:

**St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish**

The envelope will continue to look as follows:



The image shows a white envelope with a wavy top edge. The text on the envelope is centered and reads:

**ST. THERESA'S SPECIAL COLLECTION**  
**MY EXTRA HELP TO KEEP ST. THERESA'S STRONG!**  
*This is my tax-deductible offering to help us grow and eliminate the deficit.*  
Let's keep growing!

NAME : \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
ENVELOPE # \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Should you have any questions concerning this special collection or any other matter, please contact the Parish Office and someone will be happy to speak with you. [902-454-8221 or [stthere-sachurch@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:stthere-sachurch@ns.sympatico.ca) ].