

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

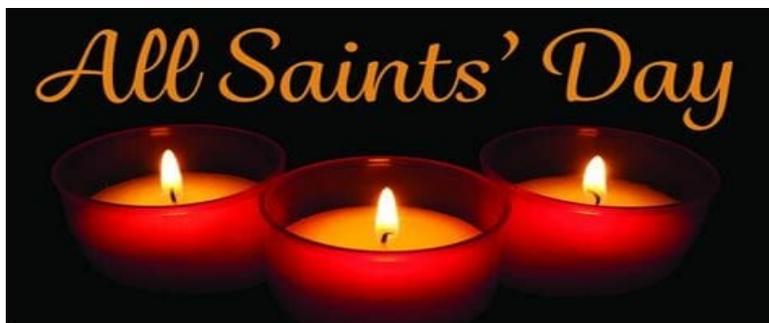
Sunday 9:30 am

St. Theresa's

Saturday 4:30 pm; Sunday 9:30 am

All Saints Day—November 1, 2020

Liturgy



"When Jesus saw the crowd he went up the mountain and after he sat down, his disciples came to him and he began to speak and taught them, saying Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven....."

The Solemnity of All Saints is one of the earliest feasts in the history of the Church. By the late fourth century it was celebrated in Antioch and was originally celebrated to recognize all the martyrs of those early years. The current date was instituted in the early 1700 hundreds and confined to Rome but in the 1800 hundreds it was extended to the whole Church and November 1st. as chosen as its date in the liturgical year.

On November 1st. we celebrate all the saints known and unknown and we ask for their prayers and intercession. The concept of the Feast of All Saints is connected to the doctrine of the Communion of Saints, the teaching that all God's people in heaven, on earth, or in the state of purification are spiritually connected and united. Because of our communion with and through Jesus Christ our prayers are joined with the heavenly community of Christians.

Among the saints in heaven are some we have known. All lived lives on earth like our own. They were baptized, marked with the sign of faith and faithful to Christ's teaching. The Litany of the Saints is one of the oldest Catholic prayers. The Council of Trent declared "the saints who reign together with Christ offer up their own prayers to God for men. It is good and useful to invoke them."

The month of November which begins with the Feast of All Saints and the Feast of All Souls is the month of remembrance. We remember all those who have died on All Souls Day; those who have died in the service of our country on November 11th. and throughout the month we will pray for all those who have gone before us. Remembrance is an act of thanksgiving for the lives of those who have died. They inspire us to goodness as we reflect on the Resurrection and eternal life. Remembering is part of our Christian understanding of hope.

Prayers for the Deceased in our Community

It is with sadness that we report the passing of **Theresa MacDonell**—a long time parishioner of St. Theresa's church.

The Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday, November 5th at 11:00am. All are invited to live-stream the funeral by going to - <https://youtu.be/wtfl97gvNQM>

We pray for Theresa's family and for the repose of her soul:

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

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

Amen.



Gone From My Sight

I am standing upon the seashore. A ship, at my side,
spreads her white sails to the moving breeze and starts
for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength.
I stand and watch her until, at length, she hangs like a speck
of white cloud just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each other.

Then, someone at my side says, "There, she is gone."

Gone where?

Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in mast,
hull and spar as she was when she left my side.
And, she is just as able to bear her load of living freight to her destined port.
Her diminished size is in me -- not in her.

And, just at the moment when someone says, "There, she is gone,"
there are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices
ready to take up the glad shout, "Here she comes!"

And that is dying...

Pastoral Team Message

Over recent weeks we have prepared for costumed children roaming our streets in search of treats and familiar traditions. As with all good things we wish for our young people, we pray they stay safe.

At this time, it is important to remember the significance of Nov 1st in our faith as we recognize All Saints Day. This day of observation began in Rome many centuries ago but has spread throughout the world. It celebrates those who have entered heaven, including saints who are recognized by the Church and those known only to God. It is a time to remember and not our departed loved ones.

There are many ways we can remember those who are gone. We can plant a tree. We can offer flowers and candles. We can offer an act of kindness to our neighbour. We can share our time with the lonely or sick. We can have a moment of quiet reflection and prayer.

Whatever you choose, do it with a sincere heart and find peace in the knowledge of God's love.

Finance Corner

From time to time some Parishioners ask, “When will the My Extra Help Campaign cease?” To answer this question you need to understand that a deficit is not like a loan that needs to be repaid and then once repaid, it is over. A deficit occurs when the weekly offerings and donations (our income) received from Parishioners are less than the expenses incurred to run the operations of the Parish.

The deficit is the gap in income needed to cover all the expenses incurred throughout the year. Another way of saying this is that the deficit would be the loss for the year.

Regrettably we do not receive enough regular Sunday offerings or donations to cover all of our operational expenses or to set aside funds to pay for our capital repairs like the flat roof and our other important investments.

This ongoing annual deficit exists despite having made certain reductions in our operating expenses; therefore, My Extra Help to Keep St. Theresa’s Strong is aimed at eliminating or at least significantly reducing the deficit each year.

St. Theresa’s Parishioners should be proud that since 2015, the My Extra Help to Keep St. Theresa’s Strong Campaign has strengthened us spiritually and financially. We have been able to make significant capital investments each year. Father Francesco’s recent [letter](#) to Parishioners on property management at St. Theresa’s shows what we have accomplished to date.

These investments have already paid off in ways that could not have been imagined when they were made. Consider how our earlier investments in the sound system, in making internet access available in the Church and upgrading Church lighting have allowed us to [live stream \(broadcast over the internet\) Sunday and Funeral Masses](#) and thereby keep our community connected to the Lord during COVID-19. Having the possibility of broadcasting our message opens up new and exciting possibilities for us. Funding from My Extra Help and other generous donations from Parishioners made this possible.

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 - See link below for Tips on How to Donate

PAPP - See link below for Tips on How to Donate

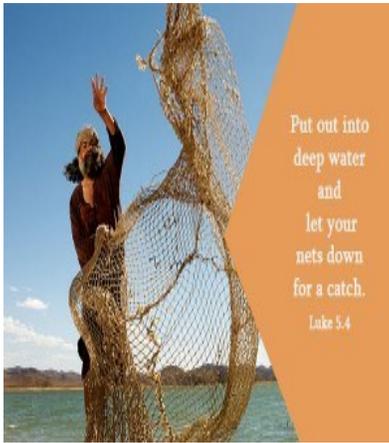
Cheque – See link below for Tips on How to Donate

[Tips on How to Make Donations to St. Theresa’s Church](#)

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.



Join us for the 2020 Assembly!

Our 9th Assembly of God will be different from previous years – however, there's still something for everyone! Not only is the 2020 Assembly fully digital and shorter in length, but it is also one of the last times Archbishop Mancini will address our diocesan family. Join us from the comfort and safety of your home to hear how he has witnessed God's goodness in our diocese in this past year and throughout his 12 years with us.

The Assembly will take place online from 9:00am to 1:00pm on Saturday, November 7. The general morning session will be available by livestream, while workshops at 11:00am are targeted at particular parish leadership groups and require [individual registrations](#). This is a great opportunity for us to gather - as we are able in these crazy pandemic days - to pray together as a diocesan family, hear from our Archbishops, and reflect on how we can be fishers of people (Luke 5. 4-6)!

The schedule for the day looks like this:

9:00am	Welcome & Morning Prayer
9:30am	Keynote Address: Archbishop Mancini
10:15am	Q&A with Archbishops Mancini and Dunn
11:00am	Workshops
1:00pm	Assembly Concludes

To join the general session go to livestream.com/halifaxyarmouth/Assembly2020 on the morning of the **Assembly**. The link will be posted on our website on November 7.

If you are a member of parish council, finance council, a parish leadership team, or a catechist, our Archbishops are encouraging you to register separately for the 11:00am workshop. Please note that you can only register for one workshop as they happen at the same time.

For more information and to register for a workshop go to: www.halifaxyarmouth.org/assembly

Archbishop Mancini looks forward to joining you and praying with you on November 7!

Employment Listings

Are you looking for work? Do you feel a call to work for the Church? New job postings have been listed on our diocesan website. They include jobs with Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Dartmouth and Chalice. To see the new listings go to: www.halifaxyarmouth.org/assembly