

St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish



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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 11:15 am	Sunday 9:30 am	Saturday 4:30 pm; Sunday 9:30 am

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time - October 11, 2020

Liturgy

This week-end we celebrate Thanksgiving with traditional meals and (smaller) gatherings, reflecting on all that we have and experienced for which we give thanks.

The Readings for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time present images that seem to be especially written to remind us of all the blessings we have received.

He will swallow up
death in victory;

and the Lord GOD
will wipe away
all tears from
off all faces.

Isaiah 25:8

Isaiah describes, under the image of a great banquet, the blessings, contentment and happiness that the kingdom will bring.

St. Paul thanks people for their assistance he must have needed and assures them God will reward them for their charity.

Giving thanks for God's blessings and care for us permeates Christian living. And every time we gather to celebrate the Eucharist we lift our hearts in prayer to give praise and thanks to God for his infinite love and mercy. Repeatedly, throughout the Mass the prayers of the celebrant and faithful make us aware of the importance of giving thanks; the Preface begins, "It is truly right and just, our duty and salvation always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father."

WE GIVE THANKS

We give thanks for our blessings,
We give thanks for our world.
For sun in the morning
and stars in the night,
For family and friends who make
our days bright.
We give thanks for our lives.



Franciscans of Halifax

This message is a sincere thank-you from our community for all of your support and love, in the various ways you show it to us.

Thank you in particular for those who have joined us in prayer during the past months through our livestreamed Masses online. At this time, we won't be continuing our Sunday livestreamed Mass from the convent, but if you are interested in tuning in to Mass at the same time with one of the Franciscan brothers, you can still do so.

We direct you again to the St Francis and St Clare Parish youtube channel, where Sunday Mass will be livestreamed every week at 9:30am.

We'll continue to post content on our youtube channel to stay connected with you in this way. You can also find Fr. Pio's message of thanks in this video on our channel.

Peace and all Good,
FOH communications

Diocesan News

Deacon Rob Elford to be Ordained on October 17

On Saturday, October 17, Archbishop Mancini will ordain Deacon Rob Elford to the priesthood at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica at 10:00am. Deacon Rob is currently part of the ministry team at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Dartmouth.

In this time of global pandemic, in-person attendance at this liturgy is by invitation only. The faithful are encouraged to join in the celebration via livestream broadcast. The link to the broadcast will be live on the [diocesan website](#) the day before the ordination.

Please keep Deacon Rob and his family in your prayers as he prepares for his ordination!

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

Our 9th annual Assembly of the People of God this year will be a virtual experience! Join us, online on Saturday, November 7, from 9:00am to 1:00pm. We'll begin the day with a message from Archbishop Mancini and then break out into workshops. Every aspect of the gathering will be held online to allow for everyone to tune in no matter where you are...and stay safe doing so!

The Assembly gathers us as a diocesan family with our Archbishops to pray for our diocese and equip ourselves to proclaim the Good News of Christ in all circumstances – even a global pandemic! This year we focus on training for our various levels of parish leadership – parish councils, finance councils, leadership teams, and catechists.

It is with sadness that we report the passing of **Bob Warner**. Bob's funeral was held at St. Theresa's on Wednesday, October 7th. Please keep his family in your prayers.

We wish to also report the passing of a dear parishioner, **Ann Sampson**. Ann passed away Tuesday evening, October 6th surrounded by family. More details regarding her funeral will be announced at a later date.

Also, please keep Anne Flinn and her family in your prayers. Anne's brother, **Cyril Grant** from Antigonish passed away suddenly on October 6th.

We pray for their families and for the repose of their souls:

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

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

Amen.

Pastoral Team Message

A Prayer for Thanksgiving

Loving God,
We turn our hearts to you on this day for giving thanks, mindful of your many gifts.
For each one, we are grateful.
For each one, we are blessed.
For each one we are opened to the abundance of your love.
May this Thanksgiving Day offer a reminder to be generous with others, as you are with us.
We praise you.
We rejoice in you.
We give you thanks.
Amen.

Finance Corner

My Extra Help October

We look forward every year to Thanksgiving and this year is no different despite the pandemic. We can be grateful for having many things like safety and security, an excellent food supply but most of all for the love of our neighbours who sacrifice each day to practice social distancing, washing their hands and wearing uncomfortable masks to protect each other. These are little gifts of incalculable value that cost us nothing but patience, tolerance, respect and awareness for each other. This is how our Christian faith of love protects us each day when we give these little gifts to each other.

September Results

In September, Parishioners generously offered 41 envelopes for a total of **\$3,960.00**. This is an amazing result during these challenging times. In 2019 we raised \$6,862.35. The \$2,900 difference was because last year we were able to hold our annual Strawberry Social and Bake Sale.

At the end of September 2020 the My Extra Help to Keep St. Theresa's Strong Campaign has raised a total of **\$20,131.30**. Last year at the end of September we had raised \$24,933.15. The decrease of \$4,802 is due to not being able to hold our usual fundraisers.

So we can be very happy and hopeful with these results. Despite the sacrifices that we must make on a daily basis due to the pandemic, Parishioners still have faith in keeping our Christian community strong.

October Campaign

This weekend we start the **October 2020 My Extra Help to Keep St. Theresa's Strong Campaign** as we head into the last three months of 2020 having raised 67% or two-thirds of our \$30,000 goal. This means we need to raise \$9,869 or about \$3,300 each month.

The My Extra Help to Keep St. Theresa's Strong Campaign is a very important collection that helps to support the financial stability of our community. Numerous projects have been able to be completed at St. Theresa's due to the generosity of Parishioners at St. Theresa's in supporting this annual campaign.

Able to Attend Mass

Please use the envelope attached to the paper bulletin and return it at the next Mass you attend or drop it off at the Rectory to get a charitable donation receipt for your 2020 income tax return. A suggested special offering of \$10-\$20 or more, if possible, would greatly assist.

Unable to Attend Mass

If you are unable to be physically present at Mass at St. Theresa's for whatever reason, we would ask you to still consider making the monthly offering for the My Extra Help to Keep St. Theresa's Strong Campaign using one of the various ways we have discussed since the pandemic began:

Option 1: e-Transfer – See link below for Tips on How to Donate for My Extra Help

Option 2: PAPP – See link below for Tips on How to Donate for My Extra Help

Option 3: Cheque – See link below for Tips on How to Donate for My Extra Help

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

Option 4: Send your Offering for My Extra Help in an envelope with a Friend who has registered for Mass

COVID-19 has created so many challenges for all of us and this is yet another challenge for us to overcome. God gives us His love freely and in abundance despite our earthly challenges.

Thank you to those Parishioners who have continued to make their monthly offering to My Extra Help through the Pre-Authorized Payment Plan.

The three remaining monthly offerings to this special collection along with some new creative fundraising ideas that you or your group might have which can be done during a pandemic will help us reach **100%** of our goal by December 31, 2020. We can only make this happen through your ongoing generosity and spiritual intentions.

All these efforts including your weekly offerings combine to give us hope for the future that St. Theresa's will remain our spiritual home, a beautiful rose in the heart of Halifax.

Together let's keep St. Theresa's strong!