

St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish



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

Deacons:
 Rev. Mr. Paul Carnell
 Rev. Mr. Art Mitchell
 Rev. Mr. Len Moore

Including the Communities of:
St. Catherine of Siena Church
 6476 Bayers Road; 902-454-8221
www.saintcatherineofsiena.ca
St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church
 6032 Normandy Drive; 902-454-5835
www.motherteresaparish.com
St. Patrick's Church
 2263 Brunswick Street; 902-429-1300
www.saintpatrickschurch.ca
St. Theresa's Church
 6351 North Street; 902-454-8221
 email: sttheresachurch@ns.sympatico.ca
www.sttheresaschurch.ca

Parish Address:
 6351 North Street, Halifax, NS B3L 1P7
 Phone: 902-454-8221

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

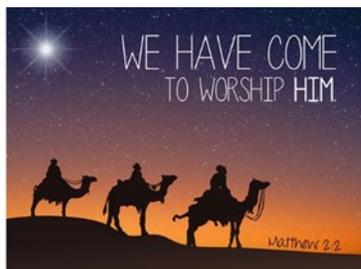
<u>St. Catherine of Siena</u>	<u>St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata</u>	<u>St. Patrick's</u>	<u>St. Theresa's</u>
Sunday 11:00 am & 7:00 pm	Saturday 4:00 pm; Sunday 10:00 am	Sunday 10:00 am	Saturday 4:30 pm; Sunday 9:30 am

Epiphany of the Lord — January 5, 2020

Daily Mass Intentions

St. Theresa's		
Tues. Jan. 7	9:00 am	Wayne MacPherson
Wed. Jan. 8	9:00 am	Maria & Giuseppe Santilli
Thurs. Jan. 9	9:00 am	All intentions in the Book
Fri. Jan. 10	9:00 am	Collette Theriault (living)
St. Catherine's		
Sat. Jan. 11	9:00 am	Bill Power

Liturgy



The Solemnity Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of God incarnate in Jesus Christ.

An epiphany is a manifestation, clarity, an insight, and in this instance, the manifestation of Christ to the gentiles in

the persons of the Magi. We read about the visit of the Magi in Matthew's Gospel, learned men who knew the wisdom and prophecies of old and recognized the unusual sign in the heavens that led them to Bethlehem. "We have seen his star in the east and have come to adore him."

The Gospel tells us they brought gifts; gold which signifies kingship, frankincense, his divinity, (priests burned frankincense in the Temple) and myrrh, used to prepare the dead for burial, in anticipation of his death. The Magi represent the whole world, us, searching and finding Jesus.

The Church describes three manifestations of Jesus as son of God; to the Magi, the Baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan when proclaimed by the Father as Son of God, and the manifestation of divine power when he changed water into wine at the marriage feast in Cana.

Epiphany is a feast of joy, a second Christmas, a manifestation of God's love for us, and the fulfillment of a promise made to the world long ago.

Church News



CONGRATULATIONS to Bob Selig!
 Bob won \$283 (\$145 Rollover + \$138)
 with Registered Number 225!

Next Draw Date: Sunday, January 5, 2020

Should you have any questions email
TRIPLE-T@eastlink.ca
 TRIPLE-T Raising funds for St. Theresa's Church

Finance Corner

After a wonderful and blessed Christmas celebration and the start of a New Year, we will all be getting back to daily life including St. Theresa's. St. Theresa's is now a member of the larger spiritual family of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish. As a spiritual family we welcome and appreciate all people who visit our spiritual home and look forward to visiting and celebrating our faith with our brother and sister communities of St. Catherine of Siena, St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata and St. Patrick's.

During the month of January, Finance Corner will provide a refresher on how St. Theresa's depends on everyone's generous prayers, volunteer efforts, financial support or all three. Your support along with the Holy Spirit's and St. Theresa's guidance allow us to keep the doors of our spiritual home open, to provide the blessed sacraments, daily adoration plus varied Christian programs and services.

Boxes of Envelopes for Offerings and PAPP

Offerings are the main source of money for St. Theresa's. Most Parishioners use the weekly **Sunday Envelopes** contained in the boxes passed out each year or the **Pre-Authorized Payment Plan (PAPP)**. **If you are a registered Parishioner, please pick up your box of envelopes at the back of the Church.** If you are not registered and would like to receive a box of envelopes or you would like to register for PAPP, call the Parish Office or speak to a Greeter. Parishioner registration and PAPP registration forms are conveniently available on tables in the entrances to the Church. One of our Greeters would be happy to pass one to you. Parishioner registration ensures that your email address is used to send you emails about Parish events, to send you the weekly transcribed homily and other important news.

As part of becoming a member of the new Parish of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi a new envelope has been designed with the new parish name on it. Under the parish name is a list of the four Churches with a box next to the Church name that will allow Parishioners to indicate which Church their offering is directed to go through to the Parish.

Please remember to mark the box next to St. Theresa's Church to indicate that you are directing that your offering is to go through St. Theresa's Church to the Parish. If you forget to mark the box and you drop it in the collection basket at St. Theresa's it will be treated as though you marked "St. Theresa's Church" so not to worry.

If you use a cheque to make an offering, please make it payable to:

St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish [Yes, it is a little long to write.]

Below is the draft version of the Sunday Envelope.

ST. FRANCIS and ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH 6351 North St. Halifax, NS B3L 1P7		
123	JAN 05 2020	123
<i>My Fair Share for God This Week</i>		
Please direct my Gift of \$ _____ through: <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Authorized		
<input type="checkbox"/> St. Catherine of Siena Church	<input type="checkbox"/> St. Patrick's Church	
<input type="checkbox"/> St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church	<input type="checkbox"/> St. Theresa's Church	
NAME: _____		
ADDRESS: _____		

Sunday Envelope (White)

As part of the New Parish, **PAPP** at St. Theresa's will continue to be processed in the same way as it was previously processed and will be treated as offered and directed through St. Theresa's Church.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the new envelopes or any aspect of the New Parish, please contact the Parish Office [(902) 454-8221 or sttheresachurch@ns.sympatico.ca].

My Extra Help to Keep St. Theresa's Strong – 2020 and PAPP

Additionally at St. Theresa's we hold a very important special monthly collection known as **My Extra Help to Keep St. Theresa's Strong**. There will be no change to this collection even though we are a member of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish. This collection ensures that St. Theresa's will have funds to meet unexpected needs like the Wall Pinning Project and to operate without a deficit. (Remember a deficit occurs when expenses exceed income.) Special envelopes are stapled to the bulletin each month except during July and August for Parishioners. If you prefer making your Extra Help offering automatically, you can do so by registering for **PAPP**. Monthly updates are provided throughout the year in the bulletin and on posters in the Church to show our progress. Our goal for 2019 was \$30,000 which we surpassed in November 2019 due to your generosity and support for fundraisers! **Check Finance Corner and the posters next week for the Big Reveal to see by how much we surpassed our 2019 goal.**

The new Parish of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi will mean some changes for us at St. Theresa's (like writing a longer name on cheques). We will all have to be patient and understanding as changes occur but one thing will be constant: our love and faith in the Lord. Let us take this opportunity to find new ways to serve the Lord in the heart of Halifax along with our entire spiritual family.

Diocesan News

An excerpt from Archbishop Mancini's January 1st, 2020 letter to the Faithful of the Archdiocese:

Today, we inaugurate a major change in the organization of our Archdiocese with the decreed new parishes; their new names and pastoral leaders. We have been preparing for this transformation for months and even years, as the many facets of this change have been discussed, considered and are now being implemented, as best we can. There will be a necessary period of adjustments for all of us, and the year 2020 will be greatly marked by our collective effort to live through the major shifts involved in New Parishes: Stronger Together. I thank all parishioners who have patiently expended themselves on this reorganization and I count on your continued support. The most important thing we can do going forward, is combine our efforts with the grace of God, as we move forward into a new era for our Archdiocese.

For the complete text, please visit:

www.halifaxyarmouth.org/archbishops/letters-videos-to-the-faithful/item/

[becoming-stronger-together-letter-january-2020](http://www.halifaxyarmouth.org/archbishops/letters-videos-to-the-faithful/item/becoming-stronger-together-letter-january-2020)

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

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