

# St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish



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

## 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time - September 6, 2020

### Liturgy

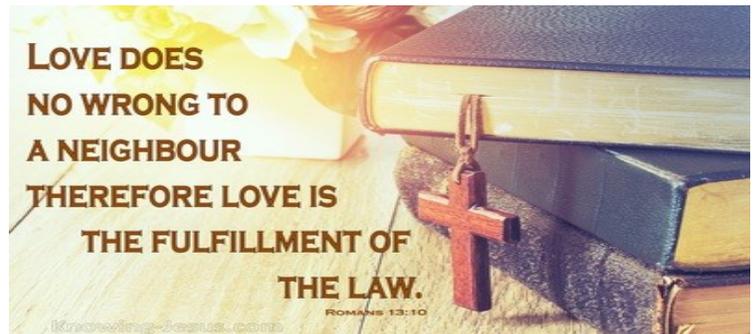
Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 18, deals principally with the relationships among the members of the church.

In the first verses of the chapter Jesus warns that that "greatness in the kingdom is not measured by power and wealth but by becoming like little children." The disciples trust in God must be like the trust children have in their parents,

In the verses that make up today's Gospel we hear Jesus instructing his disciples on how to deal with corrections and forgiveness of members who have sinned. Forgiveness must be repeatedly extended to sinful members who repent. Jesus instructs us to seek guidance in prayer in all our proceedings, "anything you ask will be done for you by my Father in heaven."



In his letter to the Romans, St. Paul is also giving instructions on how to live a Christian life. "owe no one anything except to love one another.



### PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED IN OUR COMMUNITY:

It is with sadness that we have to report the passing of Patrick Noddin, father to Mike (Ann) Noddin and Donna Noddin, parishioners of St. Francis and St. Clare Parish.

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

*Eternal rest grant unto Patrick, 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.*

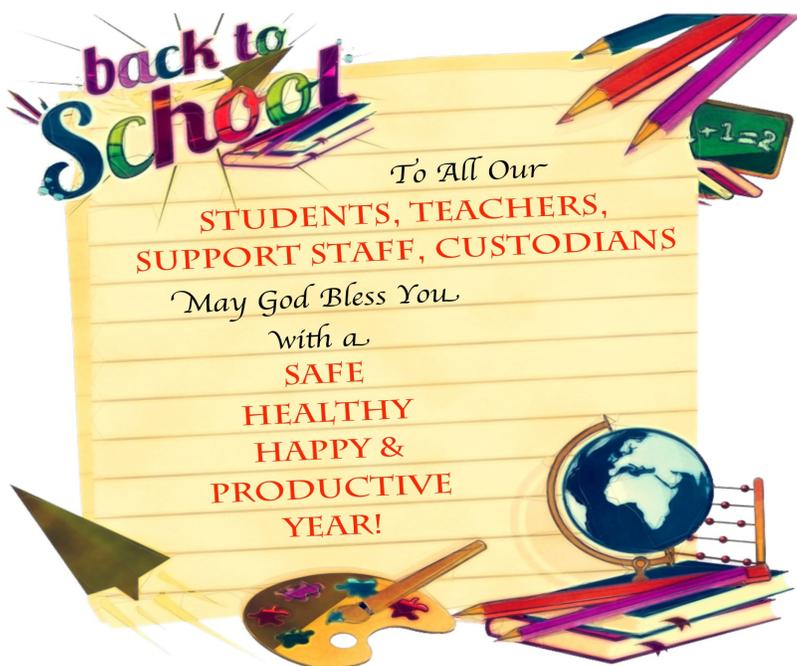
## PASTORAL TEAM MESSAGE:

Who would have guessed that over the course of just a few months - St. Theresa's would create an online Bulletin, operate an online Mass registration system and produce a live-streamed Mass each weekend!?! These are extraordinary technological advances for St. Theresa's; and we hope that they have helped our parishioners feel close to our church and each other.

We want you to remain engaged with us. We invite you to enjoy [our Parish's YouTube Channel](#), where we post weekly Masses. We ask you to "like" and follow [our Facebook page](#). We post Mass registration information every Monday by email.

Please feel free to forward our weekly bulletin and any of the above links with your family and friends. Bring them with you to our Saturday or Sunday Masses, if you feel comfortable celebrating in person, or join in [our live-stream or recorded Masses](#).

We are proud to spread the word that despite the pandemic and all the restrictions and constraints - St. Theresa's is vibrant and strong. Our mission of communion with God, through Christ, continues!



### Prayer for School Beginning

The usual worries and concerns around the first day of school are heightened in a particular way this year due to the coronavirus global pandemic. God hears our prayers and provides for our needs at all times and so we offer this prayer for all students, teachers, parents, school staff and the many others who will begin a new school year this coming week.

Dear God, with a new school year upon us, we pray for our...

STUDENTS, that You would ease any anxiety they may have about going back to school amidst

the pandemic. We pray for safety for those returning to in-person classes, and for the needed technology, self-discipline, and adult oversight for those learning online. May each student young, older, new, or soon to graduate find a supportive network of friends and family and the perseverance to face every challenge with Your strength.

PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS, that You would grant them wisdom in their decisions and choices in their child's schooling. Ease their concerns and worries as they send their children off to school. We pray for your provision for the physical, spiritual, emotional, and financial wellbeing of all families. We pray for a support system that they can turn to when the challenges of life are overwhelming.

TEACHERS, SCHOOL STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION, that You would grant them peace and discernment in their decision making. We pray for wisdom for school leaders, and for the safety of every staff person on every school campus. May they feel supported by their communities as they educate our children.

In Jesus name we pray,

Amen.

# FINANCE CORNER

## Official Restart of Campaign

This weekend we officially restart the **2020 My Extra Help to Keep St. Theresa's Strong Campaign** as we head into the last four months of 2020. It is our custom to suspend the campaign during July and August. However, Parishioners continued to make contributions in July and August which totaled \$3,485 and we are most grateful that they did!

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. Remember that in 2019 we raised \$35,514!

Unfortunately due to COVID-19 restrictions we are unable to hand out the weekly paper bulletin with the monthly envelope attached which has been our custom at St. Theresa's for the last few years.

### Able to Attend Mass

Until we are able again to provide special envelopes to make the monthly offering for the My Extra Help to Keep St. Theresa's Strong Campaign, **we would ask you to consider using an envelope from home** on which you would write the following and then place it in the Sunday collection box as you leave the Church:

1. Your Name
2. Your Envelope Box Number
3. That the purpose of the offering is for "My Extra Help"

### 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.

All offerings for My Extra Help will receive a charitable donation receipt for your 2020 income tax return. **A suggested special offering of \$10-\$20 or more, if possible, would greatly assist.**

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

### The Next Four Months

We have four months remaining to reach our goal of **\$30,000**.

As of the end of August we have received **\$15,691 which puts us over 50%** of the way to the goal! That means we need to raise **\$14,309** or about **\$3,600** per month!

The four remaining monthly offerings to this special collection along with creative fundraising ideas that you or your group might have, 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!**