

St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish



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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
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 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

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time — February 23, 2020

Daily Mass Intentions

<u>St. Theresa's</u>		
Tues. Feb. 25	9:00 am	Anne & Alexander Campbell †
Wed. Feb. 26	9:00 am	George Lewis †
Thurs. Feb. 27	9:00 am	All intentions in the Book
Fri. Feb. 28	9:00 am	Teresa Orman †
<u>St. Catherine's</u>		
Sat. Feb. 29	9:00 am	Madeline McGinn †

Liturgy

Today marks the end of a short period of Ordinary Time as we prepare for the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday. In his Lenten message Pope Francis describes Lent as "a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death." Lent is a time for deepening our spiritual life. We are encouraged to hear the word of God and think about these words more deeply.

The Gospel of Matthew gives us some instructions, not only for Lent but for all time: how we should act as we encounter those who have hurt us, or those who are weaker than ourselves, or those in need. These words can prepare us for the observance of Lent in penance, alms giving and prayer. Jesus asks us to go beyond the way the world usually works and serve God's Kingdom here on earth. Matthew emphasizes that love of God and love of neighbour are the fundamental commands on which all else depends.

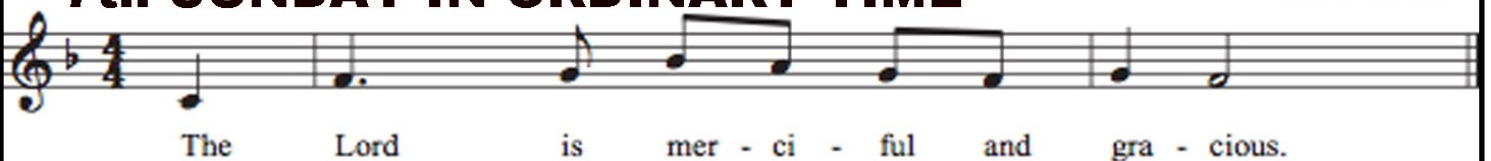
Lent will begin on Wednesday, February 26th. Daily Mass has traditionally been a part of the observance of Lent. The parish Rosary will continue on Wednesdays following the 9.am Mass and praying the Way of the Cross is possible every day while the church is open. For all, may Lent be the new beginning, the path that leads us to Easter.

*The
Season
of
Lent*



7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Frank Lynch



Eucharistic



Adoration

For Lent 2020, you are invited to St. Theresa's Adoration Chapel

- spend 15 minutes a week in prayer in our quiet chapel before the Blessed Sacrament
- add to your regular reading some of the inspirational books in the chapel (free to borrow)
- join in the consecration prayer to God the Father.

"Heavenly Father we thank you for Creating us in Your Image and Likeness.

This Lent we consecrate our hearts to Your Divine Father's Heart.

Form us into Your faith-filled and faithful followers.

Grace us so we may BE and ACT and LOVE according to Your Creative Will. AMEN."

Religious Education



This Sunday, February 23rd there will be Children's Liturgy during the 9:30am Mass and Confirmation class following Mass.

Next Sunday, March 1st, there will be religious education classes for all grades following Mass.

Saint Vincent de Paul

Thanks for your help at Christmas past

Your generosity enabled St. Theresa's Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring a veritable Santa's sleigh of gifts to St. Vincent's Nursing Home. Parishioners put more than 40 gift parcels under the Giving Tree for 22 St. Vincent's residents who would otherwise have gone without Christmas gifts.

Your response to the Giving Tree also provided the Christmas packages that (with help from two St. Catherine of Siena volunteers) we delivered to 39 homes in our neighbourhood. At Christmas we strive to visit everyone we know who needed help during the year.

Through the cooking expertise of Anthony Blanchard we bought all the "fixins" for a Christmas dinner at the 30-unit rooming house near the church. Twenty-one residents in need also received grocery cards and Christmas treats.

if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness
Isaiah 58:10

Ash Wednesday – time to help again

Your box of envelopes includes the Ash Wednesday collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. That envelope can be used on the weekend, or at any Ash Wednesday Mass in the four churches of our new parish.

We are dealing first hand with the human consequences of the severe lack of affordable housing that has developed in the Halifax area. People with a regular modest income cannot find anywhere they can afford to live. Some people suffer a sudden drop in income due to illness. St. Vincent de Paul does as much as possible to help pay their rent while they adjust to new circumstances. Others lose their room due to renovations or upgrades, forced to sleep in places like an unheated storage unit, or an unsafe building.

These new pressures come on top of the chronic poverty that brings people to contact St. Vincent de Paul. We can be as generous as you are generous in using our collections and poor boxes to love you neighbour and to see Christ in each person you encounter. Thank you in advance for your contribution to the Ash Wednesday collection, and for all the extra help you provide during Lent.

Remember that anyone you know in our area who is in need can contact St. Vincent de Paul by leaving a message at 902-454-8221 ext. 222. We meet and distribute support every Friday morning. Emergency messages can be sent via the parish office.

Church News



ST. THERESA'S
SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER
Tuesday, February 25th • 5:30-7:30pm
in the Parish Hall

\$5.00/person or \$20/family

Tickets available in advance or at the door.

Pancakes & Sausages + Coffee/Tea

Join us for a classic Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper downstairs in the Hall (Tuesday, February 25 @ 5:30pm). Our Pastoral Team will prepare and our Youth Group will serve, so we hope to see many of our parishioners join us for this lovely full community event. The meal is \$5.00/plate or \$20/family to include pancakes & sausage, and tea/coffee. All welcome!



CONGRATULATIONS

to Lucille Yochoff!
Lucille won \$297 (\$142 Rollover + \$155) with Registered Number 123.

Next Draw Date: Sunday, February 23, 2020

REMINDER – Please write your number on the stickers **before** placing them on the toonies. Also, write your number on the line drawn on the sticker. If we can't read your number we can't process it. Thanks.

Finance Corner

February 2020 is almost over and Lent will soon be upon us. We have 10 wonderful months left in 2020 to look forward to serve the Lord. Over the last few weeks Finance Corner has been about ways that St. Theresa's raises funds to conduct operations. Earlier this month the **Spaghetti Dinner** following the Saturday 4:30 pm Mass took place and was a great way to have good food, enjoy each other's company and raise funds for our ongoing efforts.

Creative and Innovative Ideas help us to find new ways to raise funds and reduce the risk of incurring a deficit. Remember, a deficit is the result of not receiving enough income to pay for all the expenses in any given year. Preventing a deficit is a responsibility that we as a community share every year. Over the last few years Parishioners at St. Theresa's Church have made sure that there has been **no deficit**. Preventing a deficit has been achieved in many ways but especially through the **My Extra Help to Keep St. Theresa's Strong Campaign**. Monthly envelopes combined with successful fundraisers have kept us on track throughout the year. By doing so there have been sufficient funds available to begin to invest and make repairs to our Church like the wall pinning, the flat roof replacement, rear wall repair, installation of LED lighting, Hall improvements and to devote needed resources to programs and services like FORMED and the Family Fun Day.

Dedicated and concerned Parishioners have heard the call for and developed creative and innovative ideas over the last few years like the **Triple T** and **social event fundraisers** for our enjoyment. Funds from the Triple T help with improvements to the Church like the Large Windows Repair and Repainting Project. The **BETGF Committee** has developed great fundraisers like the popular **Strawberry Social** and the **Great Pie Sale and Bake Sale and the Jar and Tea Biscuit Sale**, the proceeds of which are applied to the My Extra Help Campaign.

Working together and praying together strengthens us to achieve so much more to serve the Lord in ways that we never imagined possible.

If you would like to develop **Creative and Innovative Ideas** for fundraising or other things to do at St. Theresa's in service to our Lord, consider forming a small group then get together and pray on it. It doesn't cost a penny and you may be surprised by what happens next!

St. Francis and St Clare Parish

Every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday), Mass will be celebrated at 12:00 noon at St. Catherine's (February 28th, March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th and April 3rd).

A **LENTE LUNCHEON** will be held each Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) following the 12:00 noon Mass in St. Catherine's Church Hall. Price is \$8 and includes Fish Chowder or Soup, tea biscuit, dessert, tea & coffee. Everyone is welcome.

Saint Patrick's Church is hosting a **Saint Patrick's day lunch** on Saturday, March 14th from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$30 for a family. There will be music, children's activities, a raffle of Irish goodies and more. A delicious lunch of shepherd's pie, soda bread and gingerbread will be served. Cash bar. Tickets are available for purchase at the door. For information please call 902-429-1300.

Annual **Irish Concert** by the Halifax Concert Band will be held on Sunday March 15th at 2:00 pm in Saint Patrick's Church. Good will offering. All are most welcome to come and enjoy the music!

Diocesan News

Archbishop Mancini's Lenten Letter to the Faithful

<https://www.halifaxyarmouth.org/archbishops/letters-videos-to-the-faithful/item/share-lent-2020-letter-january-2020>

Nightfever: March 7th - All are invited to the next Nightfever event at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica on Saturday, March 7th, from 7:00pm – 9:30 pm. Nightfever is an evangelistic evening of Eucharistic Adoration where the doors of the Basilica are opened and young adult missionaries go into the street two-by-two and invite anyone passing by to come into the church, light a candle, and spend some time in prayer or to experience the peace and music inside the church. We invite everybody to come and experience this event, come in for a time of prayer, and to intercede for those the missionary teams are reaching. More information and information about volunteering can be found at www.facebook.com/NightfeverHalifax.

Do You Have a Cathedral Story to Share? - More than simply a beautiful building, more than just a parish, Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica has been a welcoming space for Roman Catholics and people of all faiths for almost 200 years. We know that many of the parishioners and visitors to the Basilica have wonderful memories of their life events, large and small, that have taken place at Saint Mary's. If you or a family member have stories to share, we'd love to hear them and share them on our website.

To share your story, email your stories to us at vbobyk@saintmarysbasilicafoundation.ca.