

Saint Patrick's



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MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

A Men's Prayer Breakfast will take place at St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church, 6032 Normandy Drive on Saturday March 25th, 2023. Mass will begin at 9:30 am followed by breakfast and fellowship. This is a great opportunity to meet and connect with men in our parish over a meal and discuss issues of faith we face in today's world. Register at events@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca or you can register on the sign-in sheets available at each church location.

What is Laetare Sunday?

During Advent, we celebrate Gaudete Sunday on the Third Sunday of Advent. In Lent, we celebrate Laetare Sunday on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Both days refer to happiness. In fact, both 'Gaudete' and 'Laetare' mean rejoice, and the connection is obvious as they are both days of joyful anticipation in the middle of liturgical seasons that might be seen as deeply solemn.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY
Saturday/Sunday, April 1st & 2nd
Regular Mass Schedule at each Church location
CHRISM MASS - Tuesday, April 4th
12:00 noon Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica (12:00 noon Mass at St. Catherine's is cancelled.)
Wednesday, April 5th - regular 9:00 am weekday Mass at St. Theresa's Church
HOLY THURSDAY - Thursday, April 6th
7:00 pm - St. Catherine of Siena Church (followed by one **GOOD FRIDAY** - Friday, April 7th
3:00 pm - St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata & St. Theresa's Church
GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS - Friday, April 7th
7:00 pm - St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church
EASTER VIGIL - Saturday, April 8th
8:00 pm - St. Patrick's Church
EASTER SUNDAY - Sunday, April 9th
Regular Sunday morning Mass Schedule at each Church location; **NO** 7:00 pm Mass at St. Catherine's

Meals for Hope Cottage

Group 3 Mike Convey Mar. 21
Group 1 - Diane Sullivan Apr. 25
Group 2 Nancy Bliss May 31

St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society

2263 Brunswick St. 902-429-4170
givesaintpatrickahand@ns.aliantzinc.ca

St. Patrick's Birthday Club Invitation

St. Patrick's Birthday Club is an ongoing fundraising initiative. Members ask their family and friends to give them a donation for St. Patrick's for their birthday in lieu of a gift. Members then put the donations received in the Birthday Club envelope provided and put it in the regular Sunday collection. We ask that you consider assisting our fundraising efforts by registering as a new member or renewing your membership for 2023. Please see Colleen Doucette after Mass.

4th Sunday in Lent (Laetare Sunday) March 19, 2023 At St. Patrick's Church

St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish



Parish Address:
6351 North Street, Halifax, NS B3L 1P7
office@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca
www.stfrancisandstclareparish.ca/
https://www.facebook.com

One Parish Community at these locations:

St. Catherine of Siena Church
6476 Bayers Road
www.saintcatherineofsiena.ca

St. Mother of Teresa of Kolkata Church
6032 Normandy Drive
www.motherteresaparish.com

St. Patrick's Church
2263 Brunswick Street
www.saintpatrickschurch.ca

St. Theresa's Church
6351 North Street
www.sttheresaschurch.org

Parish Administrator:
Fr. Nathanael DesRoches, FoH

Pastoral Support:
Archbishop Martin Currie

Deacons:
Rev. Mr Len Moore
Rev. Mr. Paul Carnell
Rev. Br. Grant McLean

Administrative Assistants:

St Theresa's & St. Catherine of Siena
Pat Belgrave, 902-454-8221
Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 1:00pm

St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata:
Cheryl Delaney, 902-454-5835
Tues. & Thurs. 9:00am - 2:00pm

St. Patrick's:
Cheryl Delaney, 902-429-1300
Wed. & Fri. 9:00am - 2:00pm

Religious Education Coordinators:

St. Catherine - Donna Noddin
St. Mothers Teresa - Susan Sarty
St. Patrick's - Michele O'Neill
St. Theresa's - Sr. Lucia

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

St. Catherine of Siena	St. Theresa's	St. Patrick's	St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata
Sunday - 11:00am & 7:00pm Tuesday - Noon	Saturday 4:30pm; Sunday 9:30am Wednesday - 9:00am	Sunday 9:30am	Saturday 4:00pm; Sunday 11:15am Friday - 9:00am



NEXT SUNDAY - MARCH 26TH, AT 2:00 PM

All parishioners are invited to a Town Hall meeting on Sunday, March 26th, at 2:00 pm at St. Mother Teresa's Church Hall (6032 Normandy Drive).

New Parish initiatives will be reviewed, and most importantly, feedback from all parishioners will be collected for moving forward together as St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish as we reflect on our NEW Parish Vision Statement:

"We are a welcoming community of Jesus' disciples who journey together in right Faith, certain Hope, and live out His Love in Word and Deed."

A **SPECIAL INVITATION** is extended to all of those parishioners who have been involved previously or are presently involved in committees or organizations at the local church level or Parish level. We would welcome your experience and input.

If you have questions you would like to submit prior to the meeting, please send them to office@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca.

See you all next Sunday!

Religious Education News



First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion If there are children in the St. Patrick's community, grades 2 to 4, who are ready to prepare for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, parents are asked to contact the church office (902-429-1300) or see Michele O'Neill after Mass and leave your name and contact information. Thank you.



Children's Liturgy Program at St. Patrick's

The Children's Liturgy sessions take place the second and the third Sunday of each month. All children are welcome to attend and to listen to the Sunday scripture readings at their level, learn about the scripture message for each Sunday, and have an opportunity to engage and share with the leaders and other children. The children will be invited to come forward after the opening prayer at Sunday Mass and will return to the Mass and their parents after the prayers of intercession. Parents are welcome to attend as well. If there is anyone interested and available to assist with the Children's Liturgy Program, please speak with Michele O'Neill or Jesna Jose.

Stations of the Cross

The Parish offers two opportunities on the Fridays of Lent (except Good Friday) for praying the **Stations of the Cross**. Parishioners are invited to attend **St. Theresa's Church** Friday, March 17 at 3:00 pm, Friday, March 24. . **St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church, starting on Friday, March 17 at 7:00pm and March 24 at 7:00 pm.** These Stations will be broadcast weekly on the [Parish YouTube Channel](#)



WASHING OF THE FEET – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED The Parish will be celebrating Holy Thursday at St. Catherine of Siena Church on April 6th at 7:00 pm Mass. We would appreciate the involvement of parishioners throughout the Parish to assist us with the Washing of the Feet ceremony that takes place within the Mass. Would those parishioners willing to participate, please call the Parish Office (902-454-8221) or email office@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca . Please leave your name, phone number and email address. Thank you!

DONATIONS FOR EASTER FLOWERS We are accepting donations for the purchase of Easter flowers at each Church location. If you wish to make a donation or a donation in memory of a loved one, please mark your name, contact information and envelope number on a plain, white envelope and place it in the regular collection at any weekend Mass. We will be pleased to acknowledge these remembrances in the Easter Sunday Parish bulletin. Thank you!



Hey everyone, you heard correct!
We are launching a new single Parish Bulletin!
And we need your assistance!

Kindly help us with the naming of our new bulletin. Email your suggestion(s) to bulletin@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca by March 23rd and if you are the lucky winner, then coffee is on us!



The last local bulletins will be published for the weekend of March 25th & 26th. The new Parish bulletin will be published for the weekend of April 1st & 2nd.



WHAT A WONDERFUL CELEBRATION! Congratulations to members of St. Patrick's Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul who celebrated 150 years as a Conference on March 10th. The special Mass celebrated on March 10th was in thanksgiving for all of the blessings and service that was provided by the Conference members to the wider community over those many years.

It was a privilege to have Archbishop Brian Dunn present to celebrate, as well as, Archbishop Martin Currie, the Spiritual Advisor to the Halifax Particular Council of SSVP. Of course, Fr. Nathanael was also present for this historic celebration, and we were pleased to welcome Fr. Robert Nicholas along with a number of religious from the Sisters of Charity, "who have historically played a major role in the support of St. Patrick's Church".

Although serving the community around St. Patrick's for a number of years earlier, "Finally, on March 10, 1873, the St. Patrick's Conference was given 'Aggregate' Status by the International Confederation of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul in Paris, France."

The two quotes in this article have been taken from the history of the Conference as compiled by St. Patrick's own, Bob Doherty. If you are interested in the complete history contact the office.

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40)



St. Patrick's Celebration Lunch Thank you to all the volunteers and everyone who attended our March 11 Celebration Lunch and helped to make it such a successful event of fellowship and joy. The preliminary amount raised is \$2,729.70 with additional donations expected, at which time the final total will be announced. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.