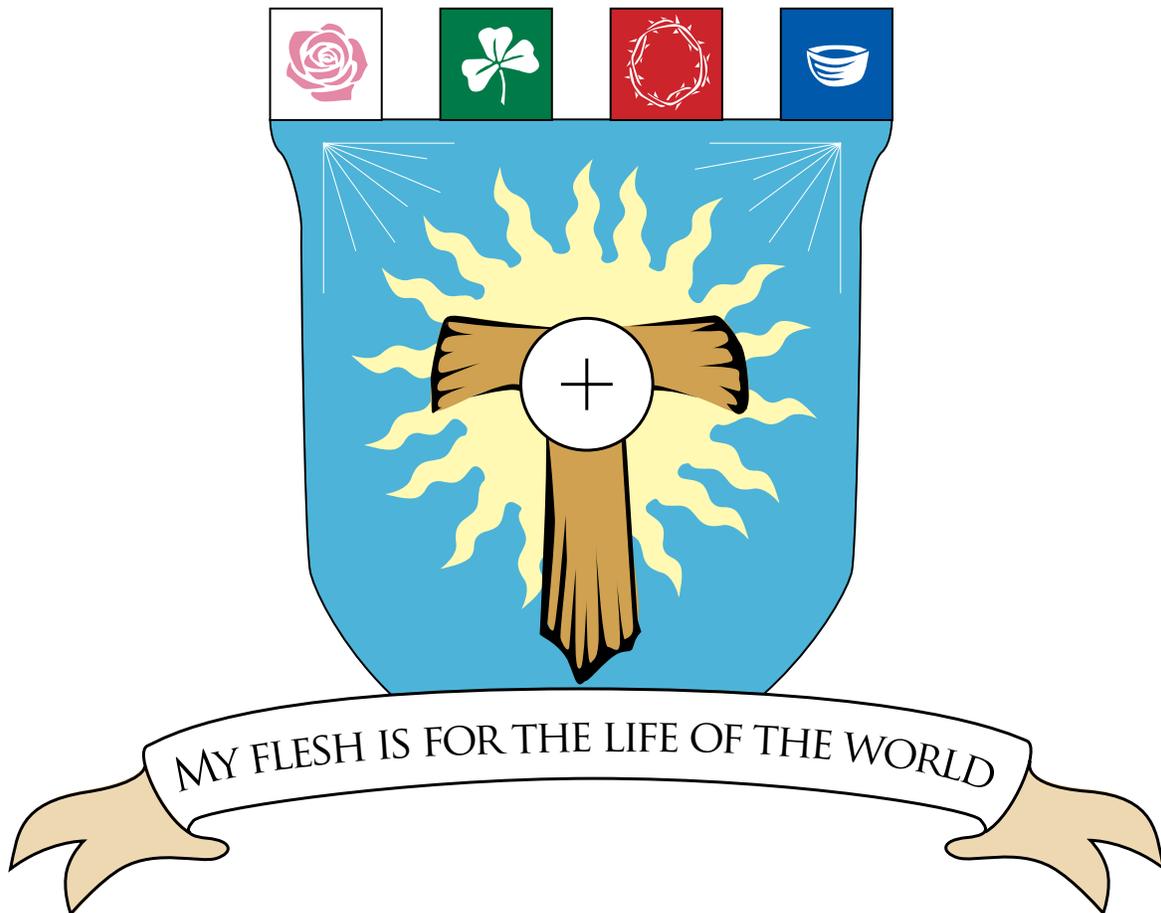
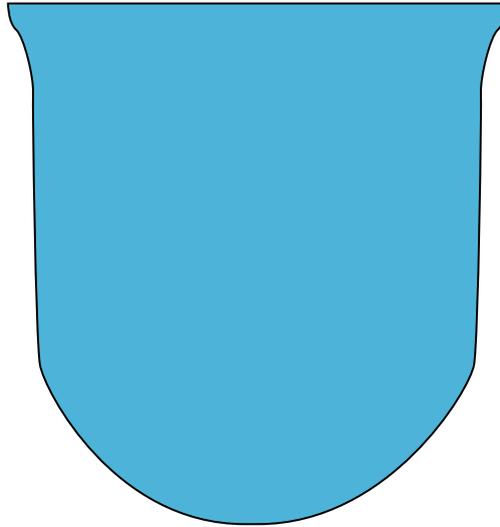


St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish

Logo Presentation



The Shield:



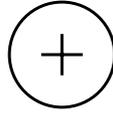
The shield shape mirrors the original crest of the Franciscan Order that has represented them for hundreds of years (*pictured right*). It has historically indicated affiliation with the Order founded by St. Francis and speaks to the respect we hold for the histories of the churches we unite together in our parish.

Why is the shield blue?

This colour of blue represents our Mother Mary who plays a large role in our faith community. It is also symbolic of the ocean, which speaks to our Maritime home.



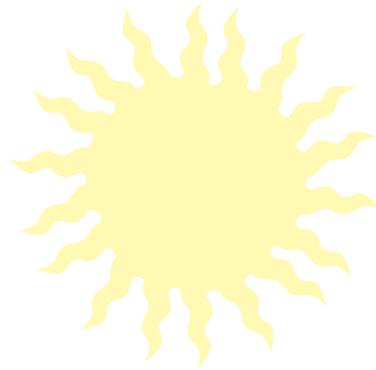
The Eucharist:



It forms the center of the crest and represents the centrality of the mystery of the Eucharist for our faith community. This is the source and summit of all Christian life, it is the foundation on which our parish is built. The Eucharist is also a key symbol that refers to St. Clare and her devotion to the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

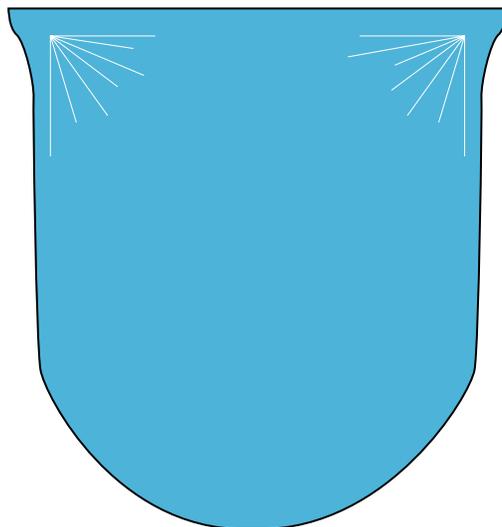


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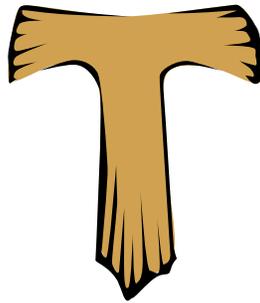
This represents the glowing light that radiates from the Eucharist. It is golden, to represent God's light which is often depicted this way in Eastern icons. It is the unaccessible light of God into whose mystery we are called and from which His grace is poured upon us.

The Rays of White Light:



These represent the gifts of the Holy Spirit that are bestowed upon us from on high. There are **seven gifts**; wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord and the **nine fruits**; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control

The Tau:



This is the cross that St. Francis loved and used to sign and to bless. It represents the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet, as an indication of humility. It also refers to the mark on the forehead of God's Chosen Ones as mentioned in the book of the prophet Ezekiel. It also looks like the habit that St. Francis wore with the arms outstretched, like Jesus on the cross.

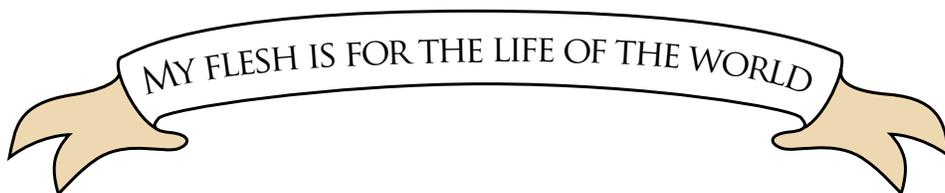


(left) detail of Bellini's St. Francis (in ecstasy)



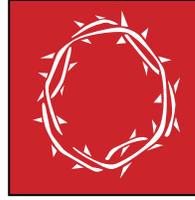
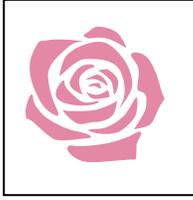
(right) Sculptural depiction of St. Francis

The Scroll:



This is a quote from the gospel of John 6:51 and refers to the centrality of the mystery of the Eucharist which is the real Presence of Jesus Christ whose flesh is truly present in the sacrament.

The Four Squares:



These represent the four communities that make up the parish. Each one of these has a colour and symbol that relate to the Saint for each church:

- Rose for St. Theresa's
- Shamrock for St. Patrick's
- Crown of Thorns for St. Catherine of Siena
- Alms Bowl for St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata.

The colours used for each one are representative of the elements of Creation as described in the Canticle of Brother Sun, written by St. Francis:

- White for Brother Wind
- Green for Mother Earth
- Red for Brother Fire
- Blue for Sister Water.



This crest represents our parish, where all the symbols show our faith in connection with the legacy of the four living communities joined together in a new entity. It indicates that we are centred on the Eucharist, under the patronage of Our Mother Mary, strengthened by the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit, inspired by the life and witnessing of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi.