



THE SFSC MESSENGER

St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish

Second Sunday of Lent

February 25 2024

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00pm
St Stephen

Sunday 9:30am
St Stephen

Sunday 9:30am
St Patrick

Sunday 11:00am
St Catherine of Siena

Sunday 1:00pm
St Catherine of Siena
(Polish - English Mass)

Sunday, 7:00pm
St Catherine of Siena

Live-Stream Mass:
[Sunday February 25, 2024](#)
9:30am Mass
St Stephen

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday—Friday 7:00am
Tuesday—12:00pm
Saturday—9:00am
St Catherine of Siena Church

Friday—9:00am
St Stephen Church

CONFESSION TIMES:

First Wednesday of the month 7pm (includes a Holy Hour)
St Stephen Church

Saturday 3:00-3:45pm St Stephen Church

Thursday 7:30pm (includes a Holy Hour)
Saturdays 9:30am
St. Catherine of Siena Church

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

LITURGY	DATE	TIME & LOCATION
PASSION(PALM) SUNDAY	MARCH 23	4PM(SATURDAY) ST STEPHEN CHURCH
		9:30AM ST STEPHEN CHURCH
PASSION(PALM) SUNDAY	MARCH 24	10:30AM ST PATRICK (NOTE THIS ONE CHANGE)
		11:00AM ST CATHERINE CHURCH
		1:00PM ST CATHERINE (POL/ENG)
CHRISM MASS	MARCH 26TH	7:00PM ST CATHERINE CHURCH
		12:00 ST MARY CATHEDRAL (THERE WILL BE NO 12:00 MASS AT ST CATHERINE CHURCH)
HOLY THURSDAY	MARCH 28TH	7:00PM ST STEPHEN CHURCH
		7:00PM ST CATHERINE (POL/ENG)
GOOD FRIDAY	MARCH 29TH	3:00PM ST CATHERINE CHURCH
		3:00PM ST PATRICK CHURCH
		3:00PM ST STEPHEN
EASTER VIGIL	MARCH 30TH	6:00PM ST CATHERINE (POL/ENG)
		7:00PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS ST STEPHEN CHURCH
EASTER SUNDAY	MARCH 31ST	8:00PM ST CATHERINE
		NOTE: there will be no 4pm mass at St Stephen Church
EASTER MONDAY	APRIL 1ST	7:30AM ST CATHERINE (POL/ENG)
		9:30AM ST PATRICK
		9:30AM ST STEPHEN
		11:00AM ST CATHERINE
		NOTE: There will be NO 7:00pm mass at St Catherine
		7:00PM ST CATHERINE (POL/ENG)

SVDP
Food support

St Catherine of Siena
902-455-6525

St Patrick
902-405-3806

St Stephen
902-405-3686

St Theresa
902-414-4625

Adoration

1st Wednesday
of the Month
7:00pm - Holy Hour of
Eucharistic Adoration,
Confession available
St Stephen's Church

Wednesdays/Fridays
Eucharistic Adoration
8:00am—4:00pm
St Catherine's Church

Thursdays
7:30pm - Holy Hour of
Eucharistic Adoration,
Confession available
St Catherine's Church

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 27th,
Virginia Walzak+
Noon St Catherine of
Siena

Friday, March 1st
Susan Jeffrey (D)+
9:00am St Stephen

Saturday, March 2nd
-Margaret Duganic+
9:00am St Catherine of
Siena

Helen Langlois+
4:00pm
St Stephen

Hope



Religious Education

(GRADES PRIMARY TO SIX)
St. Catherine's Church -This
Sunday, February 25 th , classes will
take place in the Church Hall from
10:00-10:45 am. Next Sunday,
March 3 rd , a Children's
Liturgy will be celebrated during the
11:00 am Mass.

St. Stephen's Church – Sunday
School will take place in the hall fol-



Youth group meets Wednesday evenings
at 7:00—8:30 PM at St Stephen Church
hall. Enter via the red doors on Robie St.

For more information about Youth
Group or to register, please contact
Anna Irish

(annamichelleirish@gmail.com).

You are invited to join us for a **GAMES NIGHT!**



After our successful gathering in November, we invite all
grade primary to six students from throughout the Parish
to gather at St. Catherine's Church Hall on **Friday,**
March 1st, from 6:00-8:00 pm.

about the Season of LENT. This is an opportunity for us
to build community among our younger members while
having lots of fun! Snacks will be provided. Plan now
to attend.

We have two ping pong tables to test your skills. We also
invite students to bring along their favorite board games to
play. We will also include some activities to learn more



RSVP: We would love to have some idea of how many
we may expect. If you have the time, please send an
email to donna.noddin@gmail.com to indicate whether
your children will be joining us.

Lenten sessions: Deacon Gérald LeBlanc invites you to attend 3 sessions dur-
ing Lent under the theme "Everyday Missionary Disciples". Each session will con-
sist of a short video followed by small group discussion and is designed to help us
to better share our faith in our everyday walk of life. Those sessions will be held at
7 pm in the Sienna room at St Catherine of Siena Church on the Tuesday of the
first three weeks of Lent, i.e. February 20, February 27 and March 5.

DONATION TAX RECEIPTS— The receipts are available for pickup at each
church. They can be found near the entrance of the Church. If you cannot locate
your receipt please contact Sr Teresa at the parish office 902-454-8221.

Parishioners of St Theresa Church, please contact the office. Your receipt can be
mailed to you; sent to one of our other churches or picked up during office hours:
Monday—Friday 9—1.

LOVE IN ACTION

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

St Francis and St Clare of Assisi Parish offers many opportunities for parishioners to actively participate in this holy Season of Lent.

- The Lenten Series advertised on page 2 of this bulletin: “Everyday Missionary Disciples”
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—Wednesday and Friday 8—4pm at St Catherine of Siena Church as well as 7:30—8:30pm at St Catherine of Siena Church; Wednesday March 6th 7:00—8:00 pm at St Stephen church.
- Stations of the Cross—every Friday (except Good Friday) 3:30pm St Catherine of Siena Church; 6:30pm at St Catherine of Siena Church (Polish Community) and 7:00pm at St Stephen Church.
- Lenten Mission—March 12—24th 7:00pm at St Catherine Church. See insert for details.
- Feast of St Patrick—Sunday March 17th 9:30 am Mass at St Patrick Church
- Feast of St Joseph—Tuesday March 19th Mass 7:00pm at St Stephen Church. (NOTE: there will be NO 12 noon mass on this day)
- Sacrament of Reconciliation—Following 9:00am mass on Saturdays at St Catherine Church; Every Saturday 3:00—3:45pm at St Stephen Church; Wednesday March 6th 7:00—8:00pm; every Thursday 7:30—8:30pm St Catherine Church and on March 13th at the Parish Mission.
- In the comfort of your own home, you can take advantage of our parish subscription to FORMED which hosts a number of formation sessions, movies, documentaries and more specifically for Lent. FORMED.ORG—use the parish postal code: B3L 1P7 to locate our parish.

Options for Giving to our Parish

1. Request weekly Sunday envelopes through our Parish Office.
2. E-Transfer to office@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca (include group or church it is for).
3. Sign up for pre-authorized payments through our Parish Office.
4. Mail your donation to our Parish Office.

Please be assured that any donations received will be assigned to your account and income tax receipts will be issued. Thank you for your continued generosity!

What are pre-authorized payments?

The Parish has a Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) plan to assist you in your support of the work of our community. It allows you to give intentionally, proportionally, and faithfully to your community by having your offering automatically withdrawn from your bank account each month.

Why should YOU participate?

- Convenience. No more scrambling for the right change, writing a cheque, or forgetting your envelope at home.
- Continued support of your Church when you are away.
- Allows for regular, dependable flow of contributions to the Parish.
- If you wish to have something to place in the collection basket, you can still receive your box of numbered envelopes. They have been pre-printed to allow you to indicate that you give through PAD.

Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Anyone wishing to submit announcements for the bulletin is asked to send them to officestfstc@gmail.com by 9:00am each Wednesday morning. Thanks kindly!

Parish Leadership

Team

Claudette Carol
Charles Yochoff
Jim Evans
Elizabeth Clark

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MEET OUR TEAM

Fr Nathanael DesRoches
Administrator

Fr Robert Nicholas
Associate Pastor

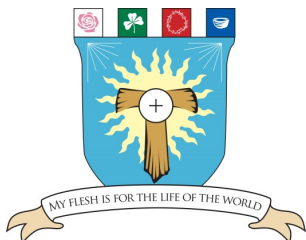
Rev Mr Paul Carnell

Brent Hopkins
Operations Manager

Sr Rita Hanna, FoH

Sr. Teresa MacDonald
Office Manager

Cheryl Delaney
Administrative Assistant



PARISH NEWS



TAX TIME - The Canada Revenue Agency provides Canadians with a network of CVITP tax volunteers in communities throughout Canada. CVITP volunteers prepare income tax and benefit returns for eligible individuals with modest income, a simple tax situation, and who are not able to prepare and file their return themselves.

We have two tax volunteers with the CVITP who are offering this free tax service to those within our community. If you would like to have your taxes prepared, please call the St. Catherine's Society of St. Vincent de Paul phone number (902-455-6525) and leave a message. You are asked to clearly state your name and phone number while indicating that this message is for this free tax service. A representative will then be in touch with you.

SPRING FAIR



As the nicer weather is on its way (or at least we hope so) our parish is planning a Spring Fair on April 20th in St. Catherine's hall from 10am to 2pm.

This year's Spring Fair will support the Saint Vincent de Paul Society's housing initiative on Brunswick Street.

We will serve a tasty luncheon and have numerous tables: New to You, Baked Goods, Books, Children's Table, Raffles, Silent Auction, plus more.

So in order to make this event a huge success we are asking our fellow parishioners to start collecting donations and to hold on to them until we get much closer to April 20th.

Also our popular Silent Auction Table items must be brand new and may consist of Gift Cards/Certificates, Electronics, Cordless Tools, Framed Pictures, etc. For more info on the Silent Auction please email Paul McKenna at mckenna-pa@eastlink.ca.

If anyone would like to join the fun team of volunteers please drop by St. Catherine's hall on Wednesday, February 28th at 6:30pm. If you are unable to join us, but wish to volunteer or if you have any Spring Fair questions please contact Betty & Peter Browne at Parishfair@hotmail.com

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PARISH WALK-IN HOURS: MON/WED/FRI 9:00AM TO 12NOON
(voicemail will be checked every day)

Email officestfsc@gmail.com

Parish Office: 902-454-8221

Address: 6351 North Street, Halifax, B3L 1P7