



THE SFSC MESSENGER

St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish

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

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm
St. Stephen's Church

Sunday 9:30 am
St. Stephen's Church

Sunday 9:30 am
St. Patrick's Church

Sunday 11:00 am
St. Catherine's Church

Sunday 1:00 pm
St. Catherine's Church
(Polish - English Mass)

Sunday 7:00 pm
St. Catherine's Church

Livestream Mass:
Sunday, March 17, 2024
9:30 am Mass
St. Stephen's Church

Weekday Mass Schedule
Tuesday—Friday, 7:00 am
Saturday—9:00 am
St. Catherine's Church

Friday—9:00 am
St. Stephen's Church

Mass Intentions

for the Week

Friday, March 22nd
Lodovico Flaim +
9:00 am St. Stephen's

Saturday, March 23rd
Amado +
9:00 am St. Catherine's

Margie MacKinnon +
4:00 pm St. Stephen's

FAITH

March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent



Today is **Solidarity Sunday**, when Development and Peace—Caritas Canada invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity. This year our campaign theme is **'Reaping our Rights'**.

Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world.

"Development and Peace-Caritas Canada accompanies, supports and respects our institutional autonomy. It creates a climate of trust. I thank our sisters and brothers in Canada for their solidarity, a solidarity that generates life opportunities, that accompanies the

*dreams of women and men, of families, of communities and territories. **Thank you!**"* – Eva Colque, Executive Director, Fundación NUNA, a partner in Bolivia

Help create hope and dreams of the communities we support in the Global South by giving to your Share Lent parish collection. Place your Development and Peace envelope (or a blank envelope labelled Development and Peace) in the collection basket or donate online at devp.org/give. **Thank you for your solidarity!**

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!!



This Sunday, March 17th, all are welcome to come to St. Patrick's Church (2263 Brunswick St.) and celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick at their 9:30 am Mass. Don't forget to wear green in honor of the day!

Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona duit! (Happy St. Patrick's Day!)

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH – TUESDAY, MARCH 19TH – 7:00 PM



The Parish Mass celebrating the Solemnity of St. Joseph will take place in St. Stephen's Church at a special 7:00 pm Mass on Tuesday, March 19th. Following the mass, the Knights of Columbus Council 8666 will be hosting a reception in the Church Hall. (The 12:00 noon Mass at St. Catherine's Church is cancelled for this day.)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Fridays during Lent, except Good Friday)

3:30 pm at St. Catherine's; 6:30 pm at St. Catherine's (Polish Community); 7:00 pm at St. Stephen's. All are welcome.

Holy Week Schedule



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

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

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

CONFESSION TIMES

First Wednesday of the month, 7:00 pm (includes a Holy Hour)
St. Stephen's Church

Thursdays, 7:30 pm (includes a Holy Hour)
St. Catherine's Church

Saturdays, following the 9:00 am Mass
St. Catherine's Church

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 pm
St. Stephen's Church

SSVP Food Assistance

St Catherine's
902-455-6525

St Patrick's
902-405-3806

St Stephen's
902-405-3686

St Theresa's
902-414-4625

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY - Saturday/Sunday, March 23rd & 24th

Regular Mass schedule at each location **EXCEPT FOR ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.** St. Patrick's will celebrate Mass at 10:30 am on Palm Sunday to allow parishioners to take part in the Palm Sunday Ecumenical Procession. Everyone is invited to gather at St George's at 9:15 am where the palm will be distributed and blessed. Then, all will go outside to bless the donkey. From St. George's, the procession will proceed to St. Patrick's, the Little Dutch Church, New Horizons and finally to Brunswick Street United.

CHRISM MASS - Tuesday, March 26th

Archbishop Brian Dunn invites all the faithful to join him at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica for 12:00 noon Mass. (Please note, the 12:00 noon Mass at St. Catherine's Church is cancelled on this day.)

HOLY THURSDAY - March 28th Bring your Bells!

7:00 pm - St. Stephen's Church

7:00 pm - St. Catherine's Church (Polish Community)

GOOD FRIDAY - March 29th

3:00 pm - St. Catherine's Church, St. Patrick's Church, St. Stephen's Church

6:00 pm - St. Catherine's Church (Polish Community)

7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross - St. Stephen's Church

HOLY SATURDAY - March 30th

4:00 pm - Blessing of the Food - St. Catherine's Church (Polish Community)

EASTER VIGIL - Saturday, March 30th Bring your Bells!

8:00 pm - St. Catherine's Church

(Please note, there will be NO 4:00 pm Mass at St. Stephen's Church.)

EASTER SUNDAY - March 31st

7:30 am - St. Catherine's Church (Polish Community)

Regular Sunday morning Mass Schedule at each Church location. (Please note, there will be NO 7:00 pm Mass at St. Catherine's Church.)

EASTER MONDAY - April 1st

7:00 pm - St. Catherine's Church (Polish Community)

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!

WASHING OF THE FEET – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Parish will be celebrating Holy Thursday at St. Stephen's Church on March 28th at 7:00 pm Mass. We would appreciate the involvement of parishioners from 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 officestfsc@gmail.com. Please leave your name, phone number and email address. Thank you!



HOPE



Religious Education

(GRADES PRIMARY TO SIX)

This Sunday, March 17th, we are taking a March Break holiday. We will see everyone at Mass!!!

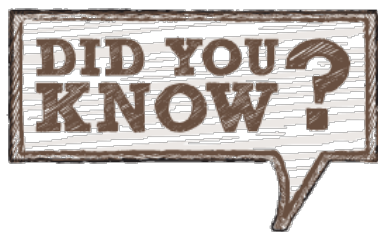


Youth group meets Wednesday evenings from 7:00—8:30 pm in St. Stephen's Church Hall. Enter via the red doors on Robie Street.

For more information about Youth Group or to register, please contact Anna Irish (annamichelleirish@gmail.com).

LOVE IN ACTION

ST. FRANCIS AND ST. CLARE OF ASSISI SPRING FAIR



... that the Halifax Particular Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has been working with levels of government to bring about a new rapid housing project on Brunswick Street?

The Society has been working for this project at 2445 Brunswick Street to become a reality for some years. Funding for the construction of this project has been provided from the federal government's Rapid Housing Initiative through the Halifax Regional Municipality, and through financial support from the provincial government.

It will feature 38 units for people who are homeless or at risk of becoming so. It will be next door to the Society's Hope Cottage soup kitchen. The North End Community Health Centre will provide services and will manage the building.

Construction has begun! Once the building is complete and residents are given a new place to live, there will be a great need for residents to buy the things they will need to make their living space into a home. That is the purpose behind the Spring Fair being planned by our parishioners. The date of the

Spring Fair is Saturday, April 20th, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in St. Catherine's Church Hall. Plan now to come out and support this incredible project.



A rendering of the proposed 38-unit, affordable housing development.

COMMUNITY NEWS

March 24th at 2:00 pm—Halifax Concert Band— The Annual Celtic Concert will take place at St. Patrick's Church.

PARISH NEWS

Parish

Leadership Team

Claudette Carroll
Elizabeth Clark
Jim Evans
Charles Yochoff

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MEET OUR TEAM

Fr. Nathanael DesRoches
Administrator

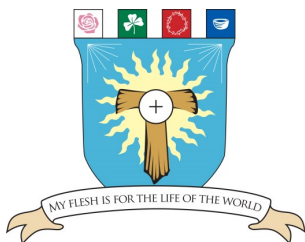
Fr. Robert Nicholas
Associate Pastor

Rev. Mr Paul Carnell

Brent Hopkins
Operations Manager

Sr. Rita Hanna, FoH

Cheryl Delaney
Administrative Assistant



FUN FOR SENIORS invites you to an **Irish Fling**

St. Francis & St. Clare of Assisi Parish



Who? All Seniors and their Friends are welcome!

What? A fun Party consisting of Afternoon Tea (Scones, Assorted Jams, Sweets, Hot & Cold Beverages), Games, Door Prize Draw, 50/50 Draw, Irish Sing-a-long. You are encouraged to wear green to this event.

When? **Thursday, March 21st** – 1:00 pm

Where? St. Stephen's Church Hall (Please use the lower Robie Street door, under the ramp, that leads directly into the hall.)

Cost? It's FREE! (We will have a free-will donation basket for anyone who might wish to make a contribution to future events.)

TO REGISTER, PLEASE CONTACT:

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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.

STEWARDSHIP

All **charitable income tax receipts** have been mailed out to parishioners. If you have not received your receipt, please call the Parish Office. A BIG THANK YOU to all parishioners for your generosity.

THANK YOU, SR. TERESA!!

Thank
you
so
much

Sr. Teresa, after bravely stepping up in November to help us fill our office vacancy, has now decided to step back and focus more on her spiritual life. We will be forever grateful for her professionalism, great spirit, humor, and effort put forth by her during this period. She will be missed by all and will remain a highly loved and valued member of our Parish family! On behalf of all parishioners, THANK YOU, Sr. Teresa!

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

PARISH OFFICE - WALK-IN HOURS: MON/WED/FRI 9:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

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