



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)

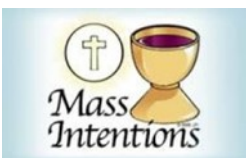
Sunday 7:00 pm
St. Catherine's Church

Livestream Mass:
Sunday, April 7, 2024
9:30 am Mass
St. Stephen's Church

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday—Friday, 7:00 am
Tuesday—12:00 Noon
Saturday—9:00 am
St. Catherine's Church

Friday—9:00 am
St. Stephen's Church



Tuesday, April 9th
Fancy Family +
12:00 Noon St. Catherine's

Friday, April 12th
Marie Adams +
9:00 am St. Stephen's

Saturday, April 13th
Mercedes Salamatín +
9:00 am St. Catherine's

Alonzo Deveaux +
4:00 pm St. Stephen's

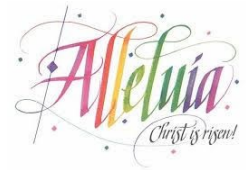
FAITH

April 7, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

THANK YOU FOR A BLESSED HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TRIDUUM

Heartfelt thanks to everyone in our Parish of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi for making Holy Week and the Easter Triduum such a blessing! Thank you to the Liturgy teams at our churches; to our ministers of the Mass – Sacristans, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Ministers of Hospitality, Altar Servers, and our Music Ministers; our Livestream ministry; and most especially to Fr. Nathanael, Fr. Robert, Deacon Bernie and Deacon Len, for their faithful service to us. The gracious efforts of so many were evident in every minute of these celebrations.



A special shout out to all of YOU who gathered to celebrate. Attendance was excellent at all these celebrations and your reverence, devotion and joy was evident.

Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit may bless our Parish. May our faith in God always bring us hope and peace and fill our souls with everlasting love.

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!
He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA AND CHAPLET



St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish is celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday on Sunday, April 7th, from 2:30-4:00 pm at St. Catherine's Church. This time of adoration will include the Litany of Trust and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. All parishioners are invited to attend.

CONSCIENCE PROTECTION FOR NOVA SCOTIA DOCTORS

Imagine a healthcare system where death is considered a therapeutic treatment. *Imagine being a Christian doctor in that system.* Imagine being told by your medical regulator that you are abandoning your patient if you don't make arrangements for them to get an assessment for euthanasia. That healthcare system is in Nova Scotia today.

When they are at their most vulnerable, people may choose euthanasia if they don't have suitable options to live. We need physicians who will go the extra mile to ensure their patients are connected with the supports and services they need.

What can you do?

Write the Nova Scotia regulator today to tell them you want this policy to be changed: <https://bit.ly/NSRegulator24>

As part of our response, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed on Wednesdays and Fridays during Adoration at 3:00 pm (St. Catherine's) for this special intention.

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

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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

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED IN OUR PARISH FAMILY

It is with sadness that we report the passing of two members of our Parish family:

Geraldine Kearns - The funeral Mass for Geraldine will take place on Friday, April 12th, at 10:00 am in St. Catherine's Church.

Frank Stone—The funeral Mass for Frank will take place on Tuesday, April 9th, at 10:00 am at St. Stephen's Church.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



HOPE

GRADES PRIMARY TO SIX



This Sunday, April 7th, classes will take place for students enrolled in our Parish program.

St. Catherine's classes—10:00-10:45 am
St. Stephen's classes— following the 9:30 am Mass



Youth group meets Wednesday evenings from

7:00—8:30 pm in

St. Stephen's Church Hall. For more information about Youth Group or to register, please contact Anna Irish. (annamichelleirish@gmail.com).

FIRST RECONCILIATION

We congratulate the children in our Parish who have prepared for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. Students from St. Stephen's and St. Patrick's will be celebrating their First Reconciliation this Saturday, April 6th, at 10:00 am at St. Stephen's. Congratulations to Arthur, Momore, Rafaella, Renata, and Sebastian.



We also wish to congratulate Andrei, Colton, Harin, James, Joseph, Julie, Natalie, Rio, Sherline and Sophie who have recently celebrated their First Reconciliation at St. Catherine's Church.

May our Lord bless you on your First Reconciliation, may His love be upon you and His presence always guide you.

LOVE IN ACTION

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

DID YOU KNOW that each of the four churches in St. Francis and St. Clare Parish has a conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul that helps those in need within their boundaries?

DID YOU KNOW that in 2023, Blessed Mother Teresa Conference at St. Stephen's Church assisted 574 adults and 354 children?

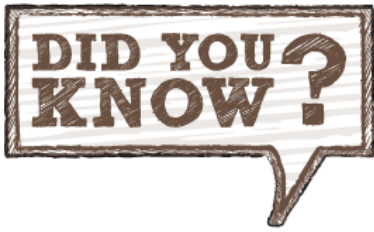
DID YOU KNOW that there are 16 conferences in the local Saint Vincent de Paul Council called the Halifax Particular Council? The President or delegate of each conference attends monthly meetings of Halifax Particular Council. The council is made up of Catholic parishes in Halifax and surrounding areas as well as Bridgewater, Springhill, Truro and Wolfville. In 2023, these conferences had 311 members and they assisted 7285 adults, 4033 children and 99 homeless persons providing a variety of help including food, rent, utilities, medical and other needs.

DID YOU KNOW that Halifax Particular Council has two special projects – Hope Cottage and a thrift store called Hand in Hand, located at 440 Herring Cove Road where one can donate or buy a variety of households goods, clothing, some furniture, vintage items and more?
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DID YOU KNOW that the Halifax Particular Council Supportive Housing Project located at 2445 Brunswick Street has now been named, Ozanam Place, and will open in 2025 to house 38 homeless people?

The work of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society is carried out by all of its members and you, the faithful who support those efforts. We continue to be grateful for all you do to help and ask you to pray for us, as we do for you.



Questions, questions, questions? We have the ANSWERS!

Q: When do you want **Spring Fair Silent Auction** items?
A: Today, please email Paul mckennapa@eastlink.ca with collected brand new item & value.

Q: What are **acceptable Spring Fair donations**?
A: Easier answered, what we don't accept: No clothes. Plug-in items need to work.

Q: When is **Spring Fair drop off** for my donations and baked items?
A: April 19 (Friday) from 12:00 noon to 8pmish.

Q: **Where do donations get dropped off?**
A: All donations can be dropped off to St. Catherine's Church Hall (use parking lot door)

Q: **Is it too late to volunteer?**
A: No, never too late - Love for you to be on the "FUN TEAM". Please email parishfair@hotmail.com

Q: **I really want to help out**, but I'm working Saturday, April 20, can I still do something?
A: For sure:
⇒ Bring a grocery item(s) to St. Catherine's 11am Mass to Betty and indicate "HAMPER".
⇒ Come to St. Catherine's Hall Friday, April 19, 12:00 pm onward to have fun helping out.
⇒ A monetary donation in a marked-envelope, "St Vincent de Paul's Housing Project" dropped in the collection basket. Include name & address for Tax Receipt!

Q: I don't attend St. Catherine's; **can I still volunteer** at the Housing Project benefit?
A: Yes. Please join. Our team represents ALL of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish family, encompassing church communities of St. Theresa's, St. Patrick's, St. Stephen's and St. Catherine of Siena.

Q: How long is a **volunteer shift**?
A: You can enjoy a short stay or a full shift. A short stay allows another volunteer to leave their post and have some tasty Chili, or pop over to the canteen for a pop break!

Q: My family and I have **never been to a Church Fair**, what can we expect?
A: Lots of fun, a sense of community spirit & laughter! Enjoy lunches, canteen snacks & baked goods. Bid on Silent Auction items, buy tickets, affordable new-to you treasures, children's games, toys & books, just to mention some of the fun-family events, we have planned for you and your family.

Q: What are some of the **unknown jobs** at the fair?
A: Unknown jobs include:
⇒ Every donated electronic item gets plugged in and checked prior to your purchase.
⇒ Parking Lot Greeters: take donations out of donors' vehicles and carry them into the hall.

If you should have any further questions, please email Parishfair@hotmail.com.

The Parish Spring Fair in support of SSVF's Ozanam Place, the 38 unit housing project on Brunswick Street will take place on:

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.

**Parish
Leadership Team**

Claudette Carroll
Elizabeth Clark
Jim Evans
Charles Yochoff

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MEET OUR TEAM

Fr. Nathanael DesRoches
Administrator

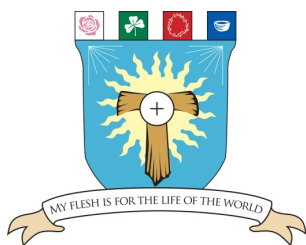
Fr. Robert Nicholas
Associate Pastor

Rev. Mr Paul Carnell

Brent Hopkins
Operations Manager

Sr. Rita Hanna, FoH

Cheryl Delaney
Administrative Assistant
admstfsc@gmail.com



St Patrick's Meals for Hope Cottage



Many Churches in our Diocese support Hope Cottage's meals service by having members volunteer to purchase, cook and deliver meals to Hope Cottage.

Groups serving for St. Patrick's are:

April 11th

Group 1: Diane Sullivan

May 6th

Group 2: Nancy Bliss

June 26th

Group 3: Mike Convey

PARISH NEWS

A reminder that **St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata's CWL** will be holding its meeting this Sunday, April 7, at 2:30 p.m. in the Marian Room. All women of the parish are invited to attend. Please use entrance off Robie Street.

Also, the CWL will be selling tickets at the back of the church (before and after Mass) on a cozy handcrafted afghan in support of our community outreach projects. Tickets are one for \$2 and three for \$5. The draw will be May 5th, in time for Mother's Day. We appreciate your support.

CELEBRATE SPRING!

Afternoon Tea!

St. Francis & St. Clare of Assisi Parish



Fun For Seniors

Who? All Seniors and their Friends are welcome!

What? Afternoon Tea with light refreshments, games, 50/50 Draw, and Prizes.

When? **Wednesday, April 10th** – 1:00 pm

Where? St. Catherine of Siena Church Hall (Please use the entrance located off the parking lot.)

Cost? It's FREE!

PLEASE REGISTER BY SUNDAY, **APRIL 7TH**, BY CONTACTING ONE OF THESE MEMBERS:

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902-453-4558

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STEWARDSHIP

Options for Giving to our Parish

1. Request weekly Sunday envelopes through our Parish Office.
2. E-Transfer to officestfsc@gmail.com (include your name, designation for your gift, and church).
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! Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Anyone wishing to submit announcements for the bulletin is asked to send them to officestfsc@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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