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.

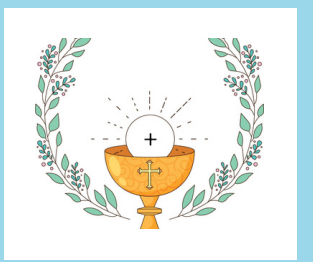
Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm
St. Stephen Church
Sunday 9:30 am
St. Stephen Church
Sunday 11:00 am
St. Catherine Church
Sunday 1:00 pm
St. Faustina Polish Mission
St. Catherine Church
Sunday 7:00 pm
St. Catherine Church
Livestream:
Sunday Nov 8

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 9:00 am
St. Stephen Church
Wednesday 9:00 am
St. Stephen Church
Thursday 9:00 am
St. Stephen Church
Friday 7:30 am
St. Catherine Church
Friday 9:00 am
St. Stephen Church
Saturday 9:00 am
Franciscan Mass
St. Catherine Church

Mass Intentions



Tuesday, Nov 10
Maria McDonald (LIVING)
Wednesday, Nov 11
Members & Veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces
Thursday, Nov 12
Rachel James
Friday, Nov 13
John Lewis MacKinnon
Saturday, Nov 14
9am - Dominika Kleczek and Family (LIVING)
4pm - Holden Murphy

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, November 8, 2026

Memorial Masses in Celebration of Eternal Life
Saturday Nov 7 & Sunday Nov 8

This Saturday and Sunday, we remember and pray for those members of our Parish family whose Funeral Liturgies were celebrated in our churches during the past year. These Memorial Masses will take place on Saturday, Nov 7 at the 4:00pm Mass at St. Stephen and on Sunday, Nov 8 at the 11:00am Mass at St. Catherine of Siena.

St. Stephen Church
Saturday, November 7th - 4:00pm

Mary Ashe
Rita Benoit
Michelle Burton
Gerald (Jerry) Casey
Marlene DeBay
Karen Di Mattia
Leonard Gillespie
Gary Greeley
Claire Greenan
Mary (Pearl) Gregory
Mary Hill
Helen Grace Loayon
Joseph Edward MacDonald
Margaret MacDonald
John (Jake) McDonald
Charles Melanson
Paul Renault
Terry Sayer
William Simmons
Patrick Slaney
Mary Turpin

St. Catherine of Siena Church
Sunday, November 8th - 11:00am

Teresa Arthur
Jennifer Blenkhorn
Brent Boucher
Paulette Dann
Pasquale Marcattili
Venanzio Di Benedetto
Nina Di Costanzo
Hal Dobbelsteyn
Mark Dowling
Darlene Jamieson
Leslie Ann Jenkins
Anne Pearl LeBlanc
Blair Martell
Shirley Viola McKenzie

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

Amen.

Northwood Halifax

10:15 am
Second Wednesday of every month

Berkeley Gladstone

10:00 am
Fourth Wednesday of every month

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesdays
after 9:00am Mass to 4:00pm
St. Stephen Church

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confession
Thursdays 7:30pm
(*Franciscan Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration. Confession available*)
St. Catherine of Siena Church

Confession Times
Saturdays
after 9:00am Mass
St. Catherine of Siena Church

Saturdays 3:00- 3:45pm
St. Stephen Church

Pray the Rosary
Saturday 3:00-3:45pm
Monday 7:15-8:00pm
St. Stephen Church

Sunday 6:20-6:45pm
St. Catherine of Siena Church

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Food Assistance

St. Catherine
902-455-6525

St. Patrick
902-405-3806

St. Stephen
902-405-3686

St. Theresa
902-414-4625

A Special Celebration of Hope and Light

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." — John 1:5

The Advent and Christmas seasons are filled with joy, celebration, and bright lights. Yet for many, they can also bring a deep sense of absence, grief, or heaviness. Whether you are grieving the loss of a loved one, facing illness yourself or that of a loved one, navigating a difficult transition in your life, or finding it hard to feel the joy of the season, you do not have to carry your burden alone.



You are warmly invited to a quiet, reflective Mass of comfort and remembrance on **Tuesday, December 1st, at 7:00 pm** in St. Catherine of Siena Church. Together, we will bring our sorrow, our struggles, and our weary hearts to Emmanuel - God with us - who walks beside us in every dark and quiet place.

All are welcome. As a family of faith, we are called to rejoice together, but also to weep together and carry each other in prayer. We hope you will join us!



St. Francis & St. Clare of Assisi Youth Group (Gr. 7-12)
St. Catherine Church

Our next Youth Group Meeting will be on **Wednesday, Nov. 25 from 7:00-8:30pm.**
There are **No Classes on Nov. 11 due to Remembrance Day.**
See you all on Nov. 25th!

Please contact: Maria McDonald to register or to inquire:
faithformationsfsc@gmail.com

OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

OCIA
A Journey of Faith

Our next meeting is on Monday, Nov. 16 from 6:30-8:00pm in the Marian Room at St. Stephen Church.

It's NOT too late to join us:
Perhaps you or someone you know is considering becoming Catholic or wants to learn more about the Catholic Church.

Please contact Maria McDonald with inquiries:
faithformationsfsc@gmail.com

Saturday, November 21st 2026
St. Thomas More Church
15 Caledonia Road, Dartmouth, NS

Join keynote speakers **Archbishop Emeritus Martin Currie, Deacon David Viscount, John Rae,** and hear a testimony from **Jonathan Campbell**, for a full day of **faith, fellowship, and formation** for Catholic men.

Events like this are essential for spiritual renewal, helping men grow in their faith, discover their mission in Christ, and strengthen their roles in family and community life.



For full details, please visit:
empoweredccfm.ca



Young Adults (YA) Group

Our next meeting is Friday, Nov. 13 from 7:00-9:00pm at St. Stephen Church Hall (**Access on Robie Street)

We will be discussing pages 14-31 from the book **Interior Freedom**. If you don't have a book yet and would like one, please inquire at the next meeting. See you then!

Contact Maria McDonald to register or to inquire:
faithformationsfsc@gmail.com

Family Faith Formation (Gr. P-6)
St. Stephen Church

Please join us for our next Family Faith Formation class for Students on Sunday, Nov. 15 following the 9:30am Mass in the church Hall.

Parents are welcome to stay for a cup of coffee and social time. Registrations are ongoing, so if you plan on registering your child/ren, please email Maria McDonald, Faith Formation Coordinator: faithformationsfsc@gmail.com



St. Catherine
Religious Education Program
for Elementary Students



This Sunday, November 8th, we will celebrate a Children's Liturgy during the 11:00 am Mass. Next Sunday, November 15th, classes will take place from 10:00-10:45 am in the Church Hall. Please enter from the parking lot.

Program Information & Registration Forms are available at the entrance of the Church for students from grades primary to six to enroll in our Church program. For more information on the program, please contact Donna Noddin: donna.noddin@gmail.com

Development and Peace
Support International Solidarity Year-Round



Every year, over 1.2 million Canadians support a charity with a bequest in their will. By including Development and Peace — Caritas Canada in your will, you can continue bringing hope and justice to communities in the Global South even beyond your lifetime! For more information, visit devp.org/bequest or contact our philanthropic development team at 1-855-835-9999 or plannedgiving@devp.org.

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada offers you a simple, effective way to support its mission throughout the year: becoming a Share Year-Round monthly donor. As such, you support the pursuit of social justice and human dignity throughout the year and forge bonds of solidarity across borders. What's more, you automatically become a member of our movement, joining a community of over 13,000 committed people who share your values. Don't wait! Become a Share Year-Round donor today: https://devp.org/en/monthly-donations/



Thursday, November 12th
11:30am - 1:30pm
St. Stephen Church Hall *(please use lower Robie Street doors)*

REFLECT  AND REMEMBER

After our 11:30am Mass of Remembrance, we will enjoy a tasty lunch and sing a few of our favourite songs. We warmly welcome you and your friends to come and join us. Being patriotic, let's wear our reds & whites!

Registration is required: brownebetty@hotmail.com or 902-453-3644. Please leave your phone number and names of those attending. We welcome you to share your favourite wartime song.

Our Christmas Meal Luncheon will be held Thursday, December 3rd, and you can purchase your ticket during our November 12th event. Tickets are $25.00.

Options for Giving to our Parish

The options for giving are available on the website: https://www.sfscparish.ca/donate

- Sign up for pre-authorized debit (PAD) on our website or by contacting the parish office
- E-transfer by sending donations to officestfstc@gmail.com (include name, designation of your gift, church)
- CanadaHelps.org - a secure third-party method to make a one-time donation and/or set up monthly donations by credit card (see parish website)
- Request weekly Sunday envelopes through the 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 if you require more information.

Remembrance Day Mass
St. Stephen Church
Wednesday, Nov 11 at 9:00am

Let us remember and pray for those who fought for our freedom in armed conflicts of the past, and for those who selflessly continue to serve our country.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

Please note the Parish Office will be closed on this day.



Healing Mass with Fr. Mark Cherry

Thursday, November 19, 6:30-10:30pm
at St. Stephen Church

Join Fr. Mark Cherry of Sacred Heart Evangelization and Healing Ministry for the final healing Mass in the autumn series. **All are welcome.**

MEET OUR TEAM

Fr. Nathanael DesRoches, FoH - Administrator
Fr. Peter Hanna, FoH - Associate Pastor
Rev. Mr. Paul Carnell
Rev. Mr. Bernie Coffin (Retired)
Rev. Mr. Gérald LeBlanc (Retired)
Rev. Mr. Gordon MacKinnon
Rev. Br. Grant McLean, FoH br.grant.sfsc@gmail.com
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To place a notice or announcement in the bulletin, email it to: officestfstc@gmail.com by no later than 12:00pm on Tuesday mornings.