



Sunday, March 21, 2021

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-3pm

Private Reconciliation (by appointment only)

Fr. John is available for individual confession by appointment from Wednesday - Saturday.

Please call the office or email

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Birthday Wishes & Prayers

We wish God's Blessings to the parishioners and our loved one's who have gone before us celebrating an Anniversary or Birthday in March especially...

*Rhonda Roberts,
Cathy Pandey, Kathy Garvey,
Louis Lalonde, Cindy Pearce, Fr. John,
Louise Lalonde*



Readings for Next Sunday

1st Reading:

Isaiah 50.4-7

2nd Reading:

Philippians 2.8-9

Gospel:

Mark 14.1-15.47

Homebound Visit

If you are aware of someone homebound and would appreciate a visit and Communion from Fr. John, please call the office with the information.

House Blessing/Pastoral Visit

Fr. John is always happy to visit your house for a Blessing or Pastoral visit and have a cup of tea/water. Please give it some thought and call him if interested.

Provincial Update

We continue to celebrate Mass each weekend with **30% capacity. Attendance is on a first-come basis. Contact tracing is required and all Covid-19 safety protocols remain. Please follow the directions of the Ushers.**

SSVP Information

For assistance, please call 905 786 2249.



Financial Information

Collection	March 2021	
Offertory	\$1,175.00	
Initial Offering	5.00	
TOTAL	<u>\$1,305.00</u>	

Mass Schedule & Intentions (March 22-28)

Monday, March 22 – **NO MASS**

Tuesday, March 23 – **NO MASS**

Wednesday, March 24 - 9:00 am

Thursday, March 25 – 9:00 am

Friday, March 26

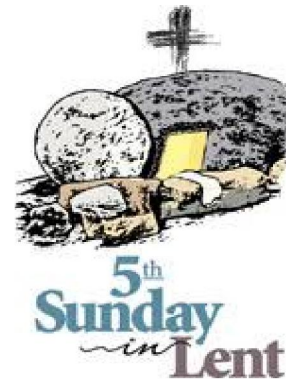
11:00 am - Stations of the Cross

12:00 pm - Mass

Saturday, March 27 – 5:00 pm – *Mass for the People*

Sunday, March 28 – 10:00 am

For Len Gibbons by Frank & Pauline Cuccio



Easter Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday – 7pm

Good Friday – 3pm

Easter Vigil – 8pm

Easter Sunday – 9am & 11am



Easter Mass Registration

With the Covid-19 capacity limits we are having pre-registration for the following Masses: Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.

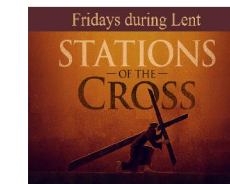
Parishioners will be able to sign-up this weekend, email office@stfrancisnewcastle.ca or call the Parish Office at 905 987 5446 with their reservation.

Stations of the Cross

The Covid-19 pandemic has impacted all our lives and, for many, has caused us to rethink our priorities.

During Lent St. Francis of Assisi parish is providing two options to join by following the Stations of the Cross.

These will be held each Friday. One will be in the church at 11am and will be followed by Mass. The other will be at 7pm using the on-line meeting app Zoom. If you would like to register, please call or email the parish office.



Words of Pope Francis

To experience Lent with love means caring for those who suffer or feel abandoned and fearful because of the Covid-19 pandemic.



Children's Bulletin

Parents can access this children's weekly bulletin online to learn about our faith in a fun way.

<https://thekidsbulletin.com>



Sunday Funny



"We've given TV up for Lent. My dad's just keeping his remote thumb in shape."

Knights Corner

Good Friday Fish Fry

Pick Up Only

4:15 - 6:30 pm

One piece fish, chips and salad - \$10.00

Two piece fish, chips and salad - \$15.00

Please sign up in the gathering room to help the Knights in ordering the food.



Our Knights of Columbus continue to non-perishable food items during Lent with 573 pounds to date!

This Lenten Mission is simple:

one donated food item for each day of Lent, with proceeds benefitting our St. Vincent de Paul Society and the families supported. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

The most needed items are coffee, mayonnaise, crackers, ketchup, juice & cloth grocery bags.



Solidarity Sunday



Development and Peace has partnered with Salt + Light Media to broadcast the Solidarity Sunday Mass on March 21, the fifth Sunday of Lent.

The Most Rev. Guy Desrochers, Bishop of Pembroke, will preside over the hour-long bilingual mass, which will be preceded by a 30-minute presentation on our mission. The program will begin at **1pm (EST) on Sunday, March 21.** The Mass will also be live streamed on the Development and Peace website: <http://www.devp.org>

There are three ways to donate to Development and Peace this Solidarity Sunday:

1. Though the Lenten Charity envelope in box.
2. Through the St. Francis Parish Share Lent Fundraising Page: [St. Francis Parish Newcastle | Development and Peace \(devp.org\)](http://www.devp.org) (Help us reach our parish goal of \$2,000!!!)
3. Though Development and Peace donation page: [Give now! Development and Peace \(devp.org\)](http://www.devp.org)

Our Condolences to the Doghoz Family

With deep sadness we announce the passing of Nour Alden, the Syrian grandfather that St. Francis parish sponsored in 2016.

Please pray for Ahmad and all the family as they deal with his passing during this unprecedented time of the pandemic.