



## Sunday, December 12, 2021

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**Office Hours:** Tuesday-Thursday, 9am-3pm

### Reconciliation

Fr. John is available for individual confession  
Saturday, 4:30pm, Sunday, 8:30am, 10:30am.

### Office Hours

This week the office is open  
Tuesday, December 14, 9am-12pm.  
The parish office will then close  
until Tuesday, January 4, 2022.



### Birthday Wishes & Prayers

We wish God's Blessings to the  
parishioners, our loved one's and those  
who have gone before us celebrating an  
Anniversary or Birthday in December  
especially... Michel Tisi, Carys  
Latendresse, Zenon Samulski, Louis & Louise Lalonde (Ann)



### Readings for Next Weekend

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Micah 5.2-5a

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Hebrews 10.5-10

**Gospel:** Luke 1.39-45



### Homebound Visit

If you are aware of someone homebound and would  
appreciate a visit and Communion, please call the office.

### SSVP Information

For assistance, please call 905 786 2249,  
weekdays 9am – 5pm.

The following items are needed for our pantry:  
jam, crackers, cookies, juice, ketchup, mayo, laundry soap,  
can fruit, ground coffee



### Children's Bulletin

Parents can access this weekly bulletin online to learn about  
our faith in a fun way. <https://thekidsbulletin.com>

### St. Francis of Assisi Website

[www.stfrancisnewcastle.ca](http://www.stfrancisnewcastle.ca)



### Financial Information

Deposit	December 4/5
Offertory	\$1,315.00
Priest Benefit Fund	70.00
Mass Stipends	270.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,655.00</b>

### Upcoming Collections

Sunday, December 19 – Parish Capital Fund

### Mass Schedule & Intentions (Dec.13-19)

Monday & Tuesday – December 13/14 – **NO MASS**

Wednesday, December 15 - 9:00 am

Thursday, December 16 – School Mass

Friday, December 17

11:00 am – Adoration

12:00 pm – Mass

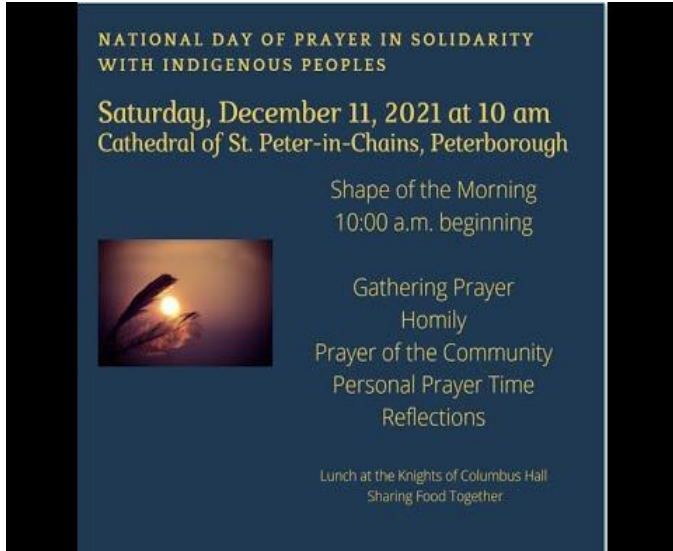
For Raymond Helpard (RIP) by  
Lynn Helpard

Saturday, December 18 - 5:00 pm

Mass for the People

Sunday, December 19 – 9:00 am

Sunday, December 19 – 11:00 am



### Prayers for Indigenous Peoples and Communities

O God, we know that the pursuit of righteousness is the  
pursuit of justice. We pray for reconciliation with all who  
share this land. We pray for healing, for justice, and for  
reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous  
peoples in Canada.

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops have released  
video recordings reflecting on the Gospel Reading for each  
Sunday during Advent. This year's reflections are inspired by  
the journey of truth, healing & reconciliation.

**Video #1 - Solemnity of Christ the King | Early Missionaries  
and the Encounter of Worldviews**

<https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>

**Video #2 - The Spirit of the Treaties**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqxZ--2df-A&t=1s>

**Video #3 - Residential Schools**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=beoMS7Ub0PE>

**Video #4 – Intergenerational Effect**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4dyb35FYiQ>

### Sunday Funny



### Words of Pope Francis

Let us ask for the grace to believe that  
with God things really do change, that he  
will banish our fears, heal our wounds,  
turn our arid places into springs of water.  
Let us ask for the grace of that hope, that  
revives our faith and rekindles our  
charity.



### Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

Friday, December 24, 5pm & 8pm

Saturday, December 25, 10am

Sunday, December 26, 10am

Friday, December 31, 5pm

Saturday, January 1, 10am

Sunday, January 2, 10am

**Mass attendance is on a first-come basis, no reservations**



### Poinsettias In Memory of a Loved One

Once again, we will be offering  
poinsettias for sale to adorn our altar  
for the Christmas season. Order forms  
are available in the Gathering Room or  
attached to the weekly email. Please  
return the form with payment in the  
collection basket or drop it off to the  
parish office no later than **Sunday, December 12.**



### Knights of Columbus

The Knights Silent Auction is open  
for bids. Check your list, there is  
something for everyone! Auction  
closes Sunday, December 12,  
12:30 pm. Bid often.

There will be an open house on  
Thursday, December 9 from 6-8pm with hot cider and  
cookies. **\*\*Current COVID restrictions are in place\*\***



### Taize Prayer Service (Tuesday, Dec.21, 7:00 pm)

**Join us for an Advent Candlelight  
Service of Prayer, Song,  
Contemplation.**

For several years now, during  
Advent and Lent, the Saturday  
Evening Choir has put on the  
unique form of Prayer Service  
based on the music of the  
brothers of Taize in France. While it is not specific to the  
season, it offers an hour of tranquility as a badly needed  
antidote to the pre-Christmas rush. This service is open to  
all, so come and join us!

