



Sunday, February 6, 2022

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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

The parish office is closed as Patricia will be working remotely. Please email office@stfrancisnewcastle.ca.

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 February especially...



Lukas Kovacs, Liz Araujo (RIP), Peter Gualandris, Maricel Lampano Delos Reyes, Fr. John (Ordination), Ambrose & Susan Samulski (Ann), Ronel & Maricel Delos Reyes (Ann), Rosendo Talusan (RIP), Doris & Tony Araujo (Ann)

Readings for Next Weekend

1st Reading: Jeremiah 17.5-8

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.12, 16-20

Gospel: Luke 6.17, 20-26



Homebound Visit

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

SSVP Information

The pantry is in need of laundry soap and instant coffee.

For assistance, please call 365-404-2000 weekdays 9am – 5pm.



Children's Bulletin

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

<https://thekidsbulletin.com>



St. Francis of Assisi Website

www.stfrancisnewcastle.ca



Financial Information

Deposit	January 29/30
Offertory	\$935.00
Funeral Stipend	350.00
Mass Stipends	100.00
TOTAL	\$1,385.00

Upcoming Collections

Sunday, February 13 – St. Vincent de Paul

Sunday, February 20 – Capital Fund

Mass Schedule & Intentions (Feb. 7-13)

Monday - Friday – February 7-11 – **NO MASS**

Saturday, February 12 – 5:00 pm

For Ben Mercado (RIP) by Emy Talusan

Sunday, February 13 – 9:00 am

Mass for the People

Sunday, February 13 – 11:00 am

For Bob MacDonald (RIP) by Jeanette Emslie



Covid-19 Update

Most Reverend Bishop Miehm has provided these guidelines for the implementation of the health precautions: Households attending the church must maintain a physical distance of 6 feet or 2 meters between each other. Attendance at the church is limited to fifty percent of the church's posted capacity.

The clergy and the faithful must wear a face mask in the church.

Congregational singing is strongly discouraged at this time. The processional and recessional will take place respectively from the sacristy to the sanctuary and from the sanctuary to the sacristy to avoid gatherings at the church doors.

The Diocesan and parish staff continue to work remotely as much as possible.

It is hoped that these measures will curtail or significantly mitigate the current surge of the Omicron variant and the COVID-19 virus.

Prayers for Indigenous Peoples and Communities

We pray for our Indigenous neighbours. We ask that you help us to let our them know that we honour them, we want to live together with them in harmony, and we share their hope for a blessed future together, for growth in mutual understanding and respect, for healing, for justice, and for reconciliation. We pray for all of our relations. Amen.

Words of Pope Francis

Sincere and humble worship of God bears fruit not in discrimination, hatred and violence, but in respect for the sacredness of life, respect for the dignity and freedom of others, and loving commitment to the welfare of all.



Sunday Funny



St. Francis Pro-Life Group

Pro-life is not just about being against abortion but also against the death penalty, euthanasia, etc. and anything that does not support the sanctity of life. It encompasses many facets.

Governments and international institutions promote abortion and euthanasia as marks of progress and freedom. But this is a false and perverse understanding in which freedom is equated with absolute individualism. True freedom is inherently relational, recognizing that God has entrusted us to one another. As cultures and societies fail to recognize these objective truths, everything becomes relative, and all principles are called into question—even the fundamental right to life. However, the blood of Christ's sacrifice remains our constant hope. Christ's gift of himself on the cross reveals how precious life truly is and gives us the strength to commit ourselves to building a culture of life. Christ's blood, shed for us, promises that in God's plan death will be no more, and life will be victorious. Excerpt from Evangelium Vitae, Pope St John Paul II (1995)

Anyone interested in pro-life and all its ramifications, contact Deacon Doug via email to join this new group deacon.doug.penn@gmail.com. Any meetings will be via Zoom until it is safe to do otherwise.

Knight of Columbus - Pray the Rosary

Join Brother Knights in praying the rosary on Sunday mornings at 10:30 am (before the 11am Mass).



Mail Slot

Just a reminder the parish has a secure mail slot that is accessible 24 hours a day. It is in the office entrance.



Catholic Family Services of Durham – Heart to Heart at Home

Saturday, February 26, 2022 – Virtual Event

Join us for a fun evening, from the comfort of your own home. Virtual event includes an online silent auction, and entertainment.

The funds raised allow our highly trained staff to provide quality counselling services to over 2300 community members each year. Tickets are just \$20 each. Visit the News & Events page on our website: www.cfsdurham.com or call 905 725 3513.

