



Sunday, December 17, 2022

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Reconciliation

Fr. John is available for individual confession Saturday, 4:30pm, Sunday, 9:30am

Office Hours

The parish office hours this week are Thursday, 9am-12pm. Please email any inquiries office@stfrancisnewcastle.ca.



Homebound Visit

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

Birthday Wishes & Prayers

We wish God's Blessings to these parishioners, our loved one's and those who have gone before us celebrating an Anniversary or Birthday in December & January especially...



Michel Tisi, Zenon Samulski, Reinielle Jessica Delos Reyes, Carys Latendresse, Louis & Louise Lalonde, Glenn Elcome, Colleen Kovacs, Robyn Boissoin, Bill Hubert, Kit Boissoin, Robert Pandey

Readings (Next Weekend)

1st Reading: Isaiah 9.2-4, 6-7

2nd Reading: Titus 2.11-14

Gospel: Luke 2.1-16



SSVP Information

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

All donations received assist in purchasing food for the Christmas hampers. Food donations are greatly accepted at any time. Please consider donating peanut butter and sugar, as well as shampoo and laundry detergent.



Financial Information

Deposit	December 10/11
Offertory (Envelopes)	2,001.00
Offertory (Loose)	199.00
Missals	158.00
TOTAL	\$2,358.00

Mass Schedule & Intentions (Dec.19 – Jan.8)

Monday/Tuesday (December 19/20) – **NO MASS**

Wednesday, December 21

10:00 am – SFA School Mass (church)

11:00 am – SFA School Mass (church)

7:00 pm – Taize Prayer Service

Thursday, December 22 – 9:00 am

Friday, December 23

11:00 am – Adoration, 12:00 pm – Mass

Saturday, December 24, 5:00 pm,

For Cheryl Gibson (RIP) by John Gibson

Saturday, December 24, 8:00 pm

For Ron Radcliffe (RIP) by Dennie Radcliffe

Sunday, December 25 – 10:00 am - Mass for the People

Monday – Thursday (December 26 – 29) – **NO MASS**

Friday, December 30 – 11:00 am – Adoration, 12:00 pm – Mass

Saturday, December 31 – 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 1 – 10:00 am – Mass for the People

Monday – Friday, (January 2 – 6) – **NO MASS**

Saturday, January 7, 5:00 pm – Mass for the People

Sunday, January 8, 9:00 am

For Hanna Polis & Sadeck Koja (RIP) by Lilyan Shaba

Sunday, January 8, 11:00 am

For Teresita Vicencio (RIP) by the Family



Communal Reconciliation – Dec. 17/18

Immediately following Mass there will be communal reconciliation. Fr. John will be available for individual confession following each Mass.

Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24, 5pm (with Children's Christmas Pageant)

Saturday, December 24, 8pm

Sunday, December 25, 10am

Saturday, December 31, 5pm

Sunday, January 1, 10am



Words of Pope Francis

Advent reminds us of a basic Christian attitude – vigilance. Let us wait for the Lord's coming by being attentive to our most vulnerable brothers and sisters who knock on the door of our hearts. Let us ask the Lord to keep us watchful in humility and availability.



2023 Offertory Envelopes

The boxed sets of envelopes for next year may be picked up in the gathering room. Please check the label to be sure we have your complete address on file. If you would like envelopes for next year please take one of the available boxes and record your contact information on your first few envelopes.



Weekly Offering Option

Are you aware that we offer the service of using automatic withdrawal for your parish weekly offering? With this electronic support, you decide what a fair and constant contribution is for you and set it up by calling the office.



Taize Prayer Service (Wednesday, 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. It offers an hour of tranquility as a badly needed antidote to the pre-Christmas rush.

Christmas social to follow in the gathering room with cider, wine and Christmas cookies. Everyone welcome!

Pro-Life

At Christmas we are reminded how God sent hope to a broken world by giving us His Son, Jesus, in the form of a baby placed in a lowly cradle.



An initiative of this parish, Hope's Cradle, will be installed at the Bowmanville Fire Station (planned for 2023) to give hope to mothers and their babies when they have no other options. "Baby Hope" will be placed for adoption in order to give him or her hope for a brighter future with a loving family.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

St. Mary's Parish in Campbellford are offering two outings to this magnificent production at the Princess of Wales Theatre. There are 32 seats available for Wednesday, December 28th and 21 seats available for Wednesday, January 4th. Both are Matinees productions 1:30pm. Tickets are \$150 each and provide your ticket, transportation by a coach bus and a \$25 tax receipt. Pickups are in Campbellford, Peterborough and Newcastle. We will stop at the Mandarin Restaurant on the way home for supper and will be your responsibility. **These tickets would make a fantastic Christmas present.** For more information, call Fr. Bill at 705-768-0844.



Job Posting – Courtice – Office Admin

St. Therese, Courtice has an immediate opening for a part time Administrative Assistant (up to 24 hours per week). This position is responsible for providing administrative services for the parish and requires experience. Qualified candidates should email resume to office@sttheresecourtice.ca by December 23, 2022. A copy of the job description is available upon request by e-mailing the parish.