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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 Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday, 9am-3pm. Please email any inquiries to [office@stfrancisnewcastle.ca](mailto: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/Birthday or any special occasion February especially...



Lukas Kovacs, Doris & Tony Araujo (Ann), Nolan Luciano, Liz Araujo (RIP), Peter Gualandris, Ambrose & Susan Samulski (Anniversary), Rosendo Talusan (RIP)

Readings (Next Weekend)

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:**  
Isaiah 58.6-10  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:**  
1 Corinthians 2.1-5  
**Gospel:**  
Matthew 5.13-16



SSVP Information

For assistance, please call 365 404 2000 weekdays 9am – 5pm.  
*Food donations are greatly accepted at any time. Please consider donating peanut butter and sugar, as well as shampoo and laundry detergent.*



St. Francis of Assisi Website  
[www.stfrancisnewcastle.ca](http://www.stfrancisnewcastle.ca)



Financial Information

Deposit	January 21/22
Offertory	1,575.00
New Year's	30.00
Initial Offering	5.00
Capital Fund	175.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,785.00</b>

Mass Schedule & Intentions  
January 30 – February 5

Monday, January 30 – Friday, February 3  
**NO MASS**

Saturday, February 4, 2 pm  
Mass – Wilmot Creek  
Saturday, February 4, 5:00 pm  
For Norma Bell (RIP)  
requested by John Bouwmeester

Sunday, February 5, 9:00 am  
For the Deceased Members of the Cuccio and LaBrecque Families (RIP)  
requested by Frank & Pauline Cuccio

Sunday, February 5, 11:00 am  
Mass for the People



**SAVE THE DATE!**

Saturday, February 18, following 5:00pm Mass

Join your friends and parish family to kick the February blues!

- Potluck Dinner
- Singing/Dancing
- Socializing
- No admission
- Drinks are free

Please sign-up in the gathering room or call or email the office at 905 987 5446 or [office@stfrancisnewcastle.ca](mailto:office@stfrancisnewcastle.ca) so we know how many will attend, what you are bringing for the potluck and what talent you would like to share.

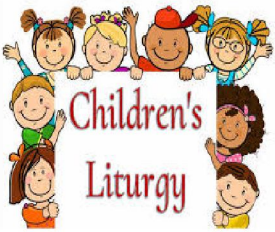


One of our parishioners who will be sharing her talent with us at the Social Hour is **Meeriya Newton**. Meeriya is currently attending university and in her free time pursues teaching and performing Bharatanatyam. Bharathanatyam is an Indian classical art form which originated from Tamilnadu. Meeriya's journey in Bharatanatyam commenced at the age of 4. She has participated in numerous programs in Toronto and shows in Ottawa, New York, and India. She completed her arangretam on July 30, 2018. Arangretam is a stage performance of a former student of Indian classical dance that follows years of training in dancing. Meeriya's arangretam was a thematic performance. Her theme was based on Jesus; his birth to resurrection. Many Indian classical dance forms require their followers to perform an arangretam. Alongside she completed a certification in teaching this art form, and currently teaches in Newcastle.



Children's Liturgy

Our Children's Liturgy program will now be offered at the 9am Mass. Please contact Susan at [susan.samulski@gmail.com](mailto:susan.samulski@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



Words of Pope Francis

What is the shortest way to encounter Jesus? Make yourself needy. Recognize your need for grace, your need for forgiveness, your need for joy. And Jesus will draw near to you.



From the Choir's Corner

We know that you all love to sing and we need you! Please consider this invitation to help lead and enrich our congregation's song by joining one of our choirs. There's always room for you. You don't need to be able to read music (although that might be helpful), and any training you need will be accessible to you. Please contact the office.



After two years of not operating due to Covid, Camp Northern Lights did reopen last year. It was a successful reopening, and we are looking forward to operating for our 51<sup>st</sup> year this summer. Your contributions in the past have helped us to continue to provide this experience to those who otherwise may not have the opportunity to do so. We are once again running our Special Collection to help Camp Northern Lights operate. The collection will take place next weekend (February 4/5). Special Collection envelopes will be available in the gathering room. A reminder that the Camp offers a wilderness camping experience for campers aged 9-13 from local areas as well as a leadership experience for high school students as volunteer counsellors. Your Camp donation will be added to your Parish tax receipt. Please be sure to print your information including your Parish envelope number clearly on the special collection envelopes provided. For further information please contact Randy Riel 705 872 7343. Thank you for your continued support.  
**\*Please make all cheques payable to 'St. Francis of Assisi' and reference Camp Northern Lights on the memo line on the cheque.\***



The Lift Jesus Higher Rally is back in person on **March 4, 2023, from 9am-5:30pm** at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, **"EMPOWERED TO STAND"** – **"Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong."** (1 Corinthians 16:13). Website link: [www.ljhr.ca](http://www.ljhr.ca)