



February 5, 2023 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.



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...



Thursday, February 9 – Fr. John's Priestly Anniversary
Lukas Kovacs, Doris & Tony Araujo (Ann), Nolan Luciano, Liz Araujo (RIP), Peter Gualandris, Ambrose & Susan Samulski (Ann), Rosendo Talusan (RIP)

Readings (Next Weekend)

1st Reading:

Sirach 15.15-20

2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 2.6-10

Gospel:

Matthew 5.17-37



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



Financial Information

Deposit	January 28/29
Offertory	2,105.00
Camp Northern Lights	30.00
Capital Fund	100.00
TOTAL	\$2,235.00

Mass Schedule & Intentions

February 6-12, 2023

Monday, February 6 – No Mass
Tuesday, February 7 – No Mass
Wednesday, February 8 – 9:00 am
For Henry Shwering (RIP)
requested by Liz Reynders
Thursday, February 9 – 9:00 am
Unannounced Intention
Friday, February 10
11:00 am – Adoration
12:00 pm – Mass
Unannounced Intention

Saturday, February 11, 5:00 pm
Unannounced Intention

Sunday, February 12, 9:00 am

Sunday, February 12, 11:00 am
Mass for the People



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

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Please sign-up in the gathering room or call or email the office at 905 987 5446 or 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.



Coffee & Cookies - Everyone Welcome!

Our Children's Liturgy Team is hosting a "Coffee and Cookies" gathering on Sunday, February 12 after the 9am Mass and before the 11am Mass. A perfect chance to meet St. Francis friends and welcome Father John back from his family holiday!



Words of Pope Francis

God has placed the gift of life in your hands. From your hands tomorrow is born. From your hands peace so lacking in this country can come about. I would like to suggest some "ingredients for the future": five of them, each corresponding to a finger on your hand.



Special Collection for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund

The next special collection for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund will take place on the weekend of **February 18 /19**. Thank you for supporting this Fund which goes toward Indigenous peoples' initiated projects for healing and reconciliation for communities and families; culture and language revitalization; education and community building; and dialogues for promoting indigenous spirituality and culture. Donations can be placed in the regular collection, please indicate your envelope number and that it is for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF) Collection. TO DONATE: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/73075>



Camp Northern Lights – This Weekend!

Your contributions in the past have helped us 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. This 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. Envelopes are available in the gathering room. Kindly print your name and address clearly. Your camp donation will be added to your parish tax receipt for 2023. For more information, please contact Randy 705 872 7343. ***Please make all cheques payable to 'St. Francis of Assisi' and reference Camp Northern Lights on the memo line on the cheque.***



Knights of Columbus – Men's Breakfast

We are finally able to host another Clarington East Men's Breakfast and look forward to seeing you all again on Saturday, February 11 in the parish hall. Doors open at 8:00am and breakfast will be served at 8:30am. Our Guest Speaker is **Bill Bruesch, President of the Electric Vehicle Society-Kawartha Chapter**. Yes, they plan to bring an electric car to show you! Due to increased food costs, the cost will now be **\$15.00** for a great breakfast, payable at the door. Contact Fred 905 260 0734 if interested in attending.

