



March 12 & 19, 2023

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Reconciliation

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

Office Hours

The office will be closed next week (March 14-16). 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 in March especially... Rhonda Roberts, Cathy Pandey, Randy Luciano, Kathy Garvey, Cindy Pearce & Fr. John



Readings (Next Weekend)

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5.8-14

Gospel: John 9.1-41

SSVP Information

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

Food donations are greatly accepted at any time. Please consider donating sugar, shampoo, laundry detergent, instant coffee.

St. Francis of Assisi Website

www.stfrancisnewcastle.ca

Children's Bulletin

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

Financial Information

Deposit	March 4/5
Offertory	\$2370.00
Candles	175.00
Capital Fund	10.00
TOTAL	\$2,570.00

Upcoming Collections

Sunday, March 12 – St. Vincent de Paul
Sunday, March 19 – Parish Capital Fund

Mass Schedule & Intentions (March 13-19)

Monday, March 13 – No Mass

Tuesday, March 14 – No Mass

Wednesday, March 15 – 9:00 am

Thursday, March 16 – 9:00 am

For Margarita Escobar (RIP)

requested by her family

Friday, March 17

11:00 am – Adoration

11:30 am – Stations of the Cross

12:00 pm – Mass

Saturday, March 18, 5:00 pm

For Stephen Craig (RIP) requested by Janice Craig

Sunday, March 19, 9:00 am

Sunday, March 19, 11:00 am

Mass for the People



Development and Peace:

Colombia: Defence of land and territory

Colombia is home to nearly 10 per cent of the planet's biodiversity, yet it is also one of the most dangerous countries for people defending their land and territory against exploitation.

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's partner, the *Asociación Campesina de Antioquia* (ACA, Peasant Association of Antioquia) supports peasant communities affected by armed conflict in defending their lives and territories and in building a culture of peace through filmmaking and art.

This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Raquel Soto, a participant in ACA's documentary filmmaking school.

Standing for the Land in Honduras

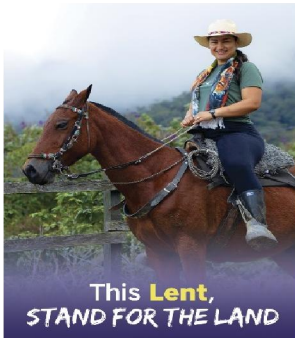
Honduras's diverse ecosystems, fertile lands and rich natural resources attract many profiteering enterprises that overexploit the land to no benefit for local communities.

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada supports *Equipo de Reflexión, Investigación y Comunicación* (ERIC, Reflection, Research and Communication Team), an organization that helps communities in their struggle for land and territory and investigates human rights abuses.

This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Elvin Hernández, a human rights investigator at ERIC. Learn more at devp.org/lent.

Words of Pope Francis

I renew my appeal to make dialogue prevail over hatred and vengeance in the Holy Land, and I pray to God for Palestinians and Israelis, that they may find the path to fraternity and peace, with the help of the international community.



The St. Francis of Assisi Knights of Columbus invites you to please consider participating in the "40 Cans for Lent" program as part of your Lenten journey.

Simply donate one can of food or a non-perishable food item for the "40 Days of Lent".

Donations may be dropped off in the Gathering Room through to Easter Sunday. This program benefits those in our community served by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Lent provides an opportunity for each of us to live generously, to show gratitude for God's gift to us and to share those gifts with others.

Free Seminar - Estate Planning (Wills & Probate)

Join us Wednesday, March 15, 7pm in the parish hall.

This evening is being offered by the Knights but open to everyone in the parish and any friends! The seminar is on Estate Planning. **Light refreshments will be served.**



Good Friday Fish Fry

The Knights of Columbus 3rd Annual Good Friday Fish Fry will take place after the Good Friday Service, April 7, 4pm-5:30pm. *More information to follow.*



Life Corner

It is good to know that our MP Philip Lawrence, who gave us a cordial welcome, is in agreement with our position on life. (Please see St. Francis website for the position paper we presented.) We will need to be vigilant over the next year however, to ensure that the death option for the "mentally ill" is not automatically approved, after its present pause. The Hope's Cradle initiative, designed to save babies who would otherwise be abandoned, is moving forward. More to follow. There is a Parish celebration in the planning, in the cause of life...Watch this space! Blessings on all. Choose Life.



Peterborough Pro Life Annual General Meeting

On Saturday, March 18, 12 noon at St. Anne's Hall. Guest speaker is Maeve Roche, Youth Coordinator at Campaign Life. Light lunch served. Free event. All welcome!

