



# Sunday, April 9, 2023

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**Reconciliation**

Fr. John is available for individual confession Saturday, 4:30pm, Sunday, 8:30am & 10:30am

Office Hours

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 in April especially...

Aurora Talusan (RIP), Carlito Lampano, Conly Bayley, Maureen Rego, Ron Gabriel Delos Reyes, Ronel Delos Reyes, Liberty Talusan



Readings for Easter Sunday

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 2.42-47

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 1.3-9

Gospel: John 20.19-31



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](http://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	April 1/2
Offertory	\$2,777.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	10.00
Development & Peace	60.00
Capital Fund	20.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,867.00</b>

Good Friday Collection

The Good Friday collection is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Church’s holy places in the Holy Land, so import to the faith of Christians everywhere, and also support the faithful who struggle to survive under political and economic oppression and persecution. We thank you for giving generously.



Mass Schedule & Intentions (April 10-16)

Monday – Wednesday – **NO MASS**

Thursday, April 13 – 9:00 am

Friday, April 14 - 11:00 am

Funeral Mass for Pauline Pattison (RIP)

Saturday, April 15, 5:00 pm

Sunday, April 16, 9:00 am

For Tibor Hary requested by

Joyce & Peter McGregor

Sunday, April 16, 11:00 am

Mass for the People

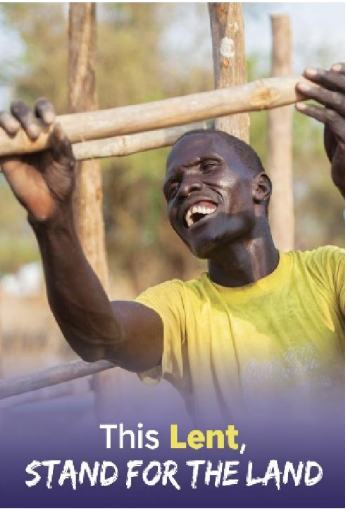


Development and Peace

**Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2023!**

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the People and Planet First campaign with your Share Lent donation. Thank you for your generosity as your donations help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. If you have not had a chance to donate, there is still time to place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory or to donate online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give).

Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.



Knights of Columbus - Annual Fish Fry

Thank you for your support!!

The Knights sold 90 fish dinners with a total of 131 pieces of fish! For those who ordered, please come by between 4pm-6pm to pick up your meals.



Words of Pope Francis

God chose to enter into our human history the most difficult way possible: the cross. This way, no one could ever be so desperate and not to be able to find Him, even in the midst of anguish and abandonment. God arrived in the very place we didn't think He could be.



I CAN, YOU CAN, WE CAN

40 CANS FOR LENT



Our Knights of Columbus continue with '40 Cans for Lent' with donations of over 2563 pounds to date and \$1,050.00 cash donated! There is still time to donate. The final tally will be reported next weekend.

Easter Message 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We think of the word “Easter” as a noun, but the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins once used it as a verb. “Let him Easter in us,” Hopkins wrote in his 1875 poem “The Wreck of the Deutschland,” in which he recounted a shipwreck off the English coast that resulted in the death of five Franciscan nuns.

I was taught that a verb is an action word or one that expresses a state of being. It is intriguing to think of Easter as a verb, as something that is present and active here and now. Of course, we know that Easter refers to the great mystery of Jesus rising from the dead, bursting out of the tomb after having died on the cross for our salvation. But Hopkins’ use of Easter as a verb reveals another level of meaning: to say “let him Easter in us” is to proclaim that we share in the great mystery and victory of Christ. We are not mere spectators at the foot of the cross or at the empty tomb. Easter is not for Christ alone but is shared with all who believe in him. To have him “Easter in us” is to know there is something more to life than this human life, and something beyond death – that the grave does not have the last word. To have him “Easter in us” is to be freed from sin so as to live a new life for God.

Whatever troubles and worries may oppress us, whatever challenges afflict the Church and the world, we have a new way of being because Christ rose from the dead. That is Easter as a verb; something that impacts our entire life and the way we act in the world. To paraphrase the poet, may Christ Easter in you during this holy season and always.

Yours in Christ,

+ Most Reverend Daniel Miehm  
Bishop of Peterborough

Prayers for Comfort

We pray for Pauline Pattison (RIP) who was a long time parishioner and a very active member of St. Francis of Assisi Church. Pauline passed away on Monday, April 3, 2023. May she rest in peace with our Lord and may God comfort Rex and all her family.

