



Sunday, November 26, 2023

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**Reconciliation**  
Fr. John is available for individual confession.  
Saturday, 3:30pm, Sunday, 8:30am, 10:30am

Office Hours

The parish office is open  
Wednesday/Thursday next week.  
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 or Birthday or any special occasion in November or December especially...Dan Garvey, Rosendo Talusan (RIP), Linda Bayley, Carol & Jarrett Latendresse (Ann), Magdalena Samulski, Geraldine Gualandris, Carlito & Lucita Lampano (Ann), Michel Tisi, Zenon Samulski, Reinielle Jessica Delos Reyes, Carys Latendresse, Louis & Louise Lalonde (Ann)



Readings for Next Sunday

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:**  
Isaiah 63.16b-17; 64.1, 3-8  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:**  
1 Corinthians 1.3-9  
**Gospel:** Mark 13.33-37



SSVP Information

For assistance, please call 365 404 2000 weekdays 9am – 5pm.  
Pantry donations are accepted at any time.  
Especially in need for back to school are juice boxes & school snacks.



Upcoming Collections

Sunday, December 17 – Capital Fund

Financial Information

Deposit	November 11/12
Offertory	\$1,762.00
Initial Offering	3.00
Capital Fund	222.00
Exercise Class	290.00
Missals	100.00
Window Donations	525.00
Indigenous Collection	40.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,942.00</b>

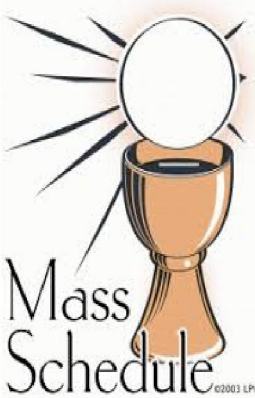
Mass Schedule & Intentions (Nov.27 – Dec. 3)

Monday, November 27 – **NO MASS**  
Tuesday, November 28 – **NO MASS**  
Wednesday, November 29 – 9:00 am  
Thursday, November 30 – 9:00 am  
Friday, December 1  
11:00 am – Adoration  
12:00 pm – Mass

Saturday, December 2, 2:00 pm  
@ Wilmot Creek

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For Greg Wilks (RIP) requested by Mary Kay & Family

Sunday, December 3, 9:00 am  
For Joan Bruce (RIP) requested by Marie & Greg Rosnuk  
Sunday, December 3, 11:00 am  
Mass for the People



Window Donation Update

Thank you to our parish community for your ongoing support of this project. You have donated \$24,366.00 to date. We are getting closer to our goal of \$25,000.00!



Poinsettias In Memory of a Loved One

Once again, we will be offering poinsettias for sale to adorn our altar for the Christmas season. Order forms are available in the Gathering Room or attached to the weekly email. Please return the form with payment in the collection basket or drop it off to the parish office no later than the weekend of **December 9/10**.



SSVP Christmas Bells

The St. Vincent de Paul Society Christmas hamper program is underway and Christmas gifts will be handled differently again this year. You can support the program by purchasing a gift card from merchants in Newcastle and Bowmanville. Over the next few weeks simply drop your gift card off in the gift card box provided in the gathering room before Mass.  
The families supported by the Society truly appreciate your generosity and this will brighten their Christmas. Drop off the gift cards no later than the weekend of December 16/17.



**\*\*Please include the receipt with your gift card\*\***

Life Corner

A reminder that the Life Group will be hosting a 90-minute online course for those who may want to help dissuade and give life-affirming support and resources to someone who is contemplating suicide or MAID. It will be held on **Friday, December 1, 12:30 pm** in the Our Lady Peace room. Everyone is welcome to attend.  
In addition, please watch for the Grand Opening of the first Hope's Cradle in Ontario set for **Friday, December 8, 4 pm** at the Clarington Fire Station 1 in Bowmanville, just west of the Garnet Rickard Recreation Centre. This was a collaboration between Gems for Gems (an organization that supports women suffering from abuse), our parish Life group and our parish Knights of Columbus. The Cradle will give options for desperate parents to safely surrender a baby instead of abandonment.



*Blessings on all. Choose Life.*

Christmas Mass Times

The Mass schedule for Christmas/New Year is:

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
Saturday, December 23 – 4:00pm  
Sunday, December 24 – 10:00am  
**Christmas Eve**  
Sunday, December 24 – 4:00pm/8:00pm  
**Christmas Day**  
Monday, December 25 – 10:00am  
**Feast of the Holy Family (Sunday Liturgy)**  
Saturday, December 30 – 4:00pm  
Sunday, December 31 – 9:00am/11:00am  
**\*\*NO NEW YEAR’S EVE VIGIL MASS\*\***  
**New Year’s Day**  
Monday, January 1 – 10:00am



Knights News

Cash calendars will be on sale after Mass. We have had 17 parishioners who have been daily winners in 2023. The calendars are the perfect stocking stuffer for Christmas.



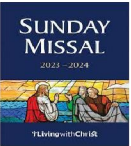
Twelve Days of Christmas Silent Auction

The twelve days of Christmas Silent Auction returns this December in the gathering room. If you would like to donate, please contact Grand Knight Fred. Mark the dates in your calendar Sunday, December 6-17.



Missals

The new missals are available in the gathering room for \$5.00. Pick up yours this weekend as Advent begins next weekend!



Plenary Indulgence from Dec 8/23 – Feb 2/24

The Conference of the Franciscan Family is pleased to announce that a Plenary Indulgence has been granted on this, the 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi’s establishment the Christmas Crib (Creche) at Greccio, Italy in 1223. This Plenary Indulgence is available from **December 8, 2023 until February 2, 2024**. It may be obtained by visiting a Church, Oratory or Chapel served by the Franciscans and praying before the nativity scene present there. For information call La Verna 705 243 9131.

