



Sunday, December 3, 2023

Pastor: Rev. John Rathinaswamy p.p.

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Reconciliation

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

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Readings for Next Sunday

1st Reading: Isaiah 40.1-15, 9-11

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3.8-14

Gospel: Mark 1.1-8



Homebound Visit

If you are aware of someone homebound and would appreciate a visit and Communion, please call the office.

Financial Information

Deposit	November 25/26
Offertory	\$1,727.00
Capital Fund	105.00
Mass Stipends	120.00
Window Donations	4,600.00
Indigenous Collection	10.00
TOTAL	\$6,562.00

Upcoming Collections

Sunday, December 17 – Capital Fund

Mass Schedule & Intentions (Dec. 4-10)

Monday, December 4 – **NO MASS**

Tuesday, December 5 – **NO MASS**

Wednesday, December 6 – 9:00 am

For Margaret McKenna (RIP)

requested by Joe McKenna

Thursday, December 7

Mass – St. Stephen School

Friday, December 8

11:00 am – Adoration

12:00 pm – Mass

For Anne Dugas (RIP) requested by the Hibbs family

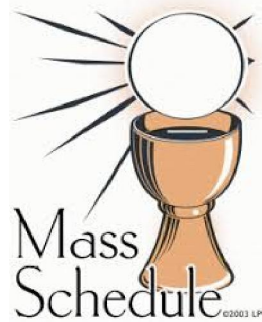
Saturday, December 9, 4:00 pm

For Joe Golobic (RIP) requested by Michel & John Tisi

Sunday, December 10, 9:00 am

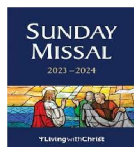
Sunday, December 10, 11:00 am

Mass for the People



Missals

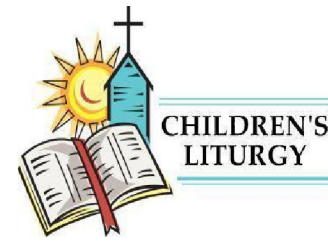
The new missals are available in the gathering room for \$5.00. Pick up one this weekend.



Children's Liturgy

The Sunday School team has some exciting events to announce as we prepare for Advent.

On Sunday, December 10, after the 9am Mass we will be hosting a Christmas Social. All parishioners are invited to come together for coffee, hot chocolate and Christmas goodies. There will be crafts and activities for the children and fun and fellowship for the adults. We hope to see you there! Also, on Christmas Eve (Sunday, December 24 at 4pm) we will be presenting our Christmas Pageant! All children are invited to participate. Costumes are provided and there are no speaking parts or rehearsals. There will be a sign-up sheet at the social. If you have any questions please contact susan.samulski@gmail.com.



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****

Twelve Days of Christmas Silent Auction

The twelve days of Christmas Silent Auction returns this weekend in the gathering room. The auction will run Wednesday, December 6 until Sunday, December 17.



Life Corner

Please watch for the Grand Opening of the first Hope's Cradle in Ontario set for **Friday, December 8, 4pm** 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/New Year Mass Schedule

4th 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



Workshop for Parents and Educators

The Pastoral Team at St. Francis of Assisi is excited about sharing insights and providing support for parents, staff, and students at our school. Our parishioner, Tony Jno Baptiste, has developed a framework for the upcoming Parent Council workshop scheduled for: **Monday, December 4 at 214 King Ave East, Parish Hall, starting at 6:15pm**. We warmly invite members of the Catholic School Council, interested parents in our parish, school administrators, and staff to join us for this session. Together, we will explore the proposed plan to collectively enhance the faith life at St. Francis of Assisi School and Parish, discussing ways to support parents, students, and staff.

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 December especially...Michel Tisi, Zenon Samulski, Reinielle Jessica Delos Reyes, Carys Latendresse, Louis & Louise Lalonde (Ann)

