



Sunday, December 17, 2023

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Readings for Next Sunday

1st Reading:
2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
2nd Reading:
Romans 16.25-27
Gospel:
Luke 1.26-38



Homebound Visit

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

Children's Bulletin

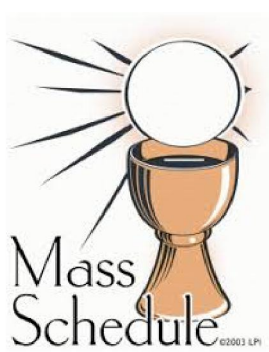
Parents can access this children's weekly bulletin to learn about our faith in a fun way. <https://thekidsbulletin.com>

Financial Information

Deposit	December 9/10
Offertory	\$1,742.00
Capital Fund	20.00
Mass Stipends	600.00
Candles	277.00
Window Donations	27.00
Funeral (Krukkert)	350.00
Hall Rental	150.00
Indigenous Collection	10.00
TOTAL	\$3,176.00

Mass Schedule & Intentions (December 18-25)

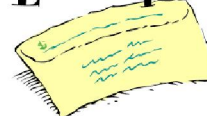
Monday, December 18 – **NO MASS**
Tuesday, December 19 – **NO MASS**
Wednesday, December 20 – 9:00 am
Thursday, December 21 – 9:00
10:15 – St. Francis of Assisi School
Friday, December 22
11:00 am – Adoration
12:00 pm – Mass
Saturday, December 23, 4:00 pm
For Danny McSweeney (RIP) and
Terry McSweeney (RIP) by Marg & Gary McSweeney
Sunday, December 24, 10:00 am
Mass for the People
Sunday, December 24, 4:00 pm
For Brenda Palewandrem (Tisi) (RIP) by Aunt Liliane
Sunday, December 24, 8:00 pm
For Ron Radcliffe (RIP) by Dennie Radcliffe
Monday, December 25, 10:00 am
Mass for the People



2024 Offertory Envelopes

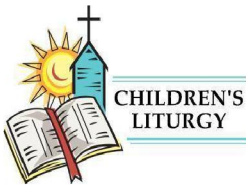
The 2024 boxed sets are in the gathering room.
If you have any updates to the information on your address label, please email the office.

Offering Envelopes



Children's Liturgy

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. Any questions please contact susan.samulski@gmail.com.



SSVP Christmas Bells

****Please return the gift cards this weekend****

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.



****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 ends this Sunday, December 17, 12:30pm.



Life Corner

Please watch for the Grand Opening of the first Hope's Cradle in Ontario. 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

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

Taize Prayer Service (Tuesday, Dec.19, 7:00 pm)

Join us for an Advent Candlelight Service of Prayer, Song, Contemplation.

For several years now, during Advent and Lent, the Saturday Evening Choir has put on the unique form of Prayer Service based on the music of the brothers of Taize in France. It offers an hour of tranquility as a badly needed antidote to the pre-Christmas rush.



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 Lalande (Ann)



Christmas Luncheon

As part of the Newcastle Community Hall 100th Celebration, a traditional Turkey Lunch is being offered to the community. This holiday feast is made possible by the generosity of donors from our community who want to make sure no one is alone or goes without. This lunch is open to everyone and especially to seniors, newcomers, emergency workers and students from our community. Doors open at 11:30am on December 25. Lunch will be served at noon. Please register by calling 905 987 3856 or email communityhallnewcastle@gmail.com Delivery of a meal can also be arranged by calling 905 441 0424.

