

Sunday, February 25, 2024

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Readings for Next Weekend

1st Reading: Exodus 20.1-17
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.18,22-25
Gospel: John 2.13-25



Homebound Visit

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

SSVP Information

For assistance, please call 365 404 2000 weekdays 9am – 5pm.
Did you know...that tax receipts are issued from SSVP for any donation over \$10.00 & food donations are greatly accepted at any time of the year.



Children’s Bulletin

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

Children’s Liturgy Information

There will be no Children’s Liturgy on the following Sundays: March 10 & 17.



Financial Information (Feb.17/18)

Offerings	Deposit
Offertory	\$1,762.00
Mass Stipends	20.00
Capital Fund	251.00
TOTAL	\$2,033.00

***2023 Tax Receipts are in the gathering room for pick up. ***

Mass Schedule & Intentions (Feb.26 – Mar.3)

Monday/Tuesday (February 26/27)– **NO MASS**
Wednesday, February 28 – 9:00 am
Thursday, February 29 – 9:00 am
Friday, March 1
11:00 am – Adoration
11:30 am – Stations of the Cross
12:00 am – Mass



Saturday, March 2 – 2:00 pm @ Wilmot Creek
Saturday, March 2 – 4:00 pm
For Bill Wilks (RIP) requested by Mary Kay Wilks & Family
Sunday, March 3 – 9:00 am
Mass for the People
Sunday, March 3 – 11:00 am
Special Intention for Michael & Brandy Bayley requested by Conly & Linda Bayley

From Your Pastor:

Dear Parishioners,
As we continue to grow and enhance our choir ministry, we are reaching out to our beloved parishioners for support. We have identified a crucial need for a new laptop that will significantly improve our ability to prepare and perform music during Mass. Currently, our existing laptop is outdated and no longer meets the demands of our evolving choir needs. The new laptop will enable us to access and organize and streamline communication and coordination within the choir. To make this vision a reality, we are seeking donations from our generous parish community. Any contribution, no matter the size, will bring us closer to acquiring the necessary equipment. If you would like to contribute, please consider donating at office@stfrancisnewcastle.ca or contact the parish office. All donations will be used exclusively for the purchase of the new choir laptop. We appreciate your ongoing support and look forward to the continued growth of our choir ministry. Thank you for being an essential part of our parish community. Blessings, Fr. John

Development & Peace – Caritas Canada

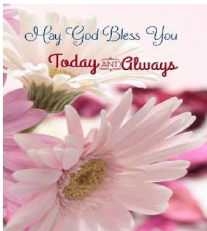
Last chance to sign the Stand for the Land petition!

Today is the deadline for signing a letter to Honduran ambassador to Canada asking her government to protect those who are fighting to defend forests and rivers in a Honduran national park against pollution from a mine. The letter is part of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada’s last fall campaign. Over 20,000 Canadians have signed it in solidarity with these struggling communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector. Join the effort and add weight to our demands. Sign now at devp.org/act. Thank you for your solidarity!



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 February especially... Lukas Kovacs, Doris & Tony Araujo (Ann), David Mountain, Nolan Luciano, Liz Araujo (RIP), Peter Gualandris, Maricel Delos Reyes, Fr. John (Ann. of Ordination), Ronel & Maricel Delos Reyes (Ann), Rosendo Talusan (RIP), Santiago Colón D’Souza



St. Francis of Assisi Prayer Group

Currently, we are in the final stage of the development of the St. Francis of Assisi Prayer Group. Prayer meetings will be hosted once monthly in the Parish Hall at 7pm on a day to be decided by the 25 registrants. This week we tabulated the results of the survey and will announce the starting date at the three Masses this weekend. The first prayer session will be hosted in the second week of March on the day selected. Please note that at our first prayer meeting, we will pray for guidance on the selection of a leadership team and discuss the format of the prayer group meeting. We are looking forward to your full cooperation and participation.



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 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.

30th Anniversary Breakfast

Join the Knights in celebrating their 30th Anniversary with breakfast on Sunday March 3 after the 9am Mass. This is a free breakfast open to everyone in the parish and sign-up sheets are in the gathering room.



Exploring Our Faith

Wanting to know about Catholicism and join the church or just more about your Catholic faith? Please join us Monday evenings at 7 to 8:30pm where we will break open the Word of God. Contact Deacon Doug at deacon.doug.penn@gmail.com if you would like more information. Lent is a great time and as St. Paul says, “now is the acceptable time.”

