

Sunday, March 3, 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. 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.24/25)

Offerings	Deposit
Offertory	\$1,972.00
Candles	335.00
Missals	45.00
Camp Northern Lights	120.00
Choir Appeal	605.00
Capital Fund	145.00
TOTAL	\$3,222.00

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

Mass Schedule & Intentions (Mar.4-10)

Monday/Tuesday (March 4/5) – **NO MASS**
Wednesday, March 6 – 9:00 am
Thursday, March 7 – 9:00 am
Friday, March 8
11:00 am – Adoration
11:30 am – Stations of the Cross
12:00 pm – Mass
Saturday, March 9 – 4:00 pm
For Louis Lalonde (RIP) requested by Louise & Family
Saturday, March 9 – 5:30 pm (Tamil Mass)
Sunday, March 10 – 9:00 am
For Julie Owen (RIP) requested by the Owen Family
Sunday, March 10 – 11:00 am
Mass for the People



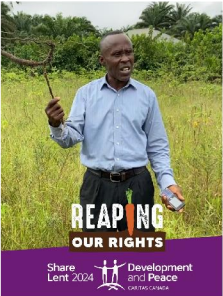
From Your Pastor:

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 Currently, our existing laptop is outdated and no longer meets the demands of our evolving choir needs.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

Denouncing oil pollution in Nigeria

Nigeria is Africa's largest economy and biggest oil producer. Despite oil exports worth billions of dollars, millions of Nigerians remain in poverty and face food insecurity. In the south, pollution and contamination by the oil industry are causing great hardship. Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's partner Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF) defends farmers' rights and helps protect their lands. To learn more about the work of HOMEF, read our Mini-magazine and watch the video at devp.org/lent.



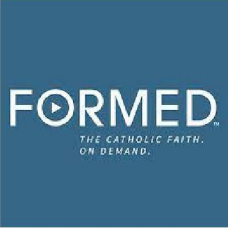
Birthday Wishes & Prayers

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 March especially... Rhonda Roberts, Cathy Pandey, Randy Luciano, Kathy Garvey, Louis Lalonde (RIP), Cindy Pearce, Fr. John, Louise Lalonde



Formed-Faith on Demand

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The St. Francis of Assisi Knights of Columbus continue the "40 Cans for Lent" program. **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.

Electric Organ

The parish has a few electric organs available to a good home. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the parish office.



Lenten Mission

"Pledge of Future Glory" Lenten Mission at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains, Peterborough, ON

This Lenten Mission at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains will be held from March 11-13. The daily session will be held at 11:00am and repeated at 7:00pm. The 7:00pm session will be live streamed via the Zoom links below. All the live-streamed sessions from the Lenten Mission will be available on the YouTube channel for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough. <https://www.youtube.com/@romancatholicdioceseofpete9079/streams>

