



Sunday, March 31, 2024

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The parish office will be closed April 2-16. Please reach out to Fr. John pastor@stfrancisnewcastle.ca if you require any assistance.

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Readings for Next Weekend

1st Reading: Acts 4.32-35

2nd Reading: 1 John 5.1-6

Gospel: John 20.19-31



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>

Financial Information (March 23/24)

Offerings	Deposit
Offertory	\$2027.00
Choir Appeal	50.00
Mass Stipends	150.00
Donations	500.00
Easter Flowers	1,000.00
Share Lent	30.00
Capital Fund	5.00
TOTAL	\$3,762.00

Good Friday Collection

This annual collection is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of parishioners throughout the world to assist the Church in the Holy Land.



Mass Schedule & Intentions (April 1-7)

Monday – Thursday, (April 1-4) – **NO MASS**

Friday, April 5

11:00 am – Adoration

12:00 pm – Mass

For Francis Jesudasan Fabian (RIP) requested by his family

Saturday, April 6

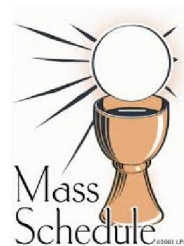
2:00 pm – Wilmot Creek

4:00 pm – Mass for the People

Sunday, April 7 - 9:00 am

Sunday, April 7 – 11:00 am

For Marjorie & Paul Fitzpatrick (RIP) requested by the Fitzpatrick Family.



Fr. John's Easter Message

Dear Beloved Parishioners,
As Easter approaches, I am filled with immense gratitude for your generous donations towards the Easter flowers. Your contributions have not only enhanced the beauty of our church but have also uplifted the spirit of our faith community. Easter brings a promise of fresh hope, renewed joy, and inspired aspirations. When you open your heart, you'll discover the divine gifts awaiting you. Let your actions reflect the presence of the risen Christ in every individual. Let us pray that the resurrected Christ elevates us and rejuvenates our lives. Almighty God, by raising your Son, Jesus Christ, you triumphed over death's grip and paved the path to eternal life for us. May our vibrant faith uplift us and renew our lives daily through the indwelling Spirit. Please know that your support is a source of strength for me, and I am grateful for the opportunity to journey together in faith.



Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed Easter filled with joy, peace, and the abundant blessings of the season.
Your Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. John Rathinaswamy

St. Francis Grade 8 Fundraiser

Join us for a fundraiser on Saturday, April 20, 11am – 3pm in the parish parking area. We will be having a bottle drive, bake sale, raffle and BBQ. Come out and support the St. Francis of Assisi School Graduating Class of 2024.



Development & Peace – Caritas Canada

Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2024!

Our parish collected \$472.00. This will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. If you have not yet had a chance to give, you can still place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory.

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/April especially... Rhonda Roberts, Cathy Pandy, Randy Luciano, Kathy Garvey, Louis Lalande (RIP), Cindy Pearce, Fr. John, Louise Lalande Justin Ogorah, Aurora Talusan (RIP), Carlito Lampano, Maureen Rego, Ron Gabriel Delos Reyes, Ronel Delos Reyes, Liberty Talusan



Easter Message 2024

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen" (Lk 24:5).

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Diocese of Peterborough, The Church embraces the celebrations of this Holy Week, commemorating the passion and death and resurrection of the Lord. Thereafter we advance quickly to the wonderful season of Easter, a time of renewal and hope and a time to see with the eyes of faith the great wonders that God has done and continues to do. It is said that one of the best ways to get the attention of your audience is to ask a probing question at the start of a talk. So, give full marks to the angels at the Lord's tomb that Easter morning, who asked one of the most probing questions in all of history: "why do you look for the living among the dead?" Part challenge, part correction and part invitation to see things in a new way, it must have taken the faithful women by surprise. But apparently it was a rhetorical question, since the angels did not wait for an answer, but went on to explain, "He is not here, but has risen." Once they had the attention of their audience, they wasted no time in sharing the good news - good news that the women would also quickly share, as they went to tell the apostles.

Pope Francis has said that the question addressed to the women that Easter morning is posed to each one of us. "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" It's one that should grab our attention and invite us to a new way of seeing things. Do we cling to what is sterile, bleak, and hopeless, just because it is familiar? Do we give in to cynicism and defeatism, supposing that things in the world, the Church, our neighbourhoods, and families can never improve? Easter is a call to reject the malaise that can afflict so much of modern life and to embrace a new way of living with a spirit of hope. As the Holy Father has said, "Death, solitude and fear are not the last word. There is a word that transcends them, a word that only God can speak; it is the word of the resurrection."

The angels' question should snap us to attention this Easter, reminding us that because of the Lord's resurrection, we can always lay claim to hope. May God bless you and yours richly in this season of great joy.

Yours in Christ, + Most Reverend Daniel Michm Bishop of Peterborough

Knights News

St. Francis of Assisi Knights of Columbus continue "40 Cans for Lent" food drive. Donations may be dropped off in the gathering room through Easter Sunday.



The next Men's breakfast is Saturday, April 13 in the parish hall. Registration will start at 8am and breakfast will be served at 8:30am. Nancy Trimble from the Ontario Genealogical Society and Ontario Ancestors will be presenting on DNA and how it not only finds your ancestors but how it has been used to solve crimes all over the world. The cost is \$15.00 (pay at the door), please advise Fred if you are coming so we have an accurate count for the food.

