

Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 19, 2021

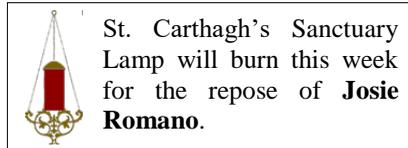
Saturday, Dec. 18	5:00 pm	St. Carthagh's	Josie Romano
Sunday, Dec. 19 (4 th Sunday of Advent)	9:00 am 11:00 am	St. Edmund's St. Carthagh's	Carmel & David Cassidy Members of the Parish
Monday, Dec. 20	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	Catherine & William Vance
Tuesday, Dec. 21	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	Shawn McCullough
Wednesday, Dec. 22	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	Therese Rashotte
Thursday, Dec. 23	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	John Treacy
Friday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve)	5:00 pm 7:30 pm	St. Carthagh's St. Edmund's	Jacob & Margaret Kvas Kara Winchester
Saturday, Dec. 25 (Christmas Day)	10:00 am	St. Carthagh's	Jacob & Margaret Kvas
Sunday, Dec. 26 (The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph)	9:00 am 11:00 am	St. Edmund's St. Carthagh's	Members of the Parish Josie Romano

Please Remember in Your Prayers: All those who are sick, including: F. Boomhour, Neive Alderson, Norene Ruffilli, Amanda Lake, Ginger Kehoe, Margaret Dupuis-Ives, Terry Horrigan, Catherine Liggon, Debbie LaCroix, Presley Noble, Rob Montgomery, Margaret-Rose Wood, Jack Tweedy, Michelle Fobert, Ben Paul, Carrie Young, Jeanette Prevost, Dale McTaggart, David Gohl, Susan Horrigan, Barb Greene, Roy Lamb, Doug Lessard, Carl Kehoe, Barry Tebo, Philip Rashotte, Carolyn Saunders, and Bill Cassidy.

Please let us know at the office if you would like to add to or remove a name from the list of the sick.

Offertory Collections:

St. Carthagh's	Dec. 11 & 12	Regular Sunday Building & Reserve	\$1,064 \$30
St. Edmund's	Dec. 12	Regular Sunday Building & Reserve	\$597 \$20



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS OFFERING TO OUR CHURCHES

	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>HOLY COMMUNION</u>	<u>USHERS</u>
St. Carthagh's			
Friday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve)	Dan Dafoe	Carol Genereaux	Greg Donohue, Arthur Allore, Ray Murphy
Saturday, Dec. 25 (Christmas Day)	Shirley Kehoe	Shirley Kehoe	Greg Donohue
Sunday, Dec. 26	Dan Dafoe	Joan McTaggart	George Scott Shirley Kehoe
St. Edmund's	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>ORGANIST</u>	<u>USHERS</u>
Friday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve)	Andre Cassidy	Donna Broek	Bill & Marian Nash Marian Dolan
Sunday, Dec. 26	Marian Dolan	Beth Power	Pat Rush

It is time again for the yearly K of C dues. Dues are \$35 if paid in 2019 and \$40 in the new year. Please place your money in an envelope marked K of C and put in the collection basket, or do an e-transfer to Durkin.shadylane@xplornet.ca.

St. Carthagh's & St. Edmund's Collection Envelopes for 2022 are now available. Please pick up your box from the ushers at the church entrance. If you did not get a box of envelopes and would like one, please contact the church office.

A Mother Giving Birth

Micah prophesied that times would change when a certain mother would give birth. These are his words: "Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth, then the rest of his kindred shall return to the children of Israel." A significant change is herein announced. Isaiah also announced that "the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel" (Is 7:14). In much the same vein, St. Paul said, "When the fullness of the times had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law" (Gal 4:4-5). A mother giving birth is the Biblical sign of changing times. Mary, through giving birth to Jesus, the Messiah and Son of God, is a sign that we are in the best of times, even despite the appearance of difficult and uncertain times. Mother Mary is a sign that "despite the increase of sin, grace has surpassed it much more" (cf. Rom 5:20). Rightly, then, Vatican II called Mary "a sign of certain hope" (LG 68). She is a sign that no matter how things look or how we feel, the Lord has plans to give us "a future full of hope" (Jer 29:11). Mary was at the foot of the cross. Even at Calvary, the Sorrowful Mother was a sign that times were changing from death to new life, from sorrow to joy. In this final week of our Advent journey of spiritual preparation, Covid-19 and its variants continue to be a thick cloud hanging over us. Yet we must not allow it or any other distraction to suck up our hope, joy and peace. Let us look confidently to Mary, Mother and prophetess of Hope. She is our model and example that there is hope at the end of the tunnel. Therefore, continue to be focused!

Synod questions for personal reflection: At Christmas, we celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation of God's Son into human flesh. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (Jn 1:14). It is therefore an opportune time for us to ponder, "Who is Christ to us." The 2021-2023 Synod is in process, revolving around the themes of communion, participation and mission. A number of parish coordinators have been trained and others are in line to be trained hopefully in the first two weeks in January. Archbishop Mulhall is asking us to prayerfully reflect on 10 questions at this early stage of the Synod before beginning the listening sessions in our parishes. These questions are the official questions of the Archdiocese of Kingston. You will find them on a separate sheet inserted into your bulletin. Please, consider them during your personal prayer and reflection. Hopefully, in January, we shall try to convene a Joint-Parish Pastoral Council meeting to brainstorm on the synodal process in our parishes. Updates on the Synod are available on our website and that of the Archdiocese of Kingston. Welcome on board to walk with your brothers and sisters.

Each week, beginning on Sunday, November 21, the Solemnity of Christ the King, and for the four Sundays of Advent, the **Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (Cccb)** is releasing a video recording reflecting on the Gospel Reading for each Sunday. This year's reflections are inspired by the journey of truth, healing & reconciliation, and the Indigenous Delegation traveling to Rome to meet with Pope Francis from December 17 to 20, 2021.

Please tune in each week for the 5-week series, *Indigenous Peoples and the Church: Walking Together Toward Healing and Reconciliation*. The link (English) is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqxZ--2df-A&t=1s>

Another year largely marked by Covid-19 and its variants is coming to a close. Needless to mention, it has disrupted the smooth running of parish life and ministry. For instance, we are currently behind with the celebration of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation and of course the Sacrament of Reconciliation in its regular form. Yes, administrative life has been challenging but the Lord has been walking with us and he is faithful. You, our parishioners, have also been supportive, cooperative and understanding especially regarding the protocols for safe worship. Dan and I would like to thank all of you first for your involvement in the life of the parish even in these difficult times, second for your continued financial contributions and more importantly for your sustained effort to grow in the Lord. We wish each of you and your families the joy of the Lord's presence in your life, and his continuous shepherding into the New Year and beyond. Merry Christmas!

Christmas Eve Masses at St. Carthagh's and St. Edmund's are fully booked. If you would like to be placed on a waiting list for one of these Masses, please call or email the Parish Office (613-478-2000) (st.carthagh@gmail.com).



Fri., Dec. 24	St. Carthagh's (Fully Booked)	5:00 pm
	St. Edmund's (Fully Booked)	7:30 pm
Sat., Dec. 25	St. Carthagh's	10:00 am
	St. Edmund's	9:00 am
Sun., Dec. 26	St. Carthagh's	11:00 am
	St. Edmund's (Must register)	5:00 pm
Sat. Jan. 1	St. Carthagh's	10:00 am
Sun., Jan. 2	St. Edmund's	9:00 am
	St. Carthagh's	11:00 am

