

Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 27, 2022

“Be reconciled to God” (2 Cor 5:20)

Saturday, Mar. 26	5:00 pm	St. Carthagh’s	Josie Romano
Sunday, Mar. 27 <i>(4th Sunday of Lent)</i>	9:00 am 11:00 am	St. Edmund’s St. Carthagh’s	John Chelamootil Members of the Parish
Monday, Mar. 28	9:00 am	St. Carthagh’s	No Intention
Tuesday, Mar. 29	9:00 am	St. Carthagh’s	Wilma Hughes
Wednesday, Mar. 30	9:00 am	St. Carthagh’s	No Intention
Thursday, Mar. 31	9:00 am	St. Carthagh’s	No Intention
Friday, Apr. 1 <i>(Eucharistic Adoration)</i>	9:00 am 6:40 pm 7:00 pm	St. Carthagh’s	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by scheduled adoration. Sacred Heart Prayers and Benediction. Mass
Saturday, Apr. 2	5:00 pm	St. Carthagh’s	Vince Abrams
Sunday, Apr. 3 <i>(5th Sunday of Lent)</i>	9:00 am 11:00 am	St. Edmund’s St. Carthagh’s	Members of the Parish Mary Stafford Cassidy

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, Michelle Fobert, Ben Paul, Carrie Young, Jeanette Prevost, Dale McTaggart, David Gohl, Susan Horrigan, Barb Greene, Roy Lamb, Doug Lessard, Carl Kehoe, Barry Tebo, Carolyn Saunders, Bill Cassidy, and Sarah Knill.

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	March 19 & 20	Regular Sunday Building & Reserve	\$1,732 \$120
St. Edmund’s	March 20	Regular Sunday Building & Reserve	\$565 \$95

Lenten Confessions: On Thursday, **Apr. 7**, we shall have our community Lenten Penitential service at 6:30 pm and individual confessions at 7:00 pm.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS OFFERING TO OUR CHURCHES

	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>HOLY COMMUNION</u>	<u>USHERS</u>
St. Carthagh’s			
Saturday, Apr. 2	Tara Harrison	Carol Genereaux	Greg Donohue
Sunday, Apr. 3	Shirley Kehoe	Joan McTaggart	George Scott
St. Edmund’s	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>ORGANIST</u>	<u>USHERS</u>
<i>Sunday, Apr. 3</i>	<i>Cecilia Maines</i>	<i>Donna Broek</i>	<i>Patti Marlin Marian Dolan</i>

The Western Deanery will be hosting an online marriage preparation course over Zoom. The content will be shared over three evenings, **Mon. Mar. 28th** (7:00-9:30pm), **Tues. Mar. 29th** (7:00-9:30pm), and **Wed. Mar. 30th** (7:00-8:15pm). To register, please contact Brittany Denouden at Brittanydenouden@gmail.com or 613-970-4367. Cost is \$50/couple and can be sent by e-transfer to assisi@sympatico.ca

Eucharistic adoration: On Friday, **Apr. 1**, we shall have Eucharistic adoration. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be at 9:00 am. Please sign up for a spot. The sheet is at the back of each church, and in St. Carthagh’s church sacristy.

The churches will soon be decorated for Easter. Regarding St. Carthagh’s Church, anyone wishing to donate money for flowers, please put your money in an enveloped clearly marked “FLOWERS” and put it in the collection. Please indicate if you would like the flowers to be “*In Memory Of*” a loved one. If you would like to donate your own flowers in memory of a loved one, please leave a message at the Parish Office, and your information will be given to Shirley Kehoe.

This weekend, St. Paul makes a passionate appeal to all, “be reconciled to God.” The younger son in the gospel has paid heed to Paul’s appeal by returning to his father, who represents God, and humbly confessed his sins. He has set the tone for us to go to confession. To make a good confession, follow these steps:

Step 1: Examine your conscience. Ask the Holy Spirit in prayer to search your heart and help you see how you relate with God, family, Church community and the world. a) Go through the 10 commandments to see if you have been truly faithful to them. b) Have you succumbed to any of the 7 deadly sins, namely, lust, gluttony, greed, sloth, wrath, envy, pride? c) Look at yourself in the light of your calling to a life of holiness and virtue: compassion, prayer, going to Mass, generosity, service to the community, dedication to family, purity, modesty, fairness, self-control, faithfulness, obedience to lawful authority, judicious use of resources (money, water, light, food), charity to the needy, etc.

Step 2: Be sincerely sorry for your sins out of love of God, & seek to be reconciled with him.

Step 3: Go and confess to God through the catholic priest. Like the younger son, know that you are talking to God, who thirsts to have you back. Listen to the priest’s brief exhortation, and the penance that he gives.

Step 4: Pray the act of contrition: “*Oh my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you, and I detest my sins because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell; but most of all because they offend you, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of your grace to confess my sins, do penance, and amend my life. Amen.*”

Step 5: The priest will absolve you of your sins and dismiss you in peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Letter for Archdiocesan Lenten Collection dated March 2022:

My Dear Faithful of the Archdiocese:

Saturday, March 26, marks the 55th anniversary of the promulgation of the Encyclical Letter, *Populorum progressio* (on the Development of Peoples), of Pope St. Paul VI in 1967. This Encyclical of the Holy Father added to the existing social teaching of the Church in a context of increasing development in the post-war world. The document created within the Church a sincere impulse to address the areas of injustice and human suffering throughout the world. This call has continued to develop in the Church through the initiatives which Catholics undertake through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. It has been especially edifying for me to have experienced parish-based projects that continue to answer the invitation of Paul VI.

In this spirit, I call each of you to be generous in your offerings to the Archdiocesan Lenten Collection, which will be taken up in our parishes on Palm Sunday. I have begun to select a group of young members of our parishes who, under the patronage of St. Martin de Porres, will assist me with the distribution of the funds collected. As we begin our work in the coming weeks, we will be identifying the needs of those who are most vulnerable, both at home and abroad, to which our humble offerings can be directed. The needs in our own communities of the Archdiocese are daunting - homelessness, the scourge of the opioid crisis, and hidden poverty. Across Canada, assistance to our Indigenous communities in Canada will be an ongoing concern. Beyond our borders, the tragic war in Ukraine has caused a catastrophic refugee crisis, and the two year long civil war in Ethiopia has caused the death of hundreds of thousands from the violence of war and starvation.

It is my prayer that, as we continue to pray for and address these needs, we in our local Church may be ennobled in our own humanity. May the opening of our hearts to the sufferings of our brothers and sisters assist us to take full responsibility for our own acts of mercy. May this lead to a deepening appreciation for the saving actions of Christ in the Sacraments of the Church. In the coming months, I will be providing you with updates in our progress, as well as a comprehensive report on the distribution of the funds offered by the faithful.

This Archdiocesan sponsored collection will take the place of the Share Lent Collection of past years. (Please refer to my [letter of Lent 2021 on the Archdiocesan website](#)). The faithful are encouraged also to make individual offerings to the many worthy local, national and international charities.

May the Lord bless our Lenten acts of almsgiving, our prayer and our fasting. May He guide us in grace to a worthy celebration of Easter.

Know of my prayers for all of you, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+Michael Mulhall
Archbishop of Kingston