

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 9, 2022

The Heart of the Gospel

Saturday, Oct. 8	5:00 pm	St. Carthagh's	Terry Meeks
Sunday, Oct. 9 (28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time)	9:00 am 11:00 am	St. Edmund's St. Carthagh's	Members of the Parish Tom Cassidy
Monday, Oct. 10	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	Thanksgiving for God's Blessings on Our Parishes
Tuesday, Oct. 11	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	Lucy Champagne
Wednesday, Oct. 12	10:30 am 7:00 pm	Moiria Place Rectory	Mass and Anointing of the Sick & Aged Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Thursday, Oct. 13	6:30 pm	St. Edmund's	Last Evening Mass of this Season
Friday, Oct. 14	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	Denny Hughes
Saturday, Oct. 15	11:00 am 5:00 pm	St. Carthagh's St. Carthagh's	Memorial Mass for Anthony LaJoie John & Lena Battle Family
Sunday, Oct. 16 (29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time)	9:00 am 11:00 am	St. Edmund's St. Carthagh's	Members of the Parish Living & Deceased Members of the Tony Romano Family

Please Remember in Your Prayers: All those who are sick, including: F. Boomhour, Neive Alderson, Norene Ruffilli, Ginger Kehoe, Margaret Dupuis-Ives, Terry Horrigan, 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, Carolyn Saunders, Bill Cassidy, Sarah Knill, Bob Lee, Laurie Healey, Mary Fergus Cassidy, Kathleen Lake, Nolan Robinson, Michael Cassidy, and Ed Parks.

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	October 1 & 2	Regular Sunday Building & Reserve	\$1,508 \$270
St. Edmund's	October 2	Regular Sunday Building & Reserve	\$546 \$200

<i>Rosary Leaders</i>	
<i>Sun., Oct. 9</i>	Lori Robinson
<i>Sun., Oct. 16</i>	Sharon Eros
<i>Sun., Oct. 23</i>	Sheila Scott
<i>Sun., Oct. 30</i>	Joan McTaggart

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS OFFERING TO OUR CHURCHES

	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>HOLY COMMUNION</u>	<u>USHERS</u>
St. Carthagh's			
Saturday, Oct. 15	Arthur Allore	Carol Genereaux	Greg Donohue
Sunday, Oct. 16	Dan Dafoe	Joan McTaggart	George Scott
St. Edmund's	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>ORGANIST</u>	<u>USHERS</u>
<i>Sunday, Oct. 16</i>	<i>Marian Dolan</i>	<i>Beth Power</i>	<i>Tim McParland Marian Nash</i>

Pastoral Council Meeting: There are a number of issues that warrant a Council meeting. Therefore, there will be a Joint-Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on **Wednesday, October 12, 2022**, at **7:00 pm**, in the rectory. If you have points for the agenda, please, send them in.

St. Edmund's Evening Mass: The last evening Mass at St. Edmund's will take place on **October 13th**. Subsequent Thursday Masses shall be transferred to and celebrated at St. Carthagh's.

The next meeting of the St. Carthagh's CWL will be **Monday, October 17**, at **7:00 pm** in the rectory.

Happy Thanksgiving to all. May the Lord continue to bless the work of our hands. Our second reading for this Thanksgiving weekend is part of St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy. In it, he is asking Timothy to remember the heart of the gospel. "**Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David – that is my gospel**" (2 Tim 2:8). Paul is not asking Timothy to remember something that happened in the past, namely, that Jesus rose from the dead. He is asking him to keep before his eyes ("keep remembering") the present reality that the Risen Christ is now always with us. Men and women of heroic faith down through the ages agree that there is no better way of growing in holiness than to keep in mind always and everywhere the fact that the Risen Lord is with us. The ever presence of Christ with us is like the compass that guides us in the right way as well as the dynamo that energizes us from within.

A second point to remember is that this Jesus is a **descendant of David**, that is, he is human like us. We often forget that Jesus is human like us in all things but sin. Because he is human, Jesus understands perfectly the various trials, temptations and hardships that we face in our day-to-day lives. When we remember that Jesus is human like us, then we can aspire to be like him: to live for God like him, to accept suffering and death like him, and to rise again to eternal glory like him.

The gospel is good news but also bad news! First the bad news. "**That is my gospel for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal**" (2 Tim 2:8-9). The gospel lands Paul in jail. He is in chains, literally, in a prison in Rome awaiting execution. That doesn't sound much like good news. Anyone who decides to accept and live by the gospel must be prepared for inconvenience. Jesus was inconvenienced, so was Paul, and so shall we be if we are true to the gospel.

"**But the word of God is not chained**" (2Tim 2:9b). Happily, the message is bigger than the messenger. The messenger could be imprisoned and killed but the truth of the gospel cannot be chained or stopped. This was a source of consolation for Paul. When we find the gospel, we find a reason to live and a reason to die. We are happy to suffer and to die so long as the word of God prospers and lives on. Paul now turns to the gospel as good news: "**The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful – for he cannot deny himself**" (2 Tim 2:11-13). Here is the good news: If at first we accept the bad news of the cross, then, in the end, we shall rejoice in the good news of the crown; if we endure the pain, we shall enjoy the gain. With these words Paul encourages Timothy, his son in the faith, to embrace the gospel wholeheartedly and follow its demands uncompromisingly. In the short run it may bring him much inconvenience and even death. But in the long run it will bring him eternal life and glory.

The same gospel is presented to us today. In the short term it might sound like bad news: do not live your life as you please, surrender your life to God and live the way God demands; live for others, be committed to the common good, share with the poor; live humbly and justly. In the end it will be found to be good news indeed!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October Rosary Devotion: Praying the Holy Rosary as individuals and as a community during the month of October is one of our prominent Catholic devotions. This devotion dates back to 1883 when Pope Leo XIII officially dedicated the month of October to the Holy Rosary making reference to the battle of Lepanto (Oct. 7, 1571) and the feast. In honour of the victory, Pope Pius V instituted the Feast of Our Lady of Victory, which today is celebrated as Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (Oct. 7). The Rosary is one secret to winning our personal battles. As we have done in the past, we shall again pray the Rosary as a community on Sundays, 30 minutes prior to the time for our scheduled Masses.