

# The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God – January 1, 2023

Saturday, Dec. 31 <i>(New Year Eve)</i>	5:00 pm	St. Edmund's	Members of the Parish
Sunday, Jan. 1 <i>(Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God)</i>	10:00 am	St. Carthage's	Jacob & Margaret Kvas
Monday, Jan. 2	9:00 am	St. Carthage's	Tom Cassidy
Tuesday, Jan. 3			<i>No Mass</i>
Wednesday, Jan. 4			<i>No Mass</i>
Thursday, Jan. 5			<i>No Mass</i>
Friday, Jan. 6			<i>No Mass</i>
Saturday, Jan. 7 <i>(Epiphany of the Lord)</i>	5:00 pm	St. Edmund's <i>w. Fr. Brian Price</i>	Members of the Parish
Sunday, Jan. 8 <i>(Epiphany of the Lord)</i>	10:00 am	St. Carthage's <i>w. Fr. Brian Price</i>	Margaret Fox

**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, Susan Horrigan, Barb Greene, Roy Lamb, Doug Lessard, Carolyn Saunders, Bill Cassidy, Sarah Knill, Bob Lee, Laurie Healey, Mary Fergus Cassidy, Kathleen Lake, Michael Cassidy, Anne Lamb, Cleon Rashotte, Gordon Hughes, Steven Prevost, and Mary Lou Beal.

*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. Carthage's	Dec. 24 & 25	Regular Sunday Christmas Offering	\$1,466 \$1,055
St. Edmund's	Dec. 25	Regular Sunday Christmas Offering	\$730 \$640



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS OFFERING TO OUR CHURCHES

St. Edmund's	LECTOR	ORGANIST	USHERS
Saturday, Jan. 7	Cecilia Maines	Donna Broek	Gerry & Vince Cassidy Pat Rush
St. Carthage's	LECTOR	HOLY COMMUNION	USHERS
Sunday, Jan. 8	Shirley Kehoe	Joan McTaggart	George Scott Dan Dajoe

**Musicians wanted:** St. Carthage's Parish is in need of a musician, (guitar player, key board/piano or organ player) to animate the liturgy and reactivate the choir. Interested musicians should contact the office at 613-478-2000.

**Ash Wednesday:** The Ash Wednesday service is planned for **6:00 pm** on the evening of **Feb. 22, 2023**. This will offer the opportunity also to those who are working to take part if they choose to do so.

**Gratitude:** I would like to gratefully acknowledge the warmth and gracious manner in which you honoured me as I turned 50 as a priest on Dec. 20. During this time too I have received Christmas cards containing inspirational messages about the mystery of Christmas from several of you. Some contain monetary donations and kind wishes for a safe trip to Ghana. I wish to sincerely render thanks and gratitude to every one of you.

## Message of Pope Francis for the 56th World Day of Peace in Brief

**The World Day of Peace is celebrated each year on January 1.** It has been established by Pope Paul VI in 1968 who asked that "every year, the commemoration be repeated as a hope and a promise, at the beginning of the calendar which measures and outlines the path of human life in time, that Peace with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of events to come." (Ordo p. 107). In line with Pope Paul VI's vision, Pope Francis' message for **Jan. 1, 2023** underlines the fact that no one can be saved alone. We need one another. The experience of Covid-19 has made us all aware of the need for everyone, including peoples and nations, to restore the word "together" to a central place. Together, we are stronger, we are better, we stand. For it is together, in fraternity and solidarity, that we build peace, ensure justice and emerge from the greatest disasters. Only the peace that comes from a fraternal and disinterested love can help us overcome personal, societal and global crises.

Covid-19 and its challenges therefore call us first of all, to let our hearts be changed by our experience of the crisis, to let God transform our customary criteria of viewing the world around us. We can no longer think exclusively of carving our space for our personal or national interests, instead, we must think in terms of the common good, recognizing that we belong to a greater community, and opening our minds and hearts to the universal human fraternity. The time has come for all of us to endeavour to heal our planet and to lay the foundations for a more just and peaceful world and to commit ourselves seriously to pursuing a good that is truly common. At parish level, we consistently need to think in terms of the common good of the parish community with an openness to the diocese and to the universal Church. This remains a challenge to all inclinations of parochialism and personal interests.

Pope Francis therefore calls on all of us to confront the challenges of our world and our parish communities in a spirit of responsibility and compassion. As the pandemic continues to linger in our circles, we must each do our best to stay healthy and to help other people stay healthy. We must cooperate with public health directives to ensure public health for all. We must promote actions that enhance peace and put an end to conflicts and unnecessary misunderstandings between us.

In sharing these reflections, Pope Francis hopes that in the coming New Year, 2023, we can journey together, valuing the lessons that history has to teach us. To all of good will, he expresses his prayerful trust that as artisans of peace, we may work, day by day, to make 2023 a good year, through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Mother of Jesus and Queen of Peace.

## Announcements

**Pastoral emergencies:** In the case of any urgent need for a priest during my absence, I have two of my brother priests who are on standby to fill in for me. They are **Fr. Rod McNeil**, pastor of St. Joseph in Belleville; and **Fr. Dale Wright**, pastor of Holy Rosary Parish also in Belleville. Should you need a priest urgently, please, call 613-970-0912. The person at that contact will arrange the priest for you. Thank you for your understanding.

**Daily Masses:** Obviously there will be no scheduled daily Masses. St. Carthage's church will, however, be open in the morning by **9:30 am** and will be closed by **4:30 pm**. Those who would like to pray are certainly most welcome to do so. In fact, it is recommended.

**Deacons:** Among those covering the Sunday services are deacons. They will lead you in a service of the word with Holy Communion outside of Mass. On **Jan. 14 & 15**, the sacristans will need to figure out enough hosts to be consecrated to last over the following two Sundays; that is up to **Feb. 14 & 15**. On **Feb. 14 & 15**, Archbishop Mulhall will do the coverage. Please, take note of the fact that the deacons will not be celebrating *Holy Mass*. The bulletin will always announce the person in line to cover me for the coming Sunday.

**CWL Fees:** Please note that CWL fees have INCREASED very recently to **\$35**. This information was not available when the collection envelopes were printed! As a result, the amount listed on the collection envelope is incorrect.