

# 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 17, 2019

Saturday, Nov. 16	5:00 pm	St. Carthagh's	Elizabeth Madonna Rashotte
Sunday, Nov. 17 (33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)	9:00 am 11:00 am	St. Edmund's St. Carthagh's	Members of the Parish Edwin Champagne
Monday, Nov. 18	6:30 pm	St. Carthagh's	Evelyn LaVallée
Tuesday, Nov. 19	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	No Intention
Wednesday, Nov. 20	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	No Intention
Thursday, Nov. 21	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	Specials Intentions
Friday, Nov. 22	9:30 am	St. Carthagh's	School Mass
Saturday, Nov. 23	5:00 pm	St. Carthagh's	Members of the Parish
Sunday, Nov. 24 (Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe)	9:00 am 11:00 am	St. Edmund's St. Carthagh's	Gerald & Norma Cassidy Kathleen Cassidy

**Please Remember in Your Prayers:** All those who are sick, including: F. Boomhour, Paul Hulsman, Neive Alderson, Norene Ruffilli, Amanda Lake, Ginger Kehoe, Margaret Dupuis-Ives, Leonard Kehoe, Terry Horrigan, Elinor McKenzie, Catherine Liggon, Debbie LaCroix, Presley Noble, Rob Montgomery, Germaine Wannamaker, Margaret-Rose Wood, Jack Tweedy, Janice Tracey, Michelle Fobert, Joan Cassidy, Mary Stafford Cassidy, Ben Paul, Sharon Butler, and Irene Newman.

*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	November 9 & 10	Regular Sunday	\$1,356
St. Edmund's	November 10	Regular Sunday	\$1,059

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS OFFERING TO OUR CHURCHES

	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION</u>	<u>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</u>
<b>St. Carthagh's</b>	<b>W = WELCOME</b>		
Saturday, Nov. 23	W – Tara Harrison Natalie Harrison	Arthur Allore, Maria Cockburn, Carol Genereaux	
Sunday, Nov. 24	W – Dan Dafoe Olivia Dafoe	Bob & Sharon Eros, Carol Badluk, Shirley Kehoe	Nicole Boyce
<b>St. Edmund's</b>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	
Sunday, Nov. 24	Marian Nash Andre Cassidy	Vince Cassidy Jerry Cassidy	

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

**There will be Bible Study** on **Tuesday, November 19** from 3:00 to 4:00 pm.

**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.shadyane@xplornet.ca.

**The next meeting of the St. Carthagh's CWL** will be **Monday, November 18**, at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

**Community Soup Luncheon** followed by an afternoon of games – cards, crokinole, crib, etc. **Mon., November 25**, 12-3 pm, at St. John's United Church, Tweed. Please join us and bring a friend. Everyone welcome, \$5.00 per person.

**The Christmas church cleaning bee** is scheduled for **Sat., November 30<sup>th</sup>**, at 9:00 am. All are welcome, as "*Many hands make light work!*"

**The Annual Knights of Columbus Wine and Cheese Christmas Event** will be held in Read Hall on **Tues., Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>** following the 6:30 pm Mass in St. Charles Borromeo Church. An invitation is extended to all K of C members and their spouses and all widows in our parishes.

**Is your cup half-full or half-empty?** Do we have a future? As we grow older and wiser, supposedly, we sometimes wonder what we are living for. Is life just about work, making dollars and cents, building a dream home, buying the latest car or going for a comfortable vacation? Is life just about eating, drinking, entertainment, pleasure, etc? To complicate matters, some of us even see much irony and contradictions in life: Big house, small family; advance medicine, poor health; more degrees, less common sense; high income, less peace of mind; more knowledge, less wisdom; high IQ, less emotions and sensitivity; multiple affairs, no true love; many contacts, no true friend; glamorous marriages, easy divorce; more freedom, less responsibility. The trend continues! What is the cause of this state of affairs? This, I believe, is because of disconnect between the present and the future brought about by secularism. With secularism, the rejection of God and eternity, materialism, consumerism and relativism have dominated today's society. We no longer go by objective norms, everything is according to one's perspective and taste. We try to build the earthly paradise without God, and without acknowledging our dependence on God, man falls into disarray because he lacks guidance, wisdom, virtue and most of all he lacks the capacity to do well. When there is no future, man can hope for only the present. So many people live for today and only today. To such people, St. Paul has these words: "Their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things" (Philippians 3:19). True Christians believe in a definite future and integrate this reality into their spiritual life as they live today. How can we then prepare ourselves today for the future? This is one of the main concerns of the liturgy this weekend. To live meaningfully and enthusiastically today, we need to live for the future in the present. In other words, the future and the present must be seen to be complementary. Our life today is a preparation for our future life. This future is the next life where there will be lasting peace, joy and love. What we have on this earth is but a foretaste of the future life we look forward to. This weekend, the readings give us this reassurance. Indeed, there will be a new order and a new creation, where justice, peace, love and righteousness will prevail.

**This Sunday is also the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Day of the Poor** instituted by Pope Francis in November 2017. The poor, the marginalized and the vulnerable of society are always specially dear to Christ and therefore to the Church. In *Evangelii Gaudium*, 195, Pope Francis stated, "The option for those who are least, those whom society discards" is a priority that we are called to pursue. Our involvement in the World Day of the Poor includes several initiatives:

- ❖ Loving attentiveness is the beginning of true concern for the poor and the promotion of their genuine welfare.
- ❖ Concrete expressions of Christian charity.
- ❖ Encouraging everyone to live for others, to show greater concern for individuals in any kind of distress.
- ❖ Commitment to accompanying the poor and needy sacrificially and graciously, without seeking personal gain.
- ❖ Spiritual care and support for the spiritually poor.
- ❖ A mindset of openness, warmth and welcome to all who come our way.

**Volunteerism is one of the strengths of our Faith Community.** There are many people who sacrifice their skills, time and resources to serve God and community in a variety of ways. They use their gifts in building our community. Some of these include the coordinators of various lay ministries, Extra-ordinary ministers of Holy Communion, readers, those who minister at Moira Place, Choir leaders and members, sacristans, children liturgy catechists, linen cleaners, greeters, church cleaners, Web Administrator, money collectors and counters, Pastoral Council and Finance Committee members, etc. Each and all of them deserve a big pat on the back. On **Sunday, November 17**, between 2:00 – 4:00 pm, at the rectory, we shall gather together to show appreciation to our much cherished volunteers. Please, all are welcome! For those who work in the vulnerable sector and with children, it will be an opportunity to renew your covenant documents in compliance with Archdiocesan regulations.

**Salvation Army Christmas Hamper Program:** Adopt-A-Family information is now available on the table at the entrance of the church. Due to the renovations at the old Salvation Army Church and lack of space available, they have decided to provide PC gift cards in lieu of food donations this year. Please sign up to donate a clothing/gift item or leave a monetary donation toward a gift card. Please remember to take the corresponding tag and return it with your donated gift. Also, we are requested NOT to wrap the children's gifts. Please have your donations delivered to the church on or before **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you once again for your generosity.

**The Sunday Missals for our next Liturgical Year (A)** are at the back of the churches. Please pick one up for your personal use. A donation of \$3.00 will be much appreciated to help defray the cost.