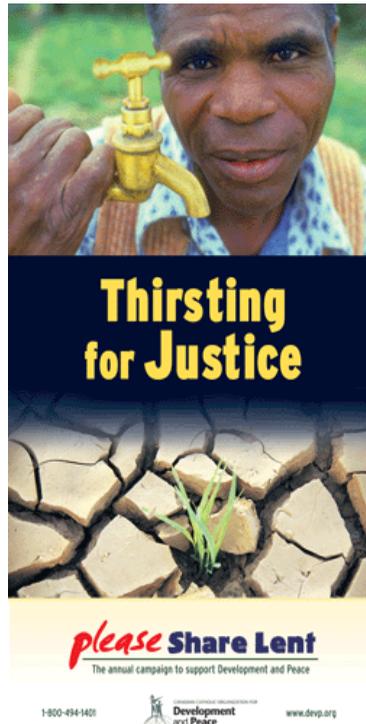


Fifth Sunday Of Lent March 13, 2005

*"I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever"*

SOLIDARITY DAY

During lent we pray for justice and peace in our world. We are especially mindful of our brothers and sisters who are thirsting for justice. United in the spirit of solidarity and community building, D&P asks us all to become involved in ensuring that the world's poorest countries have access to safe drinking water. Today, Solidarity Sunday, we can all answer the call by making a donation to D&P that will benefit God's most needy. www.devp.org



IN OUR PARISH

LENTEN MISSION 2005 STARTS THIS WEEKEND!

"Making Friends with the Holy Spirit"

Led by Father Stephen Valenta OFM, CONV

Sunday	March 13	Evening of introduction
Monday	March 14	Reflection and Reconciliation
Tuesday	March 15	Making Friends with the Holy Spirit "Supper Bowl" poverty meal (6:15 p.m.)
Wednesday	March 16	Mass & Conference

All activities start at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise indicated. Coffee will be served. Please bring a dessert to share.



WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE - MARCH 14 TO 18

Monday - no Mass (Mission – reflection and reconciliation, 7:30 p.m.),

Tuesday - Mass 12:00 noon, **Wednesday to Friday** - 8:30 a.m.

SUPPER BOWL – POVERTY MEAL

Last chance to buy tickets to the Supper Bowl will be this weekend! Come join us on **Tuesday, March 15 from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.** in celebrating an evening of solidarity with our friends from Benedict Labre House. The cost is \$2.50, which includes soup, sandwiches and a bowl that has been decorated by the guests of Benedict Labre House.

LET'S GET EGGS – CITED ABOUT FANIA!

Let's show our Fania kids eggs-actly how much we care by once again sharing this Lenten season with them. Last year we collected \$987.00 from the plastic eggs that you filled for Fania kids. **Bravo FAITH FIRST FAMILIES!!** We invite you to **come to the big hall after Mass** to pick up an empty egg, fill it with loose change, then bring it back on Divine Mercy Sunday (the Sunday after Easter) and place in the egg basket. Your coins will go a long way in helping our Fania kids in the Honduras!

Holy Week Calendar

Palm Sunday	March 20	All Masses begin with procession from Hall
Wednesday	March 23	Chrism Mass (en Français) at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral - 8:00 p.m. With dance we rejoice in the Lord! - 7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper, 8:00 p.m.
Holy Thursday	March 24	40 hr Perpetual Adoration begins after Mass until Saturday afternoon
Good Friday	March 25	Children's Passion play 10:30 a.m. Walk with the Cross from Vichy's - 12 noon Confessions 1:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross 3:00 p.m. Way of the Cross by Youth – 8:00 p.m.
Holy Saturday	March 26	Pascal Vigil – Easter Celebration 8:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday	March 27	Masses 9:00 a.m. (Church only) 11:00 a.m. (Church and Hall) 12:30 p.m. (Church only) 5:00 p.m. (Church only)



GOOD FRIDAY WALK WITH THE CROSS

Many of you are familiar with this long-standing Becket tradition. Please note that this year we have a change in the starting point of the walk: We will gather at Vichy Restaurant parking lot (northeast of Brunswick / St. John's intersection) at 12:00 noon. **Please note, we ask that you park at Maxi or Fairview mall and then walk over to Vichy Restaurant.** Thank you! Departure time from Vichy is 12:30 p.m. See you there!

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR HOLY WEEK VIGIL

A 40-hour perpetual Eucharistic Adoration begins after the 8:00 p.m. Mass on Holy Thursday and continues until Saturday afternoon. Sign up on the poster in the Narthex to spend an hour accompanying Jesus on the road to Calvary these next three days, and let HIM minister to YOU.

EXTENDED VERSION OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Exodus 20:1-17; 22:20-23:9; 34:10-28

Leviticus 19:1-18,30-37

Deuteronomy 5:1-22; 6:1-8:20; 9:1-6; 10:12-22; 11:8-21

The commandments were given by God to remind us that God is holy, and if we are to honor, obey, and love God; then we must desire to be holy too. However, Jesus has revealed that it is not our efforts to keep the commandments that makes us just before God, but rather God's energy and forgiveness that justify us through our faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour. Our willingness to honor God by keeping the commandments, forgiving others – even enemies – and by loving and serving everyone is our response of gratitude and our worship in spirit and in truth. We owe everything to God's grace at work in us. Fr. Gilles.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



A meeting to update those who applied and any members from Council 6096 or other councils are invited to attend a meeting at **7:30 p.m. March 23rd in Cahill Hall.** Anyone interested in becoming a Knight is also cordially invited. Your support will go a long way in achieving our mutual goal of a Becket Council.

BE AN EASTER FLOWER DONOR

To make a donation in memory of a loved one towards our church decorations for Easter, include your donation in an envelope that is clearly marked “**Easter flower donations**”, and write on the envelope: name of your loved one (memorial) along with your name (donor). Please also include your parish envelope number if available. You can bring your donation to the office or drop it in the **Flower Donation Box** at the Church doors. Names of loved ones will be included in upcoming holiday bulletins.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Helping Others</u>
March 8, 2005	\$ 5566.00	\$ 2410.00

PARISH WEBSITE UPDATE

Visit www.stthomasabecket.org, to see a beautiful Tour of the Church From Menu go to Parish, and click on Tour of Church. Learn interesting facts and trivia about our parish. Many thanks to parishioners Rico and Maria Purisima for their generous offer of time and talents. Bravo!

YOUTH

WYD TALENT SHOW A HUGE SUCCESS! THANK YOU!

The WYD "BRIGHT LIGHTS" talent show that took place on Feb 26, 2005 was a huge success thanks to all those young people who performed. A special thank you to the WYD committee, the performers of all ages and those who came out to support the show. We raised \$747.00!! Great Job!

WAY OF THE CROSS BY YOUTH

Come and reflect with the young adults of our parish the Passion of our Lord. The youth will interpret Jesus' final days with mime, song, dance and words using the theme "HOPE". The Passion play will be presented on Good Friday at 8:00 pm in the church. All are welcome.

BECKET CHURCH MICE PRESENT

Children's Passion Play, 10:30 a.m. on Good Friday. Bring your youngsters for Good Friday experience designed especially for them.

BECKET PANTRY NEEDS



Tomato sauce, stew, canned ham, laundry soap.

HAPPENINGS AROUND TOWN

WEST ISLAND LENTEN RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

At Becket during our Lenten Mission, March 14 at 7:30 p.m.; **Mary Queen of Peace** March 12 after 7:00 p.m. Mass; **St. Luke** March 15 at 7:30 p.m.; **St. Edmund of Canterbury**, March 22 at 7:30 p.m.

MADONNA HOUSE HAS INSPIRING FREE MESSAGES

www.madonnahouse.org/publications/passiton/index.html

Recommended: # 3 - The Pilgrim's Story: A Tale of Old Russia

8 - Lenten Fasting: Lessons from Old Russia # 20 - Lenten Traditions