

Easter Sunday

March 27, 2005

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! He is truly risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Happy Easter!



WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE – MARCH 28 to April 1

Mon. & Tues.: 7:30 p.m., Wed. to Fri 8:30 a.m.



SPRING FORWARD

Daylight Savings Time begins April 3. Remember to turn your clocks **forward** one hour on Saturday night April 2.

FAITH FIRST

For families wishing to bring their children more fully into Christ, please attend one of the Faith First pre-registration information meetings to be held on **May 24th and 25th, 2005** in the Church at 7:30pm. Registration for all levels will be held the following week on **May 31st and June 1st** from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

There will be no mass sign-in books for the Easter weekend. They will return the following week, April 2-3, 2005 at all Masses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS

Dear Lord, grant your abundant blessings to those on whose

behalf these offerings were made: Tadeusz Rzeszutek,

Dusan Medvescek, Pasquale Costa, Gregorio Obregon,

Lyse Lehman, The Wilson, Lee Loy & Charles families,

Santo & Mary, Comitini Family, Tibor Legath, André

Laurin, Patrick Morris, Boleslaw Kulmacz, Zigmunt

Kulmacz, Al Mack, Ellis Charasidis, Louis A. Pereira,

Anthony & Grozdana Listes, Giuseppe Tomasino,

Stella & Stanley Szuszkowski, Agnes & Audry, Douglas

Floriani, Agnes O'Donnell, Anne Marie Watkinson, Mr. &

Mrs. Hutira, Mike Lizée, Antonio Fiori, Joan Harkin, Anabelle

Kawas, Benito & Annie Rodrigues, Alfonso Mio, Dorothy Lajeunesse,

Rosa & Domenico Pandolfo, Mr. & Mrs. A. W. Becker.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
March 20, 2005	\$ 7252.00	\$ 1222.00

FANIA EASTER EGG COLLECTION

Don't forget to bring your coin filled eggs to church Divine Mercy Sunday (next weekend) and place them in the egg baskets in the Narthex. Your coins will go a long way in helping our



Fania kids in the Honduras! Thank you !

EASTER MESSAGE

Happy Easter to you and your loved ones! From Fr. Tom & Fr. Gilles and all our Parish Staff, & Fr. Gerry Westphal who journeyed with us in Lent and will now help others. Thank you Fr. Gerry, and to ALL who generously gave of themselves to make this Lent & Holy Week a memorable time of grace. Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! He is truly Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! Joyful Easter Season!!!

DISCIPLES OF JESUS ON THE MARCH

Your Pastor's Reflections After Almost 11 Years Among You....

Half of the past 10 ½ years has been focused at least in part on the results of our Parish wide consultation – the Parish Think Tank November 2000 – and your 142 recommendations which became our Parish Pastoral Action Plan for 2000 to 2005: 48 are done, 30 in progress, 12 were dropped, and 52 remain to do. Since my mandate as pastor expires September 1, 2006 at the latest, this seems to be a good time for all of us to reflect, take stock and discern our future directions as a Parish faith community.

As a Parish, we enjoy a healthy stability on the part of our Parish Staff, who are very devoted and generous people. We are also coming to a change of DRE and her Assistant. Christine and Heather have truly been a blessing of God for our children and their families. We are now praying, discerning, and anticipating God's guidance in the selection of successors.

Easter is the heart of our faith and life as Christians, and this year it is also a providential convergence of events we believe the Lord may use to remind us all of his plans for our well-being. We are indirect witnesses to so many troubling events worldwide that we can sadly become immune to thinking, feeling, or doing anything about them. We seem sadly to have little hope of a good, human life for our descendants, or ourselves, because those who don't share our values are boldly and cleverly taking advantage of our passivity. I'm speaking of marriage, the family, and children.

Countries that have changed the traditional definition of marriage are now jailing people who advocate for the needs of children for parents – both a mother and a father – and we will be next. This isn't about taking anything away from anyone who claims the right to live a different kind of life, but it is about doing everything we can to promote the natural family as the fundamental unit of society and the best environment of the healthy development of children.

See Fr. Tom Dowd's blog articles and read about it for yourself.

Go to <http://fatherdowd.blogspot.com/> OR <http://fatherdowd.net/>
Read up on **Dot #1: Natural family bonds. Dot #2: Same-sex marriage is not about equal rights. Dot #3: Parental rights and responsibilities. Dot #4: Essay on the nature of human culture.** Draw your conclusions.

I've never had to fight for my values before, but I face the prospect of eventually going to jail for wanting to defend the promotion of natural family values. There is a spontaneous upsurge of determination in citizens across Canada to demonstrate our conviction that natural family bonds are worth defending. This is no time for considerations of convenience. Join the March Saturday, April 9th, from noon to 4pm from the Supreme Court to Parliament Hill, where there will be speeches and music. Reserve a bus ticket - call our Office or car pool. <http://www.march4marriage.ca/>

DISCIPLES AND STEWARDS

As our Pastor's mandate winds down and our Parish Pastoral Action Plan 2000-2005 comes to an end, we notice that we are currently in our 40th year since our Becket Mission began in 1965, and October 11th 2005 will open our 40th Anniversary year as St. Thomas à Becket Parish.

As your Pastor, I've been praying about this for over a year, most intensively during my sabbatical last Fall in Chicago. The Lord wants to bless this Parish through a discipleship exercise in response to his teaching about stewardship. The Lord has blessed us all abundantly even through our difficult times. One way to better appreciate what the Lord has done and is doing for us is to go back over our years of discipleship and draw up a kind of report of God's graces and our responses to them.

Over the next few weeks, watch for homilies and reflective texts to help each of us do this, to reflect on the past, report all that the Lord has done, and **"Give an account of our stewardship."** These reports will be formulated into a Parish History of God's Grace at Becket. All who want to work on this project will be welcome. Just let us know. God bless you!

GET OUT AND SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS

Do you find yourself praying regularly for people who don't have any joy or peace or love in their lives...who haven't experienced the love God has for them... who don't believe in God...or who have strange and debilitating misconceptions about God? Would you like to take initiative and receive leadership in our Church's response to Jesus' command to proclaim Him to all nations...or simply be involved in the proclamation of the Good News itself? Would you like to see Becket reach out to "inactive Catholics" as well as to "Inactive Christians" and self-proclaimed atheists, agnostics, humanists and others, who would be so thrilled to meet the real Jesus? Talk to me, phone me, write me, or email me. "May Almighty God bless you, the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit Amen.

Jr. Hillis

THURSDAY MORNING 9:15 PRAYER GROUP

Starting a new study: "Decisions – Seeking God's Guidance" by Donald Baker. All welcome. Join us for song, prayer & fellowship in Cahill Hall.

BECKET SOCIAL CLUB.

Come one Come all! Parishioners of St. Thomas à Becket. Becket Social Club pot luck supper - 6 pm Saturday, April 2nd in the church hall. Bring a dish to share with fellow parishioners. Music, games, and good conversation. Bring your own Beverage. Those interested please call Mike or Diana at 626-9086, Helen at 696-7463 or Fran 626-2310.

BECKET PANTRY NEEDS

Ham, stew, gravy, jam, laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid. We are also looking for daytime and evening **drivers** who would be willing to make deliveries of non-perishables to needy families. Call 626-4111. **THANK YOU** for your generous donations, and a special thanks to our volunteer coordinators, packers and drivers who donate many hours of hard work to keep the pantry running smoothly.

A singing group called the Resurrection was scheduled to sing at a church. When a big snowstorm postponed the performance the pastor fixed the outside sign to read, "Resurrection is Postponed".