



Third Sunday of Easter April 10, 2005

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He is truly Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

OUR DEAR HOLY FATHER... THANK YOU! GOD BLESS YOU!

Dear Parishioners, some may have been disappointed or upset on Sunday that Fr. Tom and I did not manifest more compassion for our loss with the death of our Holy Father, his Holiness Pope John Paul II. We did what we felt we had to do, what Pope John Paul would have done in our place, and do all we can to defend marriage and the family. We discussed it, prayed, and felt the Lord wanted us to do this. Some shared with us appreciation for the wakeup call; so that we don't sleepwalk through the destruction of the plan of God for us in marriage and the family with its natural bonds. If we weren't full of enthusiasm over Divine Mercy Sunday, of sorrow at the Pope's death, or of gratitude for his life, it's actually because we were and are in mourning. We have lost our hero, the 1st mentor of our vocations, our fearless and courageous leader, our teacher and friend, who each day inspired us to reach for the best we can be, pastors after Jesus' own Heart. Please forgive us if we did not adequately meet your expectations or need. Your tears are ours, and your gratitude to God for the gift of his life is ours too. We are just beginning to plumb the depths, in the countless ways in which Jesus has himself touched us, healed us, encouraged us, shaped and formed us, challenged us, stretched us, and sent us out, through the person, the life, the ministry, the mystery, and the leadership of our Holy Father, the Vicar of Christ on Earth. I still remember my first months at St. Paul Seminary in Ottawa the day of his election. It was October 16, 1978, and we were gathered around a TV in the foyer, listening. He proclaimed with youthful vigor and enthusiasm: "Do not be afraid to open wide the doors to Jesus Christ!" Those words burned into my soul, sustained me through those very difficult years in the seminary, and have inspired me everyday. We could all say so much more. One thing is certain – we need to provide all those who need it some time, some way of living through our loss and grieving. Here is what we propose. You will find a "***Book of Condolence and Hope***" on a table in front of Pope John Paul's image at the entrance to the sanctuary. Please feel free to write your thoughts and feelings, loss, and gratitude to God for the gift of our Holy Father's life. At the door you will find a leaflet "Prayers upon the Death of Pope John Paul II and for the Election of His Successor." Please take one. Take a second for a friend or family member. This **Friday the 15th**, we will keep a **Prayer Vigil** before **Jesus** in the **Blessed Sacrament** for the **Repose of the Soul of Pope John Paul II** and for the **Cardinals entering into Conclave for the Election of his Successor** from 9:00 am. We will pray the Mysteries of the Rosary: Luminous at **10 am** and **6 pm**, Sorrowful at **12**, Glorious at **2**, and Joyful at **4**, with **Benediction** at **7:10** and the Holy Sacrifice of the **Mass** at **7:30**.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE – APRIL 11 to 15

Monday 7:30 p.m., Tuesday 7:00 p.m. followed by CWL meeting, Wednesday to Friday 8:30 a.m. and again on Friday at 7:30 p.m. (Special Mass for Pope John Paul II and the Cardinals in Conclave – preceded by all-day adoration and then benediction at 7:10 p.m.)

GIVING AN ACCOUNT OF OUR GRATITUDE – STEWARDSHIP

The 40th Anniversary year of **St. Thomas à Becket Parish** will run from September 5, 2005 (Date our Mission had its first Sunday with founding Pastor Fr. Charles Cahill at 4 Masses) to October 11th 2006 (Date Archbishop Paul-Émile Cardinal Leger decreed the foundation of the Parish).

The resurrection of Jesus lifts us up and fills us with hope. He lived among us, suffered, died, rose victorious over death, and ascended to the Father; where He prepares a place for us. We find great joy following Jesus as disciples, no longer living for ourselves, but for Him in a new life in which Jesus lives in us. Divine Mercy reveals to the world the Father's love for us.

Part of our 40th Anniversary grace will be the wonderful opportunity to take stock of who we are, where we have been, what God is doing among us, as well as what we have accomplished, and to look ahead to where we are going. In what way(s) is my life a gift I continue to receive from the Lord? In what way(s) to date have I made my life a gift of love for others: at home, in school, at work, in the marketplace, in public office or institutions, in the neighbourhood, in local activities and associations, among friends, at Sunday worship, at Becket and in the wider Church, or in solidarity with the poor? Do I need to or feel drawn by the Lord to make changes in how I make use of the time, talents, and treasure He entrusts to my care as his good steward of all these good things, which He intends for the good of all his children?

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. In order to be of one mind and heart we will reflect on the past, report all that the Lord has done, and **“Give an account of our stewardship.”** Take a form at the doors, reflect and pray on the questions, answer them, and hand it in. You can access and print out the exercise from our Parish website – just go to Menu and click on Resources.

Our reports will be formulated into a Parish History of God's Grace at Becket. Our wonderful Parish Staff are already on board and working with your pastors. Would you like to help? God bless you! Fr. Gilles

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.

Up coming children's gatherings: Levels 2, 3, and 4 in a pre-sacramental year will be held on **Wednesday, April 13th**. Kindergarten and Level 1 gathering are on **Friday April 15th**. **Confirmation Families:** We will be distributing the candidate, sponsor and family guest tickets for the Confirmation celebrations at the next Children's gathering on **April 19th, 2005**. Please obtain the envelope containing the tickets from your child. Guests **must** have a ticket to attend the Confirmation celebrations.

Children must bring their workbooks and attend the gathering according to their group number. Please verify your Faith First calendar for times.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

Offerings

Building Fund

April 3, 2005

\$ 7117.00

\$871.00

VOCATIONS SPOTLIGHT “RICH MAN POOR MAN LUNCH”

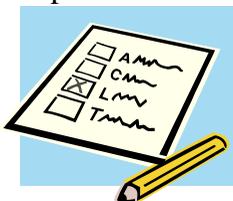


On April 17, Good Shepherd Sunday, the Church unites in prayer on this *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. The Good Shepherd calls us and guides us on our Christian journey as we are all called, chosen, and sent to carry on the mission of Jesus. Come join the Vocation Awareness Network on **Sunday April 17, in the Church Hall from 12:30 –2:30** for another spirit filled workshop entitled “God Calls Us by Name and Leads Us.” Three speakers will witness on Marriage, Ordination and Consecrated life. Welcome All! (Free lunch included). Info: Vita Lewis 694-1118.



SUMMER MASS TIME SURVEY

Please note that at **next weekend’s** Masses, we will be conducting a survey to determine our summer Mass schedule. Because we have only one priest from June 1 to August 31, and because Mass attendance is lower during the summer, we need to reduce the number of Masses we celebrate. Please consider your summer schedule for the months of June, July and August so that you can best answer the survey questions.



PASSION OF CHRIST PLAY: Cancelled

WEBSITE NEWS

Missed the Lenten Mission at Becket this year? You can hear the wonderful and inspirational words of Fr. Valenta on our parish website. Recordings of Fr. Valenta’s Lenten Mission talks are now available in the “Resources” page (formerly “Others” page) of the parish website.



WYD BAKE SALE

After all Sunday Masses this weekend.

BECKET PANTRY NEEDS

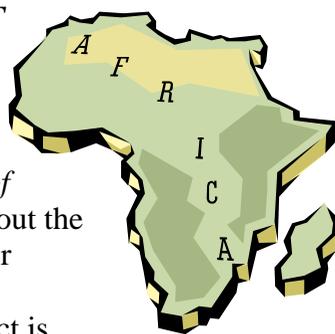
Cereal, peanut butter, jam, coffee, T-bags, toothpaste. We need baby clothes and articles (furniture) for a newborn and clothes for a baby girl (up to 18 mos). ***Please call the office before dropping off any items.*** We also need daytime and evening **drivers** who would be willing to make deliveries of non- perishables to needy families. Office: 626-4111.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN PROJECT

Every Lent, we have the opportunity to live our baptismal call of loving and serving God and our neighbour by serving those in need. This Lent we started to collect funds for the *Children of Malawi*. We will continue our collection throughout the Easter season. The collection will be sent to Sister Beatrice to help with her project of feeding the malnourished orphans of Malawi. Since our project is called Children Helping Children, it would be great if the children can participate by using their allowance or by giving up something in order to help another child. Whatever the contribution, it is appreciated. You can bring your donation to the Church until May 1st, (the sixth Sunday of Easter) and give it to the Children's Liturgy Coordinator, at the beginning of your child(ren)'s class. In the past, you have responded generously and once again we count on your cooperation with this year's project. This is an excellent chance for all families to recognize the presence of Christ in others and to come to the aid of those little ones in need. Tina Mancaniello, Children's Liturgy Coordinator.



ARE YOU RESISTING GOD'S CALL?

Have you noticed how much effort adults are making to prepare for baptism, for Confirmation or to make a profession of faith as Roman Catholics, in order to be fully initiated as Christian disciples in the Roman Catholic Tradition? Do you see the 636 children enrolled in their Faith First catechetical journey with their parents – they are coming to worship the Lord at Sunday Mass more often than before- they are exploring and studying their faith, and preparing to receive Jesus for the first time in the forgiveness of Penance and Reconciliation and in the Holy Communion of Holy Eucharist.

If you are not Roman Catholic, yet taking the liberty of receiving Holy Communion without having been received as a full member, perhaps it's because a priest once told you not to bother. If that's what happened, he was wrong. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and the Faith First process for children require us to bother; so that we show reverence for the Lord and what he does for his people in the sacraments, and respect for his servants and pastors in the Church – including the Pope and Bishops. If you have some degree of contempt for the authority of these shepherds of the Roman Church, it is contempt for the Lord, and you are receiving his Holy Mysteries unworthily and endangering your faith and eternal life.

The time has come. Today is the Day of Salvation. Reconcile yourself to the Lord and his church. Put aside personal will and pride, and take up humility and obedience. Imitate Jesus, who humbles himself to the point of death on a cross (Phil 2:6-11)

Stop putting it off... talk to one of the priests here...you'll be glad you did! "May Almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit! Amen"



AROUND TOWN



BECKET PLAYERS 2005 WAY OFF BROADWAY & CABARET

Tickets are now available for this year's show at the Box Office, Saturdays, 9 A.M. to 1 P.M or at 624-3029: Shows: April 22 (Gala*) 23, 29, 30. May 6, 7, 13, 14. All shows begin at 8 P.M. Tickets: \$10.00 or \$20.00 (* except Gala) Food and beverages available at the show. Once again, our over 350 volunteers are dedicating their time and talents to help sick and needy children here and around the world. Help us help the children.

QUEEN OF ANGELS ACADEMY PRESENTS

“The Legend of Sleepy Hollow” on April 21-23rd at 7:30 p.m. Special children's matinee on Saturday, April 23rd at 2:00 p.m. (Cost \$4.00). Proceeds go to Dans La Rue. Non-perishables food items or cash donations will be collected at the door. Tickets cost \$7.00 for the evening shows. Information: 636-0900 ext 0, Mon. to Fri. 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

THE PADUA DIALOGUE - 20 -WEEK SERIES

1950 St- Antoine St. (Georges Vanier Metro) 932-7597.

Tuesday evenings at 7:30

April 12 – *The Gift of Balance: Our Words, Our Wings, Our World* – Reeve Lindbergh, youngest daughter of Charles and Anne Morrow Lindbergh, has, for nine years, been president of the Lindbergh Foundation which gives grants to enable young scientists to pursue their dreams of a balance between technology, science and the wisdom of the wild. She has just written a new Introduction on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary to her mother's classic, *Gift from the Sea*. Reeve Lindbergh sees Mother Earth as the legacy of us all. She will ask at Padua how we can bring our own experiences to bear on that legacy in a humane and positive way; how we can find a balance between technology and the preservation of our natural and human environments.

Don't miss meeting and dialoguing with Reeve Lindbergh, a renowned friend of the Earth. Your friends will want to meet her too.

April 19 – *Building Peace*, Muriel Kearney and Jean Trudel.

April 26 – *Leave out Violence (LOVE)*, a group of youth from LOVE.

PADUA OPEN HOUSE: Sunday, April 17: two to five. Join us!

ST. CHARLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Get out your dancing shoes and step into an era of reminiscing, nostalgia, and memories gone by! We're having a dance for past and present staff, as well as alumni and parents of children currently attending the school. Come dressed as you are or dressed in your favorite decade from the 60s on through to today.

Friday May 6th St Charles School Gym,
8:00 pm - 1:00 am \$15.00 per person.

A light buffet will be served. Cash bar. Music by Marino Productions.

For tickets please call Colleen O'Brien- Anzovino- 624-4523, Cathy Auger- 696-1644, or Bernadette Grzelak- 696-4235.