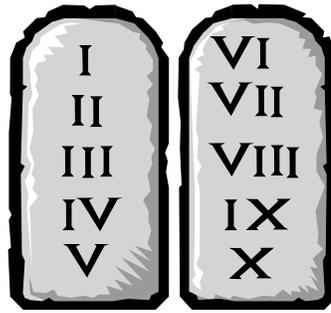


Sixth Sunday Of Easter May 1, 2005



*All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them,
and we will come to them.*

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE – May 2nd to 6th
**Monday - communion service; Tuesday 7:30 p.m. Wednesday to
Friday 8:30 a.m.**

Mass time survey results: The 5:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon Mass will be cancelled for the months of June, July, and August, and begin again in September. Thanks to all who filled out a survey!

Prayer for the Pope

*Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd Pope
Benedict XVI, a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of
knowledge and love.*

*By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care. May he, as
successor of the apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build your Church into
a sacrament of unity, love, and peace for all the world.*

*Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever. Amen*

CONSULTATION: A PART OF OUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

The 40th Anniversary year of **St. Thomas à Becket Parish** will run from September 5, 2005 (our Mission's first Sunday with founding Pastor Fr. Charles Cahill at 4 Masses) to October 11th 2006 (Archbishop Paul-Émile Cardinal Leger's decree founding the Parish). What would be the motives for gratitude and joy in the faith we have lived out these past several years?

Who are we, where have we been, what is God doing among us, what have we accomplished, and where are we 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 public office or institutions, in the marketplace, in the neighbourhood, in local activities and associations, among friends, at Sunday worship, at Becket, in the wider Church, or in solidarity with the poor? What changes must I make in the use of the time, talents, and treasure God entrusts to my care as his good steward of all the good things He intends for the good of all his children?

Let us all reflect on God's past graces, and with one mind and heart report on all that the Lord has done. Now is the time to **"Give an account of our stewardship."** You can print out 2 exercises from our Parish website – go to Menu – click on Resources. Please hand in the "Communal Reflection Exercise" and contribute to a Parish History of God's Grace at Becket. You can also help our Parish Staff work on this. God bless you! **Fr. Gilles**

ARCHDIOCESE ANNUAL COLLECTION APRIL 24 TO MAY 8

The 2005 Annual Collection of the Catholic Church of Montreal is now fully underway. Every spring for the last seven years, the collection achieves its goal with the collaboration of all members of our great diocesan family. Our participation is essential!

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS AT BECKET

At all Masses next weekend we will invite **expectant mothers**, with their husbands and other children, to come forward for a special blessing from the Lord. They needn't be Catholic in order to receive this blessing – the only condition is that they be expectant. Bring expectant relatives and friends.

May 7-8 Blessing of Expectant Mothers, Fathers, & their other children.

June 4-5 Blessing of Drivers, Families, and their vehicles.

1:30 p.m. Blessing of Pets.

June Meeting of the WIPC – West Island Pastoral Council – an evening.

Membership – from each parish: 1 warden, 1 PPC rep, & pastor

– all W.I. priests with a mandate, 2 DRE reps, 1 Deacon rep.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

May 6 is the **FIRST FRIDAY** of the month. Sign up for an hour between **9 a.m. and midnight** in the book at the back of the Church. *“Our communal worship at Mass must go together with our personal worship of Jesus in Eucharistic adoration in order that our love may be complete.”*

(Pope John Paul II, Redeemer of Man)

FAITH FIRST

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

CONFIRMATION

Children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 14th **must** attend their **retreat on Saturday May 7th** according to their group number and bring their workbooks to receive a certificate of completion. Please refer to your calendar for appropriate times. If your child cannot attend the retreat please call the info-line at 620-4057. Children who miss the retreat **cannot** receive the Sacrament on May 14th. **Family guest tickets** for the May 14th celebration were distributed at the last gathering on April 19th. If you are not in possession of your tickets please arrange to pick them up from the Parish office during regular business hours. No guest will be given access to the Church without a ticket. Deadline: May 7th for pick up!

CELEBRATION OF FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST AT BECKET

Many of our Faith First families will be celebrating their child's First Holy Communion at most of our weekend Masses during the months of **April and May 2005**. Join us as we pray for these children and their families. “Dear friends, there is no doubt that an unforgettable meeting with Jesus is First Holy Communion, a day to be remembered as one of life's most beautiful... Children receive this sacrament solemnly a first time -- in First Holy Communion -- and are encouraged to receive it afterward as often as possible in order to remain in close friendship with Jesus.” Pope John Paul II, excerpt from his "Letter to Children" written in 1994 during the "Year of the Family".





To Be Wed

Laurie Jenner to James Barbusci

May 21, 2005, 3:00 p.m.

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST & INITIATION

The current Year of the Eucharist is an invitation from the Lord to those who are not Catholic and want to receive Holy Communion in our Church to apply for the preparation process; so that when you are ready, you may come up to receive the Lord in honesty and truth. No one may privately decide to receive Communion in the Catholic Church without first being baptized and – if they were baptized in a Protestant Church – making a public profession of the Catholic faith and obedience to the Magisterium. Among other things, this means recognizing the primacy of the Pope in matters of faith and morals. All our children and a handful of adults each year commit to this process of preparation.

The Lord expects us to love one another, but the sharing of Holy Communion can only be decided by our shepherds, in whom the Lord has invested his authority to bind and loose. We respect Christians of other churches and traditions, and expect nothing less from them. If they would honor the Lord and respect Him in the Roman rite, they won't take it upon themselves to take Communion here, but rather in their own church.

On the other hand, if they don't really practice their faith in their own tradition but only here; then we invite them to seek full communion with us through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. We will be so happy to journey with them until the next cycle of initiation at Easter.

Now is the time to reconcile to the Lord and his Church, to put aside personal will, and take up humility and obedience and imitate Jesus, who humbled 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"



PUTTING A NAME AND A FACE TO HEALTHCARE

May 1st is International Workers Day – a day to recognize the value of human work and celebrate the irreplaceable role that human work has in God's plan for creation. In its May 1st Message, the Social Affairs Committee of The Assembly of Québec Catholic Bishops acknowledges the numerous challenges facing workers in the healthcare and social services. As their reflections will focus on humanizing the healthcare network, the Bishops place people at the centre of all proposals and services that are offered. Recent reports confirm the appropriateness of the theme. Read all about it on the resources page of our parish website, see the copy on the bulletin board or call the office for a copy: 626-4111.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS		
	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
April 26, 2005	\$ 6278.00	\$900.00

N.B. While the Living with Christ missal indicates a National Collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works, our Papal charities collection will be held on May 29 – a special envelope is included in your envelope box.



LECTORS

Please pick up your schedules in the Narthex. Thank you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Good News! Our Charter will arrive on Monday, May 2nd! Thanks to all the men who joined our Becket Council. May God bless you and your families. We are looking forward to growing our council, supporting our parish, and helping Becket families to enhance their faith. Imagine being part of an organization that fills your heart and your mind with the joy of giving to others and the feeling that comes with making a difference. Interested? Call 626-4111 for more info.



DAY CAMP

Looking for a great place to send your children this summer? The day camp that operates out of the hall offers a wide variety of games, from arts & crafts to sports to music. Registration is next Sunday, May the 8th, from 1 - 3 pm in the Hall. Call Justin at 941-9406 for more information. Do you enjoy working with kids? Are you looking for a summer job? The St-Thomas à Becket Day Camp is looking for some energetic teens to join the staff this summer. If interested, please call George at 626-9362.

VAN

TALENT & CRAFT SHOW, May 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Proceeds to support vocations. For more info call Vita 694-1118.

C.W.L. CORNER

The St. Thomas à Becket Council of the Catholic Womens League will be hosting the residents of the Father Dowd Residence. There will be a Mass **May 22 at 12:15 p.m.** celebrated by Father Jim McDonald, chaplain of the Father Dowd Residence. A reception and entertainment will follow in the parish hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend this Mass and seniors are welcome to attend the reception as well. Just call Elinor at 620-0951 if you will be attending the reception.

CWL ANNUAL CONVENTION

The 84th annual archdiocesan convention of the Catholic Womens League will take place on May 7 at St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish Hall – 4455 West Broadway, Montreal. All members of the League are encouraged to attend and we would like to have any of your friends who would be interested in learning more about the Catholic Womens League to feel very welcome to join us. We are fortunate to have as guest speakers Dr. Robert Walley, founder of Matercare International. Tickets are \$28.00. Call Elinor Gallagher 620-0951 or Maureen Gomes 633- 9424.

BECKET PANTRY NEEDS

Urgently needed: baby clothes, linens and articles (furniture) for 3 newborns 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. Thank you for your generosity.



PASTORAL CARE FOR SENIORS

There is a great need in our community for pastoral and practical care for seniors: visiting seniors or ill persons, transportation to and from church and medical appointments etc. Interested in getting involved? Are you already involved? We would like to set up a program and need to receive input as to what would be expected. With God's grace and many willing hearts we can make seniors' lives happier and give them a realization of their importance in our community. Please call Ethel Norris 428-9330.

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.

GIFTS IDEAS – TWO EXCELLENT BOOKS

“A Mother’s Rule of Life: How to Bring Order to Your Home and Peace to your Heart.” On January 1, 2000, Holly Pierot pounded her fist on the kitchen table and yelled at her husband, “I can’t take it anymore!” Motherhood and homeschooling had overwhelmed her. The house was dirty, the laundry undone. Holly felt frustrated, discouraged, and alone. She couldn’t find time to snuggle and have fun with her five children or to go out with her husband. Yes, she did love God, but she had come to resent Philip’s freedom and she almost never found time for prayer. Today everything is better...find out how Holly brought about changes that with a pattern for living that combines the spiritual wisdom of the monastery with the practical wisdom of motherhood. *Sofia Institute Press, 2004, Manchester New Hampshire.*

“Love One Another” – new Catholic Family Magazine, that is targeted for teens and young adults as well as parents and grandparents. Excellent article on abortion by Mother Teresa who called abortion “the greatest threat to peace.” Subscribe online at www.loveoneanothermagazine.org.

THE PADUA DIALOGUE - 20 -WEEK SERIES

Tuesdays 7:30 p.m. 1950 St- Antoine St. 932-7597

paduacenter@yahoo.ca

May 10: A Fusion of Science Art and Planetary Stewardship: The technological revolution that will integrate advanced societies with the natural world, to the mutual benefit of both. John and Nancy Todd, Ocean Arts International.

BIG PICTURE SEMINAR 2005 - FOR SECONDARY III BOYS

Designed to help young men meet the challenges awaiting them in the future, share practical advice for succeeding academically, choose career paths and become effective leaders in the workplace and in society. **July 18-24 intensive program** in Quebec City \$300 **Fall-winter session:** one-hour sessions will be held at Riverview Centre throughout the school year on Tuesday evenings, 5:30 PM, starting Sept. 20, 2005. \$150 Spiritual activities are entrusted to Opus Dei, an institution of the Catholic Church. Call parish office if you are interested in attending an info session 626-4111.