

Pentecost

May 15, 2005



*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.*

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE – May 16th to 20th
Monday 7:30p.m., Tuesday 7:30 p.m., Wednesday to Friday 8:30 a.m.

REGARDING SUNDAY 5:00 PM MASS DURING THE SUMMER.

The 5:00 pm Mass will continue to be a “work in progress”, which we will monitor and adjust as needed. As your priests, we are more than willing to “meet families half way” in finding time to obey the Lord’s command to keep holy the “Lord’s Day”. Sunday worship puts us under God’s care; so his power blesses the whole week and saves us from being swallowed up by the “new slavery” that wants us to work and shop nonstop ‘til we drop, seven days a week; until we no longer remember why we’re alive.

We continue to be committed to that principle, at the same time that we wrestle with our own need as priests to recover our energy over the **summer months**, when we are not two priests but alone. For the summer we will **drop the 5:00 pm Mass at Becket**. We will continue to provide for your need to have nearby a **5:00 p.m.** Sunday afternoon Mass for the months of **June, July, and August**, by helping Fr. Francis McKee provide the 5:00 pm Sunday Mass at Mary Queen of Peace, Gouin O. (across the street from the Roxboro train station), which we invite you to attend as needed. The WI should have a 5:00 pm Mass, and Fr. Francis is glad for the help. Your Becket donation envelopes will be sent unopened to us.

WHERE DO WE AT BECKET GO FROM HERE?

The last weekend of May – 28-29th – the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, is when we demonstrate our love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament by processing around the block, praying and singing hymns, after all the Sunday Masses. This year, neither of our priests will be here. Fr. Tom will still be on vacation in the Philippines, and Fr. Gilles will be at a weekend post-Synod assembly with 100 other priests, religious, and lay people from all over the Archdiocese to see what we’ve done since the Synod began in 1995, where we are as a Church, and where the Spirit is leading us. It will take four priests to replace Fr. Gilles at our weekend Masses – by order of our Masses: Stephen Otvos (Holy Name of Jesus), Mike Shaw (schools), Alan Fogarty, S.J. (Chaplain of Loyola High School), and Fred Kirouac (St. Veronica).

Our Becket 5-year Parish Pastoral Action Plan developed out of the Parish Think Tank consultation in the Jubilee Year 2000 has been largely accomplished, so we can ask the question: Where do we go from here? To a great extent, our PPAP was our way of participating in the Diocesan Synod. We will continue to be directed by the Archdiocese’s pastoral priorities, and a great way for parishioners to continue working closely with our priests is with the Parish Pastoral Council. It is once again time to reconfigure the PPC and it will now send a delegate – along with the Fabrique – to the newly recreated West Island Pastoral Council, which will have its first meeting in June.

I will examine our PPAP areas, see who has been actively involved or wants to initiate activity in each area, and invite them to meet, discuss, reflect, pray, and reconfigure the membership and operations of our PPC. While this is ongoing, you will find UNDER CONSTRUCTION in the box reserved for the PPC in the bulletin.

N.B. 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). **Fr. Gilles**

BLESSING OF DRIVERS, VEHICLES, & PETS AT BECKET
At all Masses on June 4 & 5, we will ask God to bless all our drivers and their families, and then sprinkle with holy water all vehicles that will drive past the main steps to the apron near the Hall and Church main doors. At **1:30 p.m. on June 5**, bring your pets to the apron for a special blessing.

BECKET PARISH HISTORY ON CD/DVD

We are starting a new project to help raise funds for our badly needed church roof, and we are hoping you can help. We need pictures and documents of events that happened in our parish since its inception in 1966. **We need pictures or documents of:** Becket functions, church before(inside), and after the 1986 fire, Way Off Broadway, past pastors, assistants, bishops, news articles, auctions, bazaars, special fund raising events, altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, Scouts, Guides, social club, sport teams etc. etc.(please note all pictures and documents **will be returned** to the owners.) Help make this project a success and put a new roof on our church. Contact: jfitz@aei.ca or leave an envelope at parish office (write name and phone number on envelope) and we'll pick them up.

FAITH FIRST

*Welcome Cathy and Elsa!! The Pastoral team, along with the Parish Staff would like to extend a warm welcome to **Cathie Macaulay and Elsa Rivera** who have both accepted the position of Faith First Pastoral Administrator and Faith First Coordinator, respectively. We wish them both much joy and many blessings along their journey of faith transmission with all our families!*

Faith First pre-registration info meetings will be held on **May 24th & 25th**, 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.

FAITH FIRST FAMILY PICNIC AND YEAR END MASS

WEATHER PERMITTING, we will close our year with a family Mass and picnic on **June 3, at 5:30 p.m.** BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC DINNER for your family to share, a blanket if you wish to enjoy your picnic outdoors; hopefully some sunscreen will be required! Don't forget to pack a Frisbee, soccer ball, volleyball, badminton, or any other item that involves playing in groups or teams. We welcome all our Faith First children, including siblings, accompanied by their parent(s). **By calling the Faith First info. line at 620-4057, on the 3rd of June, you will be able to obtain confirmation of our Year-End closing event.**

If you are unable to attend this event, please call the Faith First line to make an appointment for the book verification and completion certificate.



OUR COMMUNION IS WITH GOD AND HIS CHURCH

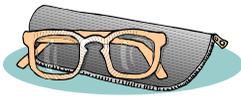
The current Year of the Eucharist is an invitation from the Lord to those who are not Catholic and want to receive Holy Communion in our Church to apply for the preparation process; so that when you are ready, you may come up to receive the Lord in honesty and truth. No one may privately decide to receive 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 docility to the Church as faith teacher and moral guide. 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.



Communion with God in Jesus is also communion with each other and with the Church. The Lord commands us to love one another, and to follow the shepherds He sends us. The sharing of Holy Communion can only be decided by our shepherds, to whom the Lord has given authority to bind and loose. We respect Christians of other churches and traditions, and expect nothing less from them. To honor the Lord and respect Him in the Roman rite, they won't take Communion here, but in their own church.

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

USED EYEGLASSES PROJECT



We are again collecting eyeglasses for people in underdeveloped countries. If you have any old eyeglasses you are no longer using please consider donating them to others. You could help change someone's life. See drop off box in the Narthex. Thank you!

SPECIAL INVITATION TO CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE

Our 13th **MARRIAGE JUBILEE** will be held on **June 12th**. If you were married during these years: 2000, 1995, '90, '85, '80, '75, '70, '65, '60, '55, '50, '45 ... *you are invited to celebrate your wedding anniversary* with your family, friends and fellow parishioners, at the **11:00 mass**. During this special mass, a *renewal of Marriage vows* will take place. A *wine and cheese party* for the celebrating couples and family will follow. Please sign up at the *information booth* before and after Mass today, over the next 3 weekends or call **Line or Marco Argentino 624 8745**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR MARRIAGE JUBILEE

If you would like to like to help decorate, donate food, help in the kitchen, clean-up or serve wine. Come and see us after the mass or over the next 2 weekends or phone Marco or Line at 624-8745.



"The Will of God will never take you to where the grace of God will not protect you."

OUR 5 LUMINOUS MYSTERY SCENES ARE COMPLETE!

A big THANK YOU to **Anne MacDonald and Flora Markic** for graciously accepting commissions to paint the 5 new Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. Anne painted the Baptism of Jesus and the Institution of the Holy Eucharist. Flora painted the Wedding Feast at Cana, the Proclamation of the Kingdom of God, and The Transfiguration. Many blessings to Anne, Flora and their families. *“After the Holy Sacrifice the Mass, there is nothing in the Church that I love as much as the Rosary”*

- Our Lady to Blessed Alan de la Roche

BOOKINGS FOR CHURCH, CAHILL HALL, & HALL

There are many activities going on in our parish. We ask all groups or persons to make reservations for the church, hall or Cahill Hall by emailing the parish at office@stthomasabecket.org or dropping off a list of dates and times at the parish office. Please mark *time of use, name or group* and *contact number*. Please note that you can check availability of the church and halls on our parish website. Use the quick link drop down menu on the homepage or from Menu choose Parish for instructions.



VAN

Thank-you to all the talented people who contributed their time to supporting vocations at the talent sale. Thank-you to all those who baked and supported our local artists. Hearing God's call and acting upon it, is what Vocations are all about. The winner of the crewelwork donated by Yvette eagle was won by Todd Gatien. The winner of ticket #696045, please contact Vita at 694-1118 to claim your plate as prize.

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. We will also be crowning Our Lady at this Mass. 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.

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.

AROUND TOWN

MONTREAL DIRECTED RETREATS

Enjoy a quiet weekend in peaceful surroundings...Silent, personally directed retreat at the Cistercian Abbey in Rougement. Begins Friday evening, May 27; ends Sunday afternoon. Call 6269426 or 697-6684, or visit www.montrealretreats.org

CORPUS CHRISTI MASS & PROCESSION



Board a bus with fellow parishioners **Thursday, May 26 at 6:45 p.m.** as we head off to Notre Dame Basilica for Mass presided by Cardinal Turcotte, followed by a procession to St. Patrick's Basilica. Bus will return to Becket at 10:30 p.m. Cost \$7.00. Sign up this weekend and next in the Narthex or by calling Bernie 697-7950 or parish office. Jesus is inviting you to be a visible witness to His true presence in the Blessed Sacrament by your participation in this event.

THE PADUA DIALOGUE - 20 -WEEK SERIES

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

paduacenter@yahoo.ca

May 17: Seeking To Make Things Right: Restorative Justice, together with circles of support and accountability for sexual offenders, endeavors to heal communities broken by the effects of crime. Jean-Jacques Goulet, Restorative Justice Centre.

May 24 : The Dancer Within A sacred dance workshop with group choreography. Contemporary dance philosophy empowering participants to awaken creative movement. Amy Blackmore, choreographer/ composer

CAMP CARITAS FOR BOYS



A dynamic summer sports camp with a difference! We offer a complete sports program including baseball, soccer, basketball, kayaking, canoeing, sailing, mountain biking, scaling and much more! Outward-bound activities are supervised and animated by a qualified staff. Caritas is a Catholic camp but we welcome and respect all religious and cultures in a spirit of brotherhood and openness. Registration deadline: end of June. Registration fee is \$25.00 (non-refundable), balance of \$350.00 to be paid by June 30. Holy Family Parish 272-1056 or Richard Brisebois 256-8367.



PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN

Heavenly Father: Look kindly on all the unborn whom You have called to life. Your Son once lived in the womb of His mother Mary, who provided nourishment and protection for Him during the nine months before He was born. We pray through Mary, who brings us to Your Son, Jesus, who as God, shares human life with us and became like us in all things but sin, and prays for us at Your right hand.

From the moment of their conception, protect all innocent unborn children whose hearts begin to beat at an early stage of pregnancy and who can serve You for a lifetime on earth and can praise and love You for all eternity. Give their mothers the means to bring these babies in to the world. Provide them with the insight to know that even though they may not be able to feed, clothe and educate them, someone is willing to adopt them and give them the love they need. Give both the mothers and their unborn babies health of mind and body. Help all their family members to be accepting of this gift of new life, so that they will be able to encourage the mother and father and support them in any necessary way. We ask this in Your Son's name, Jesus, in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

