

**Twenty-ninth  
Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
October 16, 2005**

Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.



**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE October 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Mon.** 7:30 p.m. Mass; **Tues.** 7:30 p.m. Mass with devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. **Wed to Fri.:** 8:30 a.m. Mass

*Congratulations to Deacon Richard on his 10th Anniversary of ordination to the Diaconate, October 21<sup>st</sup>. May God Bless you in all you do! Deacon Richard will mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his diaconal ordination at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday October 23<sup>rd</sup>.*



**FAITH FIRST NEWS**

We still have some unclaimed Faith First books at the office. They are available for pick-up from 8:30-12:00 & 1:30- 4:30 at the parish office. Please note that the next parent gathering is **Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.** Please note *day and time* as there was an error in some calendars. Please be sure to have your child sign-in after Mass in the parish hall. Feeling the need to know more about Catholicism in order to help your child grow in the faith? Please consider attending the Diocesan Faith Enrichment Conference being held Nov. 11-12 2006, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Registrations are available from Cathie or Elsa at 620-4057. Deadline Oct. 28. Certification available.

**IN OUR PARISH**

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion**

Join us at the 7:30 Tuesday evening Mass every week, at which we have begun Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion. As we honor the Mother, the Father draws us closer to his Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.



The image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is in the Byzantine style, painted on wood with a gold leaf background. The Virgin is there with Her divine Child; each of them has a golden halo. Two Angels, one on the right and the other on the left, present instruments of the Passion to the Child Jesus who is frightened, a sandal dangling, representing all of God's children in trouble of any kind; whereas the Blessed Virgin looks at the pathetic scene with calm, resigned sorrow.

The image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help had long been venerated on the Isle of Crete. The inhabitants of that island, fleeing a Turkish invasion, took it with them to Rome. By the invocation of Mary under the title of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, the ship transporting Her holy image was saved from a terrible storm.

On March 27, 1499, the portrait of the Virgin of Perpetual Help was carried in triumph through the streets of Rome. Preceded by the clergy and followed by the people, it was placed over the main altar of St. Matthew's church, near St. Mary Major. Thanks to the care of the Augustinian friars, the holy image became the object of a very popular devotion, which God rewarded for several centuries with many miracles. Our Father seems to be pleased that we honor his Son in his mother and are mentored by her.

During the disturbances of the French Revolution (1789-1793), the French troops occupying Rome destroyed St. Matthew's church. One of the friars serving in that sanctuary had the time to secretly remove the miraculous Madonna. He hid it so well that for sixty years, no one knew what had become of the famous painting.

God permitted a concourse of providential circumstances that led to joyful rediscovery of the venerated image. In 1865, in order to return the holy picture to the same spot where it had allowed the faithful prayerful contact with Jesus' Mother, who reigns with her Son and Lord in heaven, Pius IX gave orders to have it taken to St. Alphonsus Liguori church on Esquiline Hill, built on the site of old St. Matthew's. The Redemptorists solemnly enthroned Our Lady of Perpetual Help in their chapel on April 26, 1866.

From that time on, thanks to the zeal of the sons of Saint Alphonsus and the countless miracles obtained in their pious sanctuary, devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help has had extraordinary development. The Vatican Chapter crowned the holy image in great pomp on June 23, 1867, to acknowledge and perpetuate the remembrances of these precious favors.

In 1876, Pope Pius IX erected an Archconfraternity in St. Alphonsus' church under the title of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Today the Blessed Virgin is invoked by this name throughout the Western Church.

*Source: Abbé L. Jaud, Vie des Saints pour tous les jours de l'année.*

### **BAPTISM STEERING COMMITTEE**

Becket Baptism Ministry has made remarkable improvements to the whole process from the parents' first call to the celebration, and would like to see further improvements beyond the Baptism. Highlights at present are the preparation meeting for parents and godparents, and the Sunday afternoon celebration. From August to November these occur twice, and the rest of the year, once a month. We are now accepting new recruits to form teams to work with our priests and deacon in baptismal preparation for families. At present, we have two teams. With four, each team would serve once every two or four months, in accord with the frequency as above. Please consider this important and joyous stewardship opportunity. **626-4111.**

### **"EPIPHANIES IN OUR LIVES"**

is an Advent Mission at St. Thomas a Becket. The varied program running each evening at 7:30 Nov. 27 to 29 will include an invitation to solidarity with our sisters and brothers in Malawi (one of the poorest countries in the world) as a means of encountering Christ in others. The emphasis of the mission will be on **spiritual transformation**, which comes via concrete action (various initiatives under the umbrella 'Hope for Africa') in support of an orphan project in the remote northern region of Karonga. We invite anyone who is interested in participating to contact our Parish Office.

## **AN ORGANIZATION FOR EVERY CATHOLIC WOMAN!**

Are you talented, skilled, or a career woman? You may have experience in the social agency network, politics, or various forms of volunteerism. Would you like to have more influence with government, in the Church, or neighbourhood? Have you lost track of your friends? Do you sometimes feel isolated or disconnected? Have you forgotten your dream, the vision you had for your life, plans you made for yourself or with your spouse? Do you find yourself becoming impatient too often, even angry? Has the joy of being alive been replaced by the burden of endless tasks and duties? We can't force you to get connected with some of the savviest and most remarkable women in the country. We can't force you to discover fresh insights that would put wind into your sails. We can't force you to meet new people and make new friends. We don't have to. You can check it out and find out for yourself. Discover the Catholic Women's League of Canada through our Parish Council of the CWL. Beware! Meeting and keeping company with other remarkable Catholic women can be very dangerous. You may never be the same again! <http://www.cwl.ca/>

### **WELCOME TO OUR NEW CWL MEMBERS!**

Are you a "stay at home" mom? Or perhaps you are widowed or retired, and you find you're somewhat disconnected from the wide world around you? Get connected now! Join our Catholic Women's League Becket Council and have a hand in shaping our future!

As a member of our Becket Council, you will be a member of the Catholic Women's League of Canada. We are affiliated with the United Nations women's networks that have a strong influence around the world and are a force for good especially in support of helpless poor women. We are also represented at the metropolitan, provincial, and national levels and have a strong sense of being part of something really big!

Have a good time getting to know other women and doing things together! This is membership time in the CWL, and we'll be glad to have you as a new member. Take a moment and fill in the coupon below and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the CWL c/o the Parish. We will get back to you. You really matter to us. Come discover new friends!

### **ALREADY A CWL MEMBER or EAGER TO RENEW?**

Paid membership cards may be picked up in CWL folder in Narthex. Any CWL member who has not yet paid is asked to put their cheque in the collection basket in an envelope marked CWL or call Elinor Gallagher at 620-0951 a.s.a.p. Thank you.

### **JOIN TODAY! INFO: FILL IN AND DROP IN COLLECTION.**

#### **St. Thomas à Becket Parish CWL Membership Drive – 2005**

Yes, I would like information on the CWL – Catholic Women's League of Canada – and on belonging to the network of women's organizations.

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_ **FAX** \_\_\_\_\_

## A WARM CWL THANK YOU

...to all who worked so tirelessly to make this year's **Power Breakfast** a tremendous success. The joy of sharing moments like these are priceless and the blessings abundant! Thank you to all for attending and sharing this beautiful morning with us! We will never look at our feet quite the same way again – not to mention cartwheels.

## THE PILLARS TRUST FUND

Be a part of our future...The Pillars Trust Fund provides financial support for organizations and projects that benefit and affect all of the members of our English speaking Catholic Community. Pillars is fortunate to have had a great legacy of donors who have been supporting us consistently since Pillars was founded over 33 years ago. Our ability to maintain support for the community organizations is dependent on the continued revitalization of our donor group. Kindly consider making a donation to Pillars and being part of our future. Because, if you don't help...who will?

## HAPPY 39<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY, BECKET!

Fr. Cahill celebrated 4 Masses on Sept 5, 1965, the first Sunday of our Mission. As we complete our 39<sup>th</sup> year and enter into our 40<sup>th</sup>, may it be a year filled with God's abundant mercy and blessing, for all his children, and an occasion for all to share the warmth of his love with others everywhere. As children of God our Father, we are his ambassadors of reconciliation. May we continue to know the joy of **"Reaching out to build a loving community of faith!"**  
*St. Thomas à Becket, PRAY FOR US*



## 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY NEWS



Have interesting stories about Becket events or people over 40 years? **We will be interviewing / videotaping your Becket memories Oct. 23 & 30 after Masses. Come share! WANTED:** pictures of previous pastors, and first Masses in the church. Info: 626-4111.

## ANYONE ELSE HAVE A VEHICLE FOR OUR LADY?

Thank you everyone for caring, for your love, support, and prayers. It's a wonderful vocation to be a priest. This life requires the daily surrender of our own will and desires – much like what parents are called to do daily. Like you, we don't get it perfect, but each day we awaken, give thanks to God for another day of life, spend time with Him in prayer, and enter into the day with enthusiasm and hope. I gratefully wait to see the van offered by one of our families. Upon receiving it, I will gladly donate my '92 Grand Prix to Our Lady's Madonna House Apostolate, which has several houses in Canada and the USA, and uses vehicles beyond 20 years. If you'd like to give a car, van, truck, tractor, dump truck, etc., for the glory of God, it's not too late! Please talk to me and I'll set it up. We might have a little convoy of vehicles to drive up to Madonna House Training Center in Combermere, near Pembroke. They'll be glad to have us over for lunch I'm sure. It would be a nice pilgrimage. God bless you and your families. **Fr. Gilles, your Pastor**



## **JUSTICE AND PEACE**

Join us in asking the Canadian Government to ensure access to clean water for all – now and for future generations!

**Sign the action postcard!**

Water: Life before Profit!  
www.devvp.org



### **WATER: LIFE BEFORE PROFIT**

In the first year of the campaign (2003) over 230,000 Canadians signed a declaration stating that water is a sacred gift, the source of life. In 2004 over 225,000 again signed a postcard addressed to the Canadian Government to urge the World Bank and IMF to withdraw their conditions for loans to poor countries. The condition being the privatization of water.

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE & THE TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH**

The Social Action office of the archdiocese will host a retreat on Friday, Nov. 4, 6:30–9pm and Saturday Nov. 5, 9am – 4pm. at the SNJM center, 5266 Clanranald. The facilitators for the retreat on **Justice & the Teachings of the Church** will be Fr. Ernie Schibli & Sharon Di Fruscia. Info & registration Sharon Di Fruscia 481-2981.

### **BECKET PANTRY NEEDS**

Current needs: coffee, jam, canned fruit jello, pudding, laundry detergent, crackers, Kraft Dinner. Thanks for your continuing generosity. **Thank you** to those who have offered to be volunteer drivers – we still need many more! Volunteer drivers deliver groceries to needy families in our parish territory during the day and/or evenings. Office at 626-4111.

### **AROUND TOWN**

#### **CRAFT SALE AND BAZAAR**

St. Monica's Church Hall 6405 Terrebonne Mtl. Fri. Oct. 21 4 – 8 p.m.  
Sat. 22 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Over 20 tables of crafts and bazaar items plus a super snack bar. 481-0267.

#### **THE HEALING POWER OF FORGIVENESS**

At St. John Fisher Parish, **Saturday October 29, 9am to 4:30pm**, (followed by Mass at 5:00 pm). Presenters include: Fr. Roger Martineau, Fr. Ray Lafontaine, Fr. Francis McKee, Msgr. Sean Harty, and Fr. Thomas Delorme. BYO Lunch. Tickets: \$25.00 before Oct.10 (buy 6 get one free). After Oct. 10 \$35.00 695-7172. Space limited. Details on bulletin boards.

#### **MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WORKSHOP**

*“Using God's Help to Build Stronger Faith-Filled Marriages”* Make your marriage the best it can be by joining us for a day of enrichment which will be facilitated by the diocesan marriage preparation team. Through enlightening presentations and interactive exercises, you will be provided with ways to continue to build strong faith-filled marriages. Oct.29, 9:00am – 4:00pm at the Archdiocese. \$35.00 per couple (lunch parking and materials provided) Info: Sonia Kesik-Mitchell 935-4300 ext 343