

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 23, 2005



**WORLD
MISSION SUNDAY**
OCTOBER 23, 2005

Today is **World Mission Sunday**. We celebrate our participation in the mission of Jesus. Our lives of faith and good works witness to the gospel of love. Today, in solidarity with the faithful everywhere, let us give generously to support the mission work of the universal Church.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE October 24th to 28th
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



FAITH FIRST NEWS

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 on Nov. 11-12 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Registrations are available from Cathie or Elsa at 620-4057. Deadline Oct. 28. Certification available. ***Please note: This conference is open to ANY interested parents. Join us!***

Please be sure to have your child sign-in after Mass in the parish hall. Children's gatherings begin next week. The focus of the first gathering will be Malawi. Please send along a \$2 contribution for the nutrition project and remember to have your child bring their book to the gathering.

IN OUR PARISH

THANK YOU



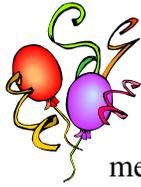
Thank you to everyone who helped out at this year's parish bazaar, especially Judy, who always comes to help out in the kitchen. This year's bazaar raised \$3030.00 for the parish

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. 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. Please consider this important and joyous stewardship opportunity. **626-4111.**

ADVENT MISSION: "EPIPHANIES IN OUR LIVES" 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 or see posters.



HAPPY 39TH ANNIVERSARY, BECKET!

Fr. Cahill celebrated 4 Masses on September 5, 1965, the first Sunday of our Mission. As we complete our 39th year and enter into our 40th, 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

40th ANNIVERSARY NEWS



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

ANYONE ELSE HAVE A VEHICLE FOR OUR LADY?

The life of a priest 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 wake, give thanks to God for being alive, spend time with Him in prayer, and enter into the day with enthusiasm and hope. I gratefully wait to receive the van offered by one of our families. As it turns out, I will gladly donate my '92 Grand Prix to my own sister, who has not wanted a car but is now on her own. Our Lady's Madonna House Apostolate asked I first try to offer the car to someone in need around me. So I checked with my sister. She was touched, examined her budget, and can just squeeze in a little budget for a free car. 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 for lunch. It would be a nice pilgrimage. God bless you and your families. **Fr. Gilles, your Pastor**



PROTESTANT? WISHING TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION?

If this is you, and you'd like to know more about the Roman Catholic faith tradition and Church, all you need to know is where to inquire. To start, you can get in touch with one of our priests and we'll be glad to explore the possibilities with you. If you want to join us in Holy Communion or just know our faith, we'll be very glad to join you in your search. It's all about responding to God in freedom, truth, and peace. Fr. Gilles

THE PILLARS TRUST FUND

Thanks to your generosity, last year the Pillars campaign generated \$211 271. That amount, along with income from endowment investments and support from community foundations enabled Pillars to distribute \$322 796 to 29 organizations and/or groups who provide programs and services unique to our English-speaking Catholic community. Through the generosity of the entire English-speaking Catholic community, Pillars will continue to support the organizations that have come to rely on us as a major source of funding for their operations. This year's campaign goal is \$250 000. Please be generous!

CWL

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** _____

COMMUNING IN THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

“Hey Father, how come in some parishes people can and do dip the host in the cup, but at Becket we’re not allowed to do it?” Good question. It has to do with the Ritual book, the Sacramentary, which lays out how everything is to be done well, for the honor and glory of God. First of all, whether we receive only the host – the Body of Christ – or only the cup – the Blood of Christ – we receive Jesus, living and Risen from the dead, glorified at the right hand of the Father, who makes himself food for our souls, as though He were giving us a saving transfusion of his divine life with the Father in the Holy Spirit. By receiving both, we simply accept all that Jesus offers. The **first way** the faithful may receive the Blood of Christ is by holding the chalice and taking a sip from it. The **second way** is called intinction. The priest **only** takes the host, dips it in the chalice – which may be held next to him by another minister – and places it on the tongue of the recipient. In the **third way**, the minister of the chalice hands the faithful a tube, holds the chalice from which the faithful sips a little; then the faithful carefully moves the tube to a container of water also held by the minister and sips a little water to purify the tube, and then deposits the tube in a container. In the **fourth way**, the minister of the chalice pours the blood of the Lord into the mouth of the faithful with a spoon, careful not to touch lips or tongue. When the priest is alone, he ministers the blood of the Lord to all after all have first received the Lord’s body. The second way is commonly used in Eastern Rite churches, as is a fifth way, in which small cubes of bread are placed in the chalice before communion and ministered by the priest with a spoon. In both ways communion is given on the tongue. **At Becket**, we employ the **first way**. In no church of East or West are the faithful ever to dip the host themselves into the chalice. This is an **improper practice** that was probably begun by some priests in the past few decades, when many liberties were taken with the ritual, but the sacraments belong to the whole church; so that only those with the proper authority may regulate how the sacraments are to be served. It’s about reverence, respect and obedience.

JUSTICE AND PEACE



CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR
**Development
and Peace**

“This is a propitious time for Christian communities to reflect on the meaning of water in our lives, the need to preserve it and safeguard its purity, and also to redefine how it is shared.”

– *Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops pastoral letter*

Water: Life before Profit!

WATER: LIFE BEFORE PROFIT

This year the campaign calls on the Canadian Government, nationally and internationally, to ensure access to clean water for all, now and for future generations by:

- Supporting publicly or cooperatively controlled water services that have genuine community participation.
- Opposing measures in federal, bilateral or multilateral agreements and policies that promote the privatization of water services; and
- Protecting and preserving natural resources of water.

OUR 480 KIDS SAY “GRACIAS!” “CAN I COME BACK?”

Thank you, Becket, for an amazing run of support for our kids at Fania and their families since 2002. This current school year ends next week, and following the summer break from November to January, classes will begin again. We had 480 boys and girls from K through 6 this year, and they all want to come back to school. Will we be able to keep the current teaching staff and receive all these kids? What’s going to happen to them if we can’t? Over the next few weeks, we will report on the situation as it has evolved since 2000, give thanks to God for all the good news, and ask Him to dispel any shadows that may loom on the horizon. We heartily thank all those who have become “**Water Walkers**” since October 2002, after my appeal and Fr. Tom’s open invitation to our whole congregation to take our kids to heart. Will you “walk on water” with us, like St. Peter, and follow Jesus in caring for his poor children? There are so many ways your time and talent could improve their lives. Join our little committee and get the JOY! “**We believe!**” Fr. Gilles, the HOC, & our Becket Staff.

NEXT SUNDAY

THE 20 ROSARY MYSTERIES ARE GOSPEL WINDOWS

Next Sunday, at all the Masses, we will ask God to bless these evocative paintings of the 20 Mysteries of the Rosary, which are truly windows of the Gospel that draw us into the mind, heart, and soul of our Lord Jesus Christ and his Mother Mary. We are most pleased with the 5 Luminous Mysteries painted by two women members of our Parish: Flora Markic and Ann McDonald. May these “Mysteries” serve the glory of God, let all generations be touched by the love and mercy of God, especially children, and be a blessed catechetical aid for parents, all parishioners, and visitors.

AROUND TOWN

MONTREAL PRO-LIFE

This year’s Pro-Life Convention will take place November 17, 18 and 19 at St. Joseph’s Oratory. Co-hosted by Montreal Pro-Life and Life Canada, much planning has gone into making this event both informative and meaning to all planning to attend. There will be an opening Mass on Thursday evening concelebrated by local and visiting members of the clergy. There will be a number of guest speakers during the conference who will provide an insightful look at the various aspects of the dignity of Life. Info: see bulletin board, call 849-8613 or visit: www.prolifemtl.org

COLLABORATIVE LAW: DIVORCING WITH RESPECT, DIGNITY AND SUPPORT

This workshop is for people have already decided to divorce or who are divorced. This workshop is to demonstrate that communicating, thinking and behaving in a supportive, respectful and co-operative manner is in the best interests of the participants and their children. In other words, how do we live out our Christian values while going through a divorce? Nov. 5, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Archdiocese of Montreal. Facilitator: Maria Szabo, M. Ed. Cost: \$40 per couple \$20 per person (brown-bag lunch) refreshments incl.

ST. LUKE’S CWL MILITARY WHIST

...on Wednesday October 26, 7:30 pm. prizes, refreshments. Tickets:\$7.00 by calling June at 624-4029 or at door. Please bring your own cards.