

# Thirty- first Sunday in Ordinary Time October 30, 2005

You have one father , your Father in heaven;  
You have one teacher, the Lord Jesus Christ!



**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE Oct. 31 to Nov. 4**  
**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!*

Missed the parent gathering on the 20<sup>th</sup> and would like to have some info? Please pick-up an information package at the Mass sign-in table.

## IN OUR PARISH

### THE 20 ROSARY MYSTERIES ARE GOSPEL WINDOWS

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

### 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.

### CHRISTMAS BASKET REGISTRATIONS

Only for families in need – will take place from **Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> to Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>** (**Absolute deadline – No exceptions**), at the Fond de Depannage, 9 Commercial Centre, Roxboro. **Mondays: 9 to 11:30 am. & 1 to 3:30 pm. Thursdays and Fridays: 9 to 11:30** Items required to register: Medicare Card for each member of your family, Lease (proof of address) and Welfare Card. If you are not on welfare you must bring a copy of your 2004 income tax return.



## **FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**November 4** is the **First Friday** of the month. After Benediction you are invited to join us for an hour between 10:00 a.m. and midnight for adoration of the Holy Eucharist. Please sign up in the book at the back of the church. *“If Angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Eucharist.”*

*(St. Maximilian Kolbe)*

## **SUNDAY LITURGY IMPROVEMENTS**

During the Year of the Eucharist which is just ending, Pope John Paul II issued two letters calling all Roman Catholics, and especially those taking active roles in the Sunday Liturgy, to rediscover the rich experiences and teachings of our faith tradition by taking a closer look at the Mass Ritual and seeing where we have drifted away and can make corrections and/or improvements. Our Liturgy Committee under the leadership of Fr. Tom a year ago formed a Liturgy Improvements subcommittee to do just that. It has been a rich opportunity for us to rediscover the riches contained in our Sunday Mass. Gradually, the various liturgical ministers – Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, Lectors, Ushers, Choirs and Music Directors, and of course our Priests and Deacon, are collaborating to implement various improvements. Some may be barely noticeable, and others more visible. Our target date for implementation is Christ the King on November 19-20. A workshop was held this Saturday for EMHC. Our very warm and hospitable Greeters don't seem to need any improvements, and please feel free to join them. Just call Norma. We invite you to pray for us and to read the series of pieces on the Liturgy we began last week: “Communing in the Blood of Christ.” To talk to our Pastors or to join our Liturgy or Improvements Committee, just call the Office at **626-4111**.

## **FABRIQUE AND HELPING OTHERS ELECTIONS 2005**

The Fabrique & Helping Others Committee are key boards in the life of our parish community. Administration, the repair and maintenance of our plants and grounds, and management of our charitable outreach is work indispensable to our Mission in Christ. These are not honorary positions, but call for real labor of love; allowing some fun and the satisfaction of doing important tasks for the Lord and for his People. The Helping Others Committee has authority from the Fabrique, and carries out its work as approved by the Fabrique. The members, like Coordinators and members of Becket Pantry, share the authority of the Pastor to respond in charity to the needs of local families on behalf of our Congregation. **Proposal of Candidates Nov 5-6 – Nominations & Elections Nov 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm.**

Roman Catholics of full age (18) living within the parish boundaries are entitled to speak, be nominated, and vote at the warden's election meeting; while all adult members may participate in the Helping Others Committee election meeting immediately following. Wardens and H.O.C. members have a genuine desire to serve God and his people and find satisfaction as dedicated collaborators who enjoy doing the Lord's work. Please pray for our current and future Becket wardens and H.O. Committee members.

## **BECKET PANTRY NEEDS**

Crackers, Pasta, Rice, Stew, Tomato Paste. Thanks to all who graciously offered to volunteer as drivers. May God Bless you and your families.

# **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.

### 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 has just ended, 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.



## **JUSTICE AND PEACE**

*Thank you* to all who signed the “Water: Life before Profit!” action postcards at last weekend’s masses. We have obtained more action cards for those of you who may have missed them last week. It’s simple: sign the card and drop it in the mail. No postage is necessary.

### **FAIR TRADE SALE NOVEMBER 5 & 6**

Come sample and buy delicious fair trade products such as coffee, tea, sugar, chocolate and olive oil, next weekend in the church hall after all Masses. Fair Trade is important to the survival of third world farmers, their families & their civilization. Thank you for your support!

## **AROUND TOWN**

**WONDERING ABOUT GOD’S PLAN FOR YOU?** An invitation for men and women 18 to 45 to come and reflect on God’s call to you. **Fri. Nov. 4** at Newman Centre 3484 Peel 7-8:30 p.m. Sr. Edna Dolan 529-8697.

### **PADUA DIALOGUE: BUT THERE ARE NO CHIMPS IN MONTREAL**

How do chimpanzee conservation efforts in Africa link to youth-driven community service projects in Montreal? Learn how the concentric circles of community connect us all in conservation efforts. **Tues. Nov. 1, 7:30 pm** Padua Centre. 1950 St. Antoine Open to all. Suggested donation \$5.00. Info 932-7597.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** at Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish 11775 Fillion, **Sat, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, 10am - 3 pm**. Jewellery, raffles, baking, Santa’s Corner, crafts, knitted goods, books, Christmas Decorations, lunch room.

**FRIENDS FOR MENTAL HEALTH** Comedy and Dance Fundraiser **Fri. Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> 7 pm**. Come and de-stress with an evening of fun and laughter! Featuring the hit Just for Laughs comedy group The Bionic Yahoos Tickets \$15, or \$25 per couple. Coffee and dessert included. Sarto Desnoyers Centre Dorval Info : 636-6885 [www.asmfmh.org](http://www.asmfmh.org)

### **40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY NEWS: “BECKET PILLARS”**

As part of our 40th anniversary celebration, we would like to acknowledge and honour the people (living or deceased) or groups (currently active or inactive) who have made major contributions within our parish community. Help us identify these people or groups by filling out the form below and explaining why you think they should be appreciated or describing their contribution to the life of the parish. Drop off forms at the parish office or in the collection baskets during the next few weeks.

#### **I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE:**

Name: (individual or group) \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for nomination or brief description of contribution of individual or group: \_\_\_\_\_

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Want to be part of organizing this project?



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_