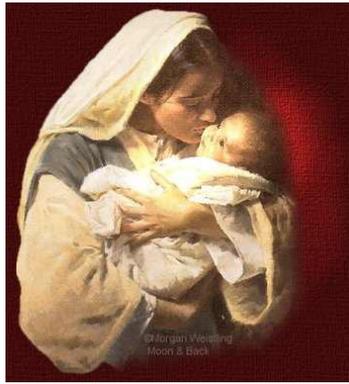


*Mary Mother
Of God
January 1, 2006*



WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE
Jan 2 No Mass, Jan 3: 7:30 p.m.
Jan 4 to 6: 8:30 a.m.

IN OUR PARISH

NOTE: Parish office will be closed January 1 & 2, re-opening the 3rd.

FAITH FIRST NEWS



N.B. There will be **no** Mass sign-in for Christmas Masses (Dec 24 or 25), or New Year Masses (Dec 31 & Jan 1). Sign-in will resume on Jan 7 & 8.

The Faith First Team wishes you all a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

January 6 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.. *"We fall down in adoration before the Son of God.. We unite ourselves in spirit to the wonder of Mary and Joseph. As we adore Christ, born in a stable, we make our own the faith, filled with astonishment, of the shepherds of that time; we feel their same amazement and their same joy."*

(Pope John Paul II, 1999 Homily at Midnight Mass)

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS

Thank you to all who covered the cost of our beautiful Christmas flowers and plants! Dear Lord grant your abundant blessing on all those on whose behalf these offerings were made:

The Lee Loy and Wilson families, Anna & Allen Cooke, Rosalba Di Grappa, Anna Roth, André Laurin, Jose C. Untalan, Annie U. Vinarao, Letty E. Untalan, Rosario Dideles, Martin Dideles Sr., Anthony & Grozdana Listes, Douglas Floreani, Mrs. Joan Harkin, Salvatore Ilaqua, Stella & Stanley Szuszkowski, Al Mack, Tadeusz Rzeszutek, Alfonso Mio, Louis A. Pereira, Agnes O'Donnell, Jane & Peter Holloran, Anne Marie Watkinson, Ellis Charasidis.

DEARLY BELOVED – HOLY, HEALTHY & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We began to collect photos, stories, and memories in **2005** from 40 years of history at Becket and we look forward in **2006** with joyful anticipation to contribute even more interviews, photos, stories, and pieces of history for the much awaited "40th Anniversary DVD and CD Set!" *Our hearts burned* within us, as we welcomed our Advent Mission "Epiphanies in our Lives" and accepted the invitation to give alternative gifts this Christmas of cards representing donations for

the poor orphans in Malawi. We are renewing our enthusiasm for our adopted kids in Honduras at Fania too! We give thanks to God for our *Water Walkers'* dedication. In 2006 may each and every person at **Becket**, in the **West Island**, and the **Diocese of Montreal** have the joy of *total surrender* to the *fire* of **God's love** burning in our hearts - as **Mary** and **Joseph** did in welcoming and caring for **Jesus** - and so find ourselves full members of God's Family! For our Becket Staff...

Fr. Placido Fr. Gilles Cathie & Elsa Deacon Richard Christine

The **wonder of a mother** is her **attentiveness** and **readiness to give**. Even thankful children don't fully realize the **full extent** of all **Mother** does for them or how dependent they are on her **care**. **What a joy** it is whenever a child **does realize** what she does and expresses **deeply felt gratitude**. Father, we bless and thank You for the motherhood of Mary and her ongoing love, prayers, and care for us, for all Christians, and for all of humanity.

STRUGGLING WITH GRIEF?

A group workshop series is offered for people on the West Island suffering a significant loss, such as the death of a loved one, divorce or a major change in life. From Death to New Life: A Christian View of Loss. Practical tools for working through bereavement will be presented in talks, reflections and discussions, led by Deacon Richard Boileau, with more than 10 years experience assisting people dealing with loss, are centered on the healing power of faith, hope and love. Next series scheduled on **Fridays beginning Jan. 20 to March 10 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** For details, call 697-9813 or write richard.boileau@videotron.ca

LECTORS NEEDED

We still require lectors for the 5 pm Sun. Mass. **Please consider this important ministry opportunity:** 626-4111.



GREETERS NEEDED

If you are interested in doing something for Becket that does not involve meetings, why not become a "Greeter". We could use you individually or why not greet as a family - a wonderful way of getting the children involved. You do not greet each week, but approximately every 3 - 4 weeks, and for that mass you are asked to be here one-half hour early. We



are looking for Greeters for the Saturday 4:30 mass, Sunday masses 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. We would welcome any of you who would be able to greet even one time at one of the Christmas Eve Masses as we require many people to help. For more info - call Norma 620-2019.

OUR PARISH BULLETIN ADS make our bulletin free of charge for the parish. Please support our advertisers and welcome the new ones!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PRIESTS!

December 3-4 you may have supported the first of five yearly appeals to fill in an actuarial loss in the priests' pension fund caused by Canadian financial institutions upgrading the male life expectancy from 77 to 79.4 years and by low interest rates. We're all glad to hear that men are now expected to live a little longer, but it's also a problem that more priests are

over 65 and drawing a pension than are contributing to the fund. Your contributions: \$1981.00. Thank you!

Did you know that before 1954 priests received no salary, but only \$2 (now \$5) for each Mass, and what people occasionally gave them? In 1954 the Archdiocese noted the great changes in economic and social conditions of our society. The diocese could no longer provide for a priest's lifetime; so priests were given a salary to provide for themselves.

This was the first 1954 salary scale. Pastor \$175/month - \$2100/year; Assistant \$60 - \$720; Administrator \$100 - \$1200. Each priest received room and board valued at \$75/month. Today, there is a single scale for all priests and bishops: \$1178 net/month - \$19,790/year. Room and board is valued at \$9000/year and the Fabrique contributes around \$2000 to each priest's pension and health plans. There are also vacation and continuing education benefits. However, priests must assume their own vehicle and travel costs. Given the precarious nature of the lopsided clergy pension fund, some priests invest in an additional RRSP. Couples do better, but at least these benefits will allow our priests, at the end of their lives, for a few years, the possibility of choosing where to live, after a lifetime of living in the workplace. For more information, see Fr. Gilles

ENJOY A TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS SEASON!

In generations past, families kept their **Christmas Crèche** until **Candlemas**, February 2nd, Feast of the **Presentation of the Lord** in the Temple. On this day or the Sunday before we surround the **Crèche** with candles and flowers and a family prayer. The 40 day interval represents our own time of **waiting**, like **Simeon** and **Anna**, for the Lord to come and definitively dispel the darkness oppressing our world, our hearts and humanity; by the **radiant splendour** of his **glory - He, Jesus, Son of God and Light of the Nations!**

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL FOR MAKING CHRISTMAS

less painful for some and **more joyful** for many! for prolonging the **Spirit of Christmas** – God's caring and merciful love – **all year round; living out of faith in Jesus Christ**, building community and supporting Marriage and Family life, and proclaiming the **Good News of Jesus Christ – YOU: BECKET PANTRY VOLUNTEERS** for Christmas baskets and all year long: coordinators, packers, deliverers, helpers, and donors; **SPONSORS OF OUR FANIA KIDS**, for allowing our adopted Honduran children to stay in school for a more hopeful future; **BECKET PLAYERS**, for your generous contributions to kids in need; **MEMORIAL FLOWER DONORS** for your offerings; **LITURGISTS**: volunteer sacristans, artists, decorators, the **Liturgy Committee, BERNIE, STEVE, TERRY, ROSEMARIE** and all helpers who make our church and hall beautiful in simplicity; music composers, directors, choir members, and all who sing along: for your sweet sounds in the Lord's ear; extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, lectors, altar servers and leaders, liturgy coordinators, greeters, ushers and helpers; Children's Liturgy coordinators, animators and helpers, RCIA catechists, Baptism team; our Faith First DRE TEAM and all parent helpers; Alpha Team and hosts; Parish Pastoral Staff, and **ALL PARISH GROUPS! Each day may our Father's promise – the Holy Spirit – sustain and perfect you and your loved ones in love!**

FAMILY PRAYER FOR 2006

Most Holy Hearts of **Jesus** and **Mary**, united in perfect love, as you look upon us with mercy and caring, we consecrate our hearts, our lives, our family to you. The beautiful example of your home in **Nazareth** was meant to be a model for each of our families. We hope to have, with your help, the unity and strong, enduring love you gave to one another.

When we sin and rebel, ignore or hurt one another; pray that we humbly ask our **Father** for his merciful forgiveness for ourselves and the grace of a heart eager and generous to forgive. May **Divine Mercy** fill our homes with joy. May sincere affection, patience, tolerance and mutual respect be freely given to all. May our prayers be filled with the needs of others, not just our own, and may we always be close to the Sacraments.

Bless those who are present, as well as those who are absent – both the living and the dead. May the **Holy Spirit** fill us with **divine peace**, and may we preserve it among us. When we are tested, pray for us to remain open to the Christian acceptance of **God's will**. Keep our family close to your Hearts through daily prayer together.

May your special protection be with us always. **Sacred Hearts** of **Jesus** and **Mary**, hear our prayer. **Saint Joseph**, loving Guardian of the **Holy Family** and Protector of **Christ's Mystical Body** the **Church**; keep watch over us. Protect us in temptation, from sin, from harm or anything that might withdraw us from God's Love. Unceasingly pray for us and daily lead us to the **United Hearts of Jesus and Mary!**

YOUTH



TEEN SINGERS, (13+ yrs) NEEDED for 5 pm Sunday Mass, twice each month. Join us! Patrick Viegas 453-3986.

JUSTICE & PEACE

Fair Trade shop opens again Jan 7 & 8 in Parish Hall. Delicious coffee, tea, chocolate, organic oil olive from Palestine. Help third world farmers.



ONLY ONE

My child. I've often heard your question... and this is my answer... hear **Me** well: You're concerned about the hungry world, the millions who are starving... and you ask, "When can only one do?" **Feed one...**

You grieve for all the children, murdered every day... and you ask, "What can only one do?" **Save one...** You're haunted by the homeless souls who wander city streets... and you ask, "What can only one do?" **Shelter one...** You weep for those who suffer pain, disease and hopelessness, and you ask, "What can only one do?" **Comfort one...**

Your heart aches for the lonely, the imprisoned, the abused... and you ask, "What can only one do?" **Love one...** Remember this my child... two thousand years ago, the World was filled, just as it is today with those in need... and when the helpless and the hopeless cried out to Me for mercy, I sent a **Saviour...Hope began... WITH ONLY ONE.**

(Reprinted from the newspaper of the Canadian Catholic Worker)

GRACE AND VOCATION PRAYER

Be Present At Our Table, Lord! Be Here As Everywhere Adored. May
Your Mercy Bless, And Grant That We May Feast In Paradise With Thee.
May You, O Lord, Also Help Us Be All That You Want Us To Be;
Through Christ Our Lord. Amen!



MASS INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2006

1	SUNDAY	9:00AM	OUR PARISHIONERS
		11:00AM	CANTERBURY FELLOWSHIP PILGRIMS
2	MONDAY	7:30PM	NO MASS
3	TUESDAY	7:30PM	LUCY GALANG
4	WEDNESDAY	8:30AM	CAMILLE PHANEUF
5	THURSDAY	8:30AM	MARTINA REDA
6	FRIDAY	8:30AM	MARIA KOZLOWSKI
7	SATURDAY	4:30PM	NICOLA MARESCA
8	SUNDAY	9:00AM	YVES DAUNAIS
		11:00AM	MARIA ROSARIO SOLER
		5:00PM	OUR PARISHIONERS
9	MONDAY	7:30PM	MARGARET JORGENSEN
10	TUESDAY	7:30PM	WILLIAM JOSEPH GONSALVES
11	WEDNESDAY	8:30AM	MARTINA REDA
12	THURSDAY	8:30AM	MARIA KOZLOWSKI
13	FRIDAY	8:30AM	JANE HOLLORAN
14	SATURDAY	4:30PM	MARGARET JORGENSEN
15	SUNDAY	9:00AM	GIUSEPPE LODICO
		11:00AM	OUR PARISHIONERS
		5:00PM	NICOLA MARESCA
16	MONDAY	7:30PM	MRS. GORDEN
17	TUESDAY	7:30PM	JOSEPHINE BENEDETTI
18	WEDNESDAY	8:30AM	EDVIGES ALMEIDA
19	THURSDAY	8:30AM	MARTINA REDA
20	FRIDAY	8:30AM	MARIA KOZLOWSKI
21	SATURDAY	4:30PM	MARGARET JORGENSEN
22	SUNDAY	9:00AM	GIUSEPPE GIGLIONE
		11:00AM	PASQUALE SANTORI
		5:00PM	OUR PARISHIONERS
23	MONDAY	7:30PM	ANASTACIO CERNERO
24	TUESDAY	7:30PM	STANLEY SZUSZKOWSKI
25	WEDNESDAY	8:30AM	ERNESTO CARVALHO
26	THURSDAY	8:30AM	STEFAN KOVACK SR.
27	FRIDAY	8:30AM	MARTINA REDA
28	SATURDAY	4:30PM	EDDIE MALLETTE
29	SUNDAY	9:00AM	OUR PARISHIONERS
		11:00AM	MARGARET JORGENSEN
		5:00PM	EDUARDO SANTAYANA
30	MONDAY	7:30PM	ANTONIO FIORI
31	TUESDAY	7:30PM	GRAY BOND

Canterbury Mass Intentions for January 2006

Deceased: Maria Kozlowski, Jose Elep, Maria Parise, Muriel Raymond, Sakina Khan, Damian Lobo, Hygenes Correa, **Living:** Dr. Artem Bijian