

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2006

*A great prophet has appeared among us; God
has visited his people.*

WEEKDAY MASSES: Feb. 13: 7:30 p.m.
Feb 14: 7:30 p.m., **Feb. 15, 16 & 17:** 8:30 a.m.



IN OUR PARISH

FAITH FIRST NEWS



OUR CONFIRMATION CELEBRATIONS ARE IN!

April 22: 9:30 a.m.: C-509-603 1:00 p.m.: C-604-607 + C-701& 801

June 10: 9:30 a.m.: C-505-508 1:00 p.m.: C-501-504

Children's Gathering February 17th H.S. K+1: 4:30 p.m. & 6:15 p.m.

MISSION PROJECT INCOME AND DISBURSEMENT SUMMARY

The generosity of parishioners is remarkable and will go a long way to alleviating the suffering of AIDS orphans in the northern region of Malawi. Following are the numbers.

Those of us who were involved in organizing the mission are committed to the principles of good stewardship and effective development. We are also committed to providing timely and ongoing reporting of results and significant achievements. It is in that spirit that the information below is provided.

Revenue: 37,250.32\$ (Donations designated to food - \$7,040; designated to medicine - \$6,525; designated the vocational centre - \$5,250; not designated from various sources - \$18,435.32) Expense: \$670 (Design and printing of posters and gift cards) Net income: \$36,580.32

Disbursements: (1) \$20,000 will be forward immediately for the construction of a vocational centre that will teach older orphans carpentry and sewing skills that will enable them to sustain themselves and their dependents; (2) \$6,600 will be allocated to delivery of medical aid, with some of it being delivered in June by Laurie Dotto and other shipments to follow as required; (3) \$10,000 will be allocated to nutrition supplements.

In order to ensure optimal use of the funds donated to our mission, we have arranged with the Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception, who are active in the north of Malawi, for unused funds to be held in trust by the community's motherhouse in Outremont. These will be set-aside in our name and disbursed in a planned and orderly manner as we continue to work with Sr. Beatrice in Karonga.

Additional donations to crib and cross Franciscan Ministries' Hope for Malawi Orphans Program (with possibility of 2006 receipts) can still be made via www.cribandcross.com. Instructions can be obtained by clicking "Hope for Africa", and then "Malawi Program."

Reports about the progress of all three projects (nutrition supplement, paediatric medicine and the vocational centre) will be provided over the next few months in the parish bulletin.

Deacon Richard

CONGRATULATIONS MARCO ARGENTINO

Marco has been accepted as a candidate to the permanent diaconate and will officially receive his rite of candidacy on **March 30, 7:30 p.m.** at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral. All welcome. Congratulations Marco. As you journey with the Lord, may God bless you in all you do!

PANCAKE SUPPER – TUESDAY FEBRUARY 28



Pancake suppers will be served in the Parish Hall on Shrove Tuesday. There will be two sittings: 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$3.50 per person or \$10.00 per family. Please sign up on poster in the Narthex.

CHILDREN'S PASSION PLAY

Becket's Church Mice Productions will present *The Caterpillar and The Cross* on Good Friday, **April 14, at 10:00 a.m.** All children in the parish are welcome to participate. First practice **March 5 at 1:00** in the church.



40TH ANNIVERSARY NEWS

Thank you to all who took part in our video interview sessions this weekend and last. What fun we had! We are looking forward to creating a beautiful keepsake DVD of the history of our parish. Stay tuned for more interview dates and keep your pictures and stories/suggestions coming! You are all part of it! We are currently looking for a donation of a trophy case that will be used to display memorabilia and photos during our 40th Anniversary year. Please call the office for more info: 626-4111.

MUSICAL MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT:



Æternal is an outreach "Ministry in Christian Unity" whose members are based at St. Thomas à Becket. Their purpose is to promote Christian Unity through music and evangelization as an outreach group. The group leader is Daniel Garvin. Find out more about this wonderful group at :

www.aeternalministries.com or contact garvin.family@sympatico.ca

"THE MARRIAGE COURSE"!



This course provides couples with the skills they need to build a strong & healthy marriage that will last a lifetime! The course will take place on Monday evenings at 7:30 and begins on Feb 13th. Over a period of 7 sessions, in a relaxing home setting, participants will spend quality time learning about themselves, their spouse, and their life together. **No** group discussions. All discussions are private between the spouses. This course will appeal to couples who want to enhance an already good marriage, those in the first 5 years of marriage, or those struggling with issues in their relationship. Consider investing a little time to enable your marriage to reach its full potential!

Details & registration forms are available at the back of the church, or you can contact Nathalie or John for more information at 695-7896.

2006 ANNUAL PARISH REPORT TO DIOCESE

Becket Parish groups and ministries leaders please report for your group the # of leaders, # of other members = total members – as at year's end – and please email or phone. You may wish to add details and progress. This is an exercise in coresponsibility. Thank you very much. Fr. Gilles

PRACTICAL ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT SEMINARS

Parents, from the time of Baptism until your children reach adulthood, find yourself on a learning curve. First, it's your child's questions; then it's your own. We are now offering parishioners adult faith enrichment seminars. The **A to F** series is especially designed for Baptism, but will also be, along with the **1 to 10** series, of interest to everyone. Tuesday, Feb 14 – **Reincarnation or Resurrection?** Wednesday, Feb 15 – **Energy Budget for Health & Freedom.** <http://stthomasabecket.org/> **626-4111**

40TH ANNIVERSARY GIFT TO BECKET AND TANZANIA?

When our pastor goes to another parish Becket will be without proper chasubles. The new pastor may not have any. Some decades ago a few parishioners home made some chasubles that at the time seemed a refreshing change from the heavy gold colored vestments of a style used for centuries accompanying the Mass in Latin, which was more devout in atmosphere. Our sensitivities have changed and those vestments no longer accomplish the purpose for which they were intended: enhance the liturgy, inspire our prayer, and express some of the beauty of God's mysterious presence among us. It might be time for the parish to acquire a modest yet beautiful set of chasubles and perhaps even dalmatics for deacons. There is also a good ciborium that needs refinishing (\$450) and sturdy, beautiful, and lasting chasubles begin at around \$400 each (four different colours). Our current priority is to repair our roofs; however, if you intend to make a significant contribution for the roof and would also like to enhance our liturgy, please contact the Office. Our Liturgy Committee will shop if and when the means are provided. We can strive for excellence in our worship and express our affection for the Lord and his mysteries, providing we do not neglect our principal obligations to care for our life, family, home, church, and the poor, all for the glory of God. Meanwhile, we will send the vestments we no longer use to a mission in Africa, where they can use them as they are or improve them in a manner suited to their culture. The generous gift of those who first made them will live on in another Church.

CWL



There will be a Mass for CWL on Tues. **February 14 at 7:30 p.m.** followed by a meeting in Cahill Hall.

BECKET PANTRY

Needs: small packages/ jars of tea & coffee, laundry detergent.

2005 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

2005 envelope users: Tax receipts are available at the back of the church.

AROUND TOWN

THANK YOU BECKET FOR CARING FOR OUR PRIESTS

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$2,273.00 towards the debt incurred by the Priests' Pension Fund. Becket has responded positively and in a spirit of solidarity to this urgent appeal. We have relied on your support and we appreciate your commitment to our priests. On behalf of Archbishop Jean-Claude Cardinal Turcotte, and all the priests of the diocese, I express thanks and appreciation, Sincerely, Most Rev. Anthony Mancini, Vicar General, Auxiliary Bishop of Montreal