

# Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 26, 2006

*The Father gave us birth by his  
message of truth, that we might  
be as the first fruits  
of his creation.*



*Street children in Madagascar stand  
amid a garbage dump on the  
outskirts of Antananarivo, the  
capital. Over half the population is  
under 14. Most live on less than \$1  
a day. Pollution of rivers and other  
sources make drinking water unsafe  
for many.*

**Weekday Masses:**  
**Feb. 27 & 28:** 7:30 pm  
**Mar. 1 ASH WEDNESDAY:**  
8:30am & 7:30 pm  
**March 2 & 3:** 8:30 am

## IN OUR PARISH



### FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

**March 3** 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.

St. Thomas à Becket (1118-1170), in one of his letters writes to a friend, "...I have been wont to pray for you in an abundance of tears and with groanings not a few before the Majesty of the Body of Christ." (*Materials, V, 276*).



## FAITH FIRST NEWS

Please do not forget to pick up your Lenten bracelet either on Ash Wednesday or at the Children's Liturgy corner on Sunday.

Confirmation Children's Gathering (yellow calendar) **Feb 27, 4:30 or 6:15.**

Ash Wednesday (March 1) Masses will be celebrated at **8:30am & 7:30pm.**

Visit our table in the hall after Masses and pick up Lenten prayer books, calendars & activities specially designed for children, teens, & families.

### ASH WEDNESDAY – DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE

As on Good Friday, on this day Christians remain hungry to connect at a deep level with Jesus in what He freely suffered to give us courage and strength to fight temptation and sin and our inclination to selfishness. We are locked in mortal combat with sin and evil, and by ourselves can never be victorious; yet are filled with hope: Jesus our champion desires to share his victory with us. We abstain from meat; have one light meal, with a few light snacks to have enough energy to do our work, depending on how demanding it is. The biblical fast is on bread and water, and is best done with a substantial European type of whole bread. Let God surprise you!



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

40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration preparations are underway! It's not too early to circle Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> on your calendar....more information to follow in upcoming bulletins.

## 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.



### IF YOU DON'T HAVE A SUNDAY MISSAL

You can find the parts of the Mass, such as Gloria, Creed, responses, and other Mass prayers in the CBW II, the blue hymnbook in some pews.

### WHAT WE ARE DOING ABOUT SUNDAY MISSALS

Novalis has stopped printing the Living with Christ Sunday missalettes that used to be available for weekend Masses. Although we always order a large quantity of the Living with Christ Sunday Missals (in blue this year) for those who like having their own copy of the missals, these have now sold out, and they are no longer available from Novalis. We would have ordered a larger quantity of missals had we known that the Sunday missalettes would no longer be printed. In the meantime, we have taken advantage of a promotional offer for the month of March. You will soon see copies of the large and regular print complete edition of Living with Christ for **March** only. Because there will be no more missalettes or missals available until Advent 2006 we invite you to contact Novalis, toll free 1-800-387-7164, for information about personal subscriptions (more info can be found on the cover of the March edition). Thank you.

### 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, March 7 – The Art of Reconciliation – reveals the art of a warrior and the graciousness of a queen. Wednesday, March 8 – The Lord's Day – Baptism begins a new life of freedom to resist the new slavery. Check the full calendar at <http://stthomasabecket.org/> Click on **Resources** – then on **Adult Faith Enrichment** or call the Parish Office at **626-4111**

### THE SACRISTY AND ITS CONTENTS BURNED 20 YEARS AGO

When Fr. Gilles leaves September 1<sup>st</sup>, he will take his chasubles with him. The homemade chasubles used after the fire were a quick help after the loss of everything that had been kept in the sacristy, which was destroyed. The fire was 20 years ago and 20 years after Becket was founded. It isn't forbidden to use beautiful accessories to lift our souls to God, providing we don't neglect charity to our neighbor. It might be time for the parish to acquire a modest yet beautiful set of chasubles and perhaps even dalmatics for deacons. 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, as well as meet our obligations to care for our life, family, home, church, and the poor, for the glory of God. The plain vestments we no longer use will serve a mission in Africa, where they can adapt them. The generous gift of those who made them will live on in another Church.

## LOVE ECHOES ON FOREVER

“Permit neither the shouting and chaos, disorder and tumult, broken dish and stained carpet, to lessen in your hearts the supreme joy of celebrating (Sunday Mass) made alive with the excitement, the noise, the exhausting activity of young children. Unfortunately, all too soon will come a time when homes will be tidy and orderly, quiet and restful... for children will quickly grow up and move away. Glory in the chaos; then on a distant day the rich and full memories of the present will sustain you when a child’s laughter is no longer to be heard in your home. Even as God once thanked Mary for providing a temple for his Son, He thanks all you parents in whose children He finds his greatest joy. And so in his Name we bless you, the People of God, and your children who are indeed the playmates of Jesus.’ Frs. Robert Cornell, Oscar Braun, and Charles Cahill.”

Dear Becket Parishioners, as we begin Lent, let us repent of inhospitable attitudes and overly busy hearts, and make room again for love. Fr. Gilles

## GOD CALLS US TO WALK IN THE LIGHT OF DAY

We really look forward to a good Lenten Mission with Fr. Eric Nicolai. He happens to be a priest of Opus Dei, but that is not why I asked him. He is a kind man, a fine priest, and a good brother. Fr. Eric will present Opus Dei and take questions on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in Cahill Hall or in the Church. If any have been hurt or there are wrongs to right; we can see what can be done. Let’s see how God uses Opus Dei for his glory, to develop and strengthen faith, people, marriages, and families.



## FAMILY BREAKFAST

Join us for another delicious, full course breakfast at the next Knights of Columbus sponsored family breakfast **March 5 after the 11:00 Mass**. \$3 per person or \$10 per family.

## JUSTICE & PEACE

Fair Trade shop is open for business in Parish Hall after all Masses March 4 & 5. Delicious coffee, tea, chocolate, organic oil olive from Palestine. Help third world farmers.



## BECKET PANTRY

**Needs:** rice, noodle mixes, Kraft Dinner, canned pastas, pancake mix, spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce, canned ham, laundry detergent jello/pudding, crackers. Thank you for your generosity. God bless.

## AROUND TOWN - ALL ARE WELCOME!

The **Catholic Times** has reported Catholic news to Quebecers since 1976. Celebrate our **30<sup>th</sup> anniversary** at a **GALA DINNER AND DANCE May 7** at Holiday Inn Midtown- La Plaza. Tickets 937-2301 by April 1st.

## CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC SERVICES OF MONTREAL

The Healing Ministry of C.C.S.M. cordially invites you to participate in a Eucharistic Celebration at St. Edmund of Canterbury Parish on **Friday March 10** at **7 pm** with Msgr. Sean Harty as celebrant. Evening will begin with Rosary and Praise; anointing of the sick will be offered after Mass.

## JESUS ON TRIAL

Our Lady of Consolata Parish and St. Fidelis Parish present Jesus on Trial, a Lenten play which focuses on the challenging teachings of Jesus. March 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> at 8pm \$10/adults, \$5/child. Tickets at the door or at 725-1310.