

# Fourth Sunday of Easter May 7, 2006



I am the good shepherd says the Lord;  
I know my sheep and mine know me.

**Weekday Masses: May 8 & 9: 7:30 pm; May 10, 11, 12: 8:30 a.m.**



## **IN OUR PARISH**

### **FAITH FIRST NEWS CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION**

Certificates of completion will be issued *after* books have been verified on the following dates: May 24/25 & 30/31, or June 2 (Fun Day) starting at 5:30 p.m.

#### **2006-2007 REGISTRATION**

*Pre-registration* parent meeting: **May 24/25 at 7 pm** in the Church.

*Registration* for 2006-2007: **May 30 & 31 from 7-9 pm** in the hall.

Please invite any families in your neighbourhood who might be interested in Catholic education for their child. All Faith First parents are invited to fill out a feedback form which you can find at the sign-in table in the parish hall. We value your comments!

### **QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

**Adults:** How can I thank the often unrecognized good shepherds who perform jobs that contribute in important ways to the welfare of others?

**Children:** Who are the workers in my school or neighborhood who take special care of children like a good shepherd?



### **VOCATIONS SPOTLIGHT: RICH MAN POOR MAN LUNCH**

**May 7**, is Good Shepherd Sunday, a special celebration of *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. You are all invited to participate in this annual celebration today, **in the Church Hall from 12:30 – 2:30** as we invite guest speakers who will witness on Marriage, Ordination and Consecrated life.



*Welcome All! Free lunch included.*

### **UPCOMING WEEKEND HOMILISTS**



**May 13:** Fr. Mike Shaw

**May 14: 9 a.m.:** Fr. Clement Onwunata; **11 a.m. & 5 p.m.:** Fr. Gilles

**May 20:** Fr. Gilles

**May 21: 9 a.m.:** Fr. Gilles; **11:00:** Fr. Clement; **5 p.m.:** Fr. Mike

**May 27 & 28:** Deacon Richard Boileau at all Masses

### **FANIA EASTER PROJECT**



**A BIG THANK YOU** to all parishioners and especially our Faith First families for your support of our Fania School project in the Honduras. Your “eggs” produced a whopping **\$1661.00!** This money will give many children in Honduras the opportunity to improve their future through educational and nutritional programs.

## BECKET CONTINUES TO BE BLESSED

Rare are the parishes in the archdiocese that have received the ministry of so many young priests as Becket these past 40 years: Frs. Mike Shaw, Joe Sullivan, Pat Donnelly, Ed McKinley, Claude Saldana, Frank Coyle, and Fred Kirouac. From 1995 to 1998 and 2001 to 2003, Becket had an Intern and acted as a “teaching parish” to help prepare Robert Clark and Stephen Otvos for priesthood. From 1998 to 2002 Fr. Rob began his ministry as associate pastor, and Fr. Tom Dowd succeeded him until 2005. From last September to February Fr. Placido Macarine blessed us by his ministry, and now Frs. Rob and Tom are coming back to Becket as of September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Fr. Rob will come as Becket’s 5<sup>th</sup> pastor, and continue to serve the diocese in the area of his passion: vocations. Fr. Tom will continue at the service of the Lakeshore General Hospital, and serve Becket as Associate Pastor or Pastoral Assistant. Becket may even be asked to receive another Intern to help prepare for Holy Orders for the Archdiocese of Montreal.

After the many changes in the Church over the past 30 to 40 years, we are now at the beginning of a new era of evangelization. Vocations once again offer a significant way to live amid the affluence and instability of our times. People are learning the hard way that worldly success does not bring happiness, and it’s time to encourage youth to consider a religious vocation as a true alternative for happiness both in this life and in eternity.

In **1980** there were in Montreal **1127** priests (diocesan and religious). In 1995 – 925 priests, in **2005** – **668** priests. About **500** are **diocesan**, the rest are members of religious orders. In 2006 our priests’ average age is 67 – 24% are over 75 – 49% over 70. Priests are Jesus’ men. He shows himself to them and loves his people through them. Search deep in your soul and remember how Jesus has been present to you in our priests. It is time once again to value and promote this wonderful vocation. Fr. Gilles

### **40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY NEWS “A BECKET MEMORY” #7**

For the past six Sundays we presented a Becket Memory regarding the history of the very beginning of our parish. October 11<sup>th</sup> 1966 was an historic day for St. Thomas à Becket parishioners. Let us go back to **1966** and remember other events that happened in Canada: **Jan 1<sup>st</sup>** –The Canada Pension Plan and The Quebec Pension Plan are both established. **Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>** The CBC becomes the first Canadian television network to broadcast in colour. **Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>** - The Montreal Metro opens. **Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>** - The Centennial Flame in front of Parliament Hill is lit.

To celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we are planning special events the weekend of **October 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**. Following is the schedule for **October 14<sup>th</sup>**:

**4:30** Mass: Former Pastor, Fr. Jim McDonald will preside and give homily.

**6 pm:** A sit-down catered fund-raiser supper. **8 pm:** Musical entertainment

Tickets will be available on a first come, first served basis (limit of 300 people). The cost will be \$50.00 per with a portion of each ticket going towards the Building Fund. If you would like to reserve a ticket in advance please call Ron or Terri at 624-6210.

On Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup> at **9:00 am Mass** Fr. Gilles Surprenant will preside and give homily. At **11:00 am Mass** Msgr. Sean Harty will preside and give the homily. Light refreshments in the hall after both Sunday Masses.

### BECKET MARRIAGE JUBILEE



Becket’s Marriage Jubilee will be held **June 4**. Please sign up in the parish hall if you are celebrating your **5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>**...wedding anniversary this year.

## OFFERING TOWARDS DEACONS' VESTMENTS?

Parishioners have covered the cost of 4 new beautiful chasubles. If you intend to make a significant contribution for the roof and would also like to enhance our liturgy and make an offering for deacons' dalmatics, please contact the office. We will send the homemade vestments we no longer use to a mission in Africa.

## WEBMASTER WANTED

I would like to use my website to post reflections on various questions I would like to address or that people raise. I would be able to create hot links to these documents from my blog, which I hope to resume. Would you be able to and interested in managing my website? You would help me make better use of the knowledge and experience, which is for others. Please call. God bless you, your journey and family. **Fr. Gilles 626-4111**

## WHAT DIFFERENCE CAN A MAN MAKE?

The first time a young person wonders what difference he or she can make in the world is when we begin to look beyond the familiar and comfortable boundaries of our family of origin. Our first great adventure is leaving our family home to get a job and begin to make a life for ourselves. We rather quickly face the opposing and often unfriendly motives of employers and other strangers, not to mention government and other large institutions and wake up to a reality much bigger than we first realized. We are all caught in a much bigger web, and wonder whether we have any freedom when all is said and done. Perhaps this is why we enjoy movies portraying people who rebel and break through the barriers in their lives, even though they may be criminals or people with few morals. It's the raw freedom that we admire, and the sense that they are giving shape to their lives as they want. Stay tuned for a men's meeting with me, your Pastor, to explore together our options as Catholic Christian men in this world of ours, such as it is. What satisfaction can I have as a man, a husband, a father, a single parent?

### *~ Canterbury Fellowship Pilgrims – May 2006 – revised ~*

*Deceased: Jan Kruk, James Stapor, Maria Kozłowski, Giuseppe Iacovelli, Donato Del Conte, Giovannina D'Amico, Władysław Gutkowski, Antonio Cabral, Giuseppe & Diamante Della Rocca, Aurelio & Francesca Crescenzi, Fr. Bob Moran CSP, Joseph Morselli, Marie-Rose Philomène, Alfonso & Maria Ręda, Raphael & Maria Pulice, Pasquale Ręda, Elmo Ręda, Maria Pulice, Rosa Pulice, Mark Julius Coelho, Julius Coelho, Douglas Menezes, Peggy Menezes, Kevin Heffernan.*

*Living: Irmgard Wawak (Thanksgiving to Our Lady) Maria Kepekçi, Joey Ręda, Teresa Bastone, Ida Bastone, Rena Ręda (Special Intention), Allesandro Kepekçi, Maria Parise.*

## **BECKET PANTRY NEEDS...**

Dish detergent, shampoo, fruit, sugar (small packages), jam. A young couple in our parish is expecting their first child and need baby items and equipment i.e. crib, linens, stroller, playpen, high chair. Please call the office at 626-4111 if you have any of these items to donate. Thank you.

## **CWL**

Upcoming activities: **May 9<sup>th</sup>**: Meeting in Cahill hall after the 7:30 p.m. Mass. Guest speaker Catherine Lemieux will speak about Fair Trade.  
**May 14<sup>th</sup>** (Mother's Day): C.W.L. members will sell carnations after all the Masses.



## **LOST AND FOUND**

Please check the Lost and Found boxes at the back of the church and in the Narthex if you are missing any items or call the office for valuables. We are currently missing **two books** that are used during First Friday Adoration: 201 Inspirational Stories of the Eucharist by Sr. Patricia Proctor, and a leather-bound bible. These books should remain in the church for everyone to use. If you have “borrowed” either book please return them to the parish. Also: A valuable pair of **sun glasses** were lost on Palm Sunday near the palm table. Please return to office if found.

## **YOUTH**

Youth Summit 2006 – National Youth Gathering: Preparing the way for the 49<sup>th</sup> International Eucharistic Congress 2008. May 19 to May 22 in Quebec City. Ages 18-35 [www.cei2008.ca](http://www.cei2008.ca) 418-688-1211 #302.

## **AROUND TOWN**

### **ONE PEOPLE ONE PASSION ONE PURPOSE**

You are invited to a night of worship at St. Michael & All Angels Church May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. **Speaker: Daniel Garvin of Æternal.**

“Keeping a spirit of unity.” *Ephesians 4*

### **SOLAU SINGERS-MUSICIANS**

We provide music for ceremonies and special occasions such as baptisms, graduations, weddings, and funerals. Information: Sonia 626-4190.

### **KIDS HELPING KIDS – STUDENT CONCERT**

Supporting orphans in Malawi - **Sunday May 7, 3:00 p.m.** at St. Columba by the Lake Church. Freewill donation. 364-3027 or 697-8015.

### **OTHER PRIEST APPOINTMENTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

Fr. Gilles A. Surprenant will begin as Assistant at St. Luke Parish, while Fr. John Kennedy is renewed for a second term as Pastor of Resurrection of Our Lord Parish, and Fr. Patrick Donnelly will begin his second term as Pastor of St. Edmund of Canterbury Parish. Welcome back to Fr. Robert Clark as Pastor of Becket and to Fr. Tom Dowd as his Assistant!

### **BAZAARS AND GARAGE SALES**

**St. Michael and All Angels Church:** Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 9am to 2pm, sale of nearly new clothing, attic treasures and coffee room. **St. John's United Church:** May 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:30 am, Annual Spring Thing (Gigantic Church Garage Sale). See posters in hall for more info.

### **FRIENDS FOR MENTAL HEALTH**

*Discussion Group* May 2, 1-3 pm: The Key to Coping with Anxiety. Free.  
*Creative Workshops for caregivers:* Mondays 10 to Noon. Regs:636-6885.  
*Support Group:* Wed May 24<sup>th</sup> 7:30 to 9:30pm: How can a couple support one another when faced with the mental illness of a loved one? Free.

### **ENJOY A QUIET WEEKEND IN PEACEFUL SURROUNDINGS**

Silent, personally directed retreat at Cistercian Abbey in Rougemont. Begins Friday evening, May 12, ends Sunday afternoon. Info: 626-9462.



“Rockin’ Robin Hood” and Cabaret 2006 are underway!  
Upcoming show dates: May 12, 13. Call 979-3029 for tickets.

St. Thomas à Becket Parish  
 Hands Around the World  
 Fania Water Walkers  
 Committee  
 Nueva Suyapa, Honduras



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Our Lady of Good Counsel

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Becket and Fania,

The Easter Season brings great joy as it renews the assurance of God's fidelity to his promises. Despite our sinfulness, weakness, and inability to deserve eternal life, God loves us and in his mercy He shares with us even now the fruits of his love, peace, and eternal love and life.

From the time of Fr. Charles Cahill, Becket parishioners have in turn showed mercy to the poor children and families of Nueva Suyapa by giving them nutritional support and elementary education. No offerings are used to produce glamorous glossy promotional materials. Giving to Fania without the glamor makes your gift gracious, selfless, and divine.

Please contact St. Thomas à Becket Parish Office by phone **514-626-4111** fax **514-620-2955** or Email [office@stthomasabecket.org](mailto:office@stthomasabecket.org)

Fr. Gilles A. Surprenant, Pastor, for Becket Parish Staff and Leadership

----- ✂ Please fill in, clip, and return. Thank you. ✂ -----

**Please sponsor a child** and give that child better **nutrition** and keep him or her in **school**. For \$144.00 Fania will help 1 child, for \$288.00 Fania will help 2 children – **Remember the poor widow in the Gospel**.

Yes, I will sponsor \_\_\_ child/children for \_\_\_ years. I will make  
 monthly payments of  \$24.00 / 2 children  \$12.00 / 1 child or  
 annual payments of  \$288.00 / 2 children  \$144.00 / 1 child

I will be a "Pillar of Fania" and give:  \$1000  \$2000  \$\_\_\_\_\_

I cannot sponsor a child now, but I would like to make a donation of:

\$25.00  \$50.00  \$75.00  \$100.00 or  \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please give generously \* Method of payment:  Cash  Cheque  
 (Please make cheques payable to St. Thomas à Becket Parish)

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (hm) \_\_\_\_\_ (wk) \_\_\_\_\_ (FAX) \_\_\_\_\_

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