

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 9, 2008



Weekday Masses: Mar. 10, 7:15 p.m.
Mar 11, 12, 13, 14: 8:30 a.m

*I am the light of the world says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.*

FAITH FIRST: I put my faith into action when...

I gave my sister a stuffy. **Kelsey S.**

I let my friend be first in line at recess. **Krista M.**

I went shopping with my mom even if I didn't want to! **Tatiana T.**

I prayed at night; Samuel had faith in God. **Melissa R.**

I dried the dishes. **Nadia B.**

I used my manners. **Emily M.**

I teach my sister the right path. **Adam P.**

I helped my dad shovel the driveway. **Michelle R.**

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Reading I: Ezekiel 37:12-14 (The Spirit of the Lord)

Reading II: Romans 8:8-11 (You Are in the Spirit)

Gospel: John 11:1-45 (Raising Lazarus)

Adults: When is a time I found life, even in the presence of death? What life do I need to claim today?

Children: How often do I stop to remember that God loves me in each moment?

VOCATION VIEWS REFLECTION: Untie him, and let him go free. It is a humbling privilege to shout those words in the name of Jesus. You, too, can offer freedom and life to those bound in death. Consider giving life through ministry as a priest, sister, or brother.



SANCTUARY LAMP: The sanctuary lamp is offered this week for a special intention requested by Jean Mack and the Weller family. Proceeds will go towards the purchase of a prayer light stand. The sanctuary lamp is memorialized in the name of a sick person, a deceased love one, or a special intention, for a weekly donation of \$20.00. 514-626-4111.

PASTORAL HOME-CARE VISIT cards are available at the back of the church. These cards are designed so that you can request a pastoral home care visit, for yourself or another person. The Pastoral Home-Care team have specific ministry with the **sick and shut-ins**, but are open to visiting anyone who would like a visit. These cards can also be used to let the Pastoral team (Fr. Robert, Fr. Manus, Deacon Frank and the Home-Care team) know that a parishioner is in **hospital** and would like a visit. Fr. Manus will be working closely with the Pastoral Home-Care Team and will be available for visits.

BE AN EASTER FLOWER DONOR: If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one towards our church decorations for Easter please include your donation in an envelope that is clearly marked "Easter flower donations". Include on the envelope: name of your loved one (memorial) along with your name (donor). Please also include your parish envelope number if available. You can bring your donation to the office or drop it in the Flower Donation Box at the Church doors. Names of loved ones will be included in upcoming holiday bulletins. God bless.



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS MARCH 8TH – MARCH 16TH

Saturday	Mar. 08	
4:30 pm	Catalino Carbo	Toth family
Sunday	Mar. 09	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Francis Mendouza	The family
Monday	Mar. 10	
7:15 pm	Clement Boulay	The Wells Family
Tuesday	Mar. 11	
8:30 am	Iris Floyd Sherbrooke	Laporte family
Wednesday	Mar. 12	
8:30 am	Mark Julius Coelho	Pat & Donny Coelho
Thursday	Mar. 13	
8:30 am	Lucy Gallang	Joseph & Emma Villacourta
Friday	Mar. 14	
8:30 am	Norma Ryan	Denyse Fournier
Saturday	Mar. 15	
4:30 pm	Myra Allard	Mark & Gloria Brennan
Sunday	Mar. 16	PALM SUNDAY
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Salvatore Ilaqua	

Weekday Readings for March 10th to March 14th

Monday Mar. 10	Dn 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62	Jn 8: 1-11
Tuesday Mar. 11	Nn 21: 4-9	Jn 8: 21-30
Wednesday Mar. 12	Dn 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95	Jn 8: 31-30
Thursday Mar. 13	Gn 17: 3-9	Jn 8: 51-59
Friday Mar. 14	Jer 20: 10-13	Jn 10: 31-42

BECKET HAPPENINGS AT GLANCE

Mon.	Mar. 10	Palm cross & flowers workshop	7:30 pm
Tues.	Mar. 11	Knights of Columbus meeting	7:00 pm
		FANIA meeting and vote	7:30 pm
Wed.	Mar. 12	Children's First Communion Gathering	4:30 or 6:15 pm
Thurs.	Mar. 13	Children's Confirmation Gathering	4:30 or 6:15 pm
		Teens Confirmation Gathering at M. Million's	6:15 pm

HOLY WEEK

Sun.	Mar. 16	Palm Sunday procession from hall – all Masses	
Wed.	Mar. 19	Chrism Mass (en Français) at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral	8:00 pm
Thurs	Mar. 20	Mass of the Lord's Supper	8:00 pm
Fri.	Mar. 21	Good Friday Way of the Cross from Pointe Claire Confessions	12 noon 1:00 pm
		Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross	3:00 pm
Sat.	Mar. 22	Pascal Vigil – Easter Celebration	8:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES – MARCH 23

9:00 am	Church and Hall
10:30 am	Church and Hall
12:00 pm	Church only

PALM WORKSHOP: Would you like to learn how to make palm crosses and flowers? Come to Cahill hall **March 10th at 7:30 p.m.** to learn this beautiful art and help us prepare decorations for the Altar for Holy Week and Easter.

WEST ISLAND LENTEN RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE:

† Mary Queen of Peace/St. David: *March 9, 5:00 pm (bilingual)* † St. Luke: *March 11, after 7:30 pm Mass* † St. Edmund's: *March 12, 7:30 pm* † St. John Fisher: *March 15, 10:30 a.m.* †

VISIT THE PARISH WEBSITE and find out what's new and see new features.

HE IS RISEN' EASTER BAKE SALE!! Come one come all to the Youth **Pre-Order** Bake Sale in the Church hall after all Masses this weekend. Why slave away in the kitchen to make Easter desserts when you can order them from our scrumptious selection of baked goodies? For more information contact Deacon Francesco Giordano at (514) 626-4111 or email fgiordano@stthomasabecket.org.

FANTASTIC SPORTS MEMORABILIA CAN BE YOURS! Ever dream of owning a hockey stick signed by superstar Alexander Ovechkin? Or a football signed by the entire Montreal Alouettes team? How about hard to get official NHL, CFL or NFL sport jerseys and hats? Whether for your personal collection, or to make a great gift to a special sports fan, they can be yours courtesy of the St. Thomas à Becket Youth Raffle. Pick up your raffle tickets in the Church Hall after all masses this weekend. For more information call Deacon Francesco Giordano at (514) 626-4111 or email fgiordano@stthomasabecket.org

FANIA: The Helping Others Committee is inviting all parishioners to an important meeting to discuss the future of Becket's financial involvement with the FANIA. Please join us on **Mar 11, at 7:30 pm**, for a presentation. Discussion and question period will be followed by a vote.

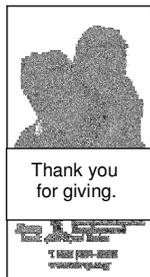
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY celebration will take place on **March 30th** at Mary Queen Of Peace Parish. Confession and Adoration will commence at 2:30 p.m. followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, the Way of the Cross, Divine Mercy in Song/prayer time and Mass at 5:00 p.m. The celebrant will be Fr. Roger Martineau. All are welcome! For more info. contact Sandra at 514-620-1646.

A HÉMA QUÉBEC BLOOD DONOR clinic sponsored by His Eminence Jean-Claude Cardinal Turcotte and Relais Mont-Royal will be held on Good Friday, **March 21, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** at Relais Mont Royal 500A, Mont-Royal Avenue East. *Give blood. Give life.*

AN INVITATION TO: "THE MARRIAGE COURSE" Looking for an



intimate and effective way to make your marriage stronger, healthier and last a lifetime? A new session of "The Marriage Course" is about to begin! This course is offered to any married couple who would like to enrich their marriage. You will learn how to make a good marriage even better, or give a struggling marriage the tools necessary to overcome the issues being faced. Why not take this opportunity to make your marriage the best it could be? Over the course of 7 evenings, in a warm and relaxing setting, you and your spouse can spend quality time discovering the essence of a healthy marriage, and privately discuss the topics covered each evening. There are absolutely no group discussions. The next session begins **April 2**, and will be held on **Wednesday nights at 7:15 pm**, in Kirkland. To register, or for more information, please call Nathalie or John, at 514-695-7896.



DURING LENT, the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace holds its annual appeal. (At Becket, we held our D&P collection last weekend.) We are invited to reflect on the plight of the millions of people, throughout the world, who suffer from hunger, thirst and desperate living conditions. The collection is a concrete gesture of generosity that demonstrates our solidarity with them. This gift to the impoverished is a way for us to "Share Lent". This outreach by D & P underlines the meaning of Lent. The purpose of Lent is to effect a conversion of

heart, drawing us closer to God and, thereby, closer to our brothers and sisters through justice and charity. Love God and love your neighbour. If we really take our Christian life seriously, we cannot separate one from the other. The parable of the Good Samaritan, found in Luke 10: 25-29, is still pertinent today.

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