

# Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 23, 2009



**Weekday Masses:**  
August 24, 7:15 pm  
Aug 25, 26, 27, 28: 8:30 am

**CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO FR. PAUL!** Fr. Paul has been assigned as Parish Assistant at St. Monica and St. Augustine of Canterbury, and Pastoral Animator at Concordia Multifaith Chaplaincy as of September 1, 2009. Thank you, Fr. Paul for sharing your time and talents with us at Becket. We wish you much joy and many blessings in your new ministries! We will invite Fr. Paul back to Becket for a farewell Mass and reception in early fall.

## FAITH FIRST



**LATE REGISTRATION 2009-2010:** Late registration continues for new and returning students. Please visit [www.stthomasabecket.org](http://www.stthomasabecket.org), call the Faith First office at 514-620-4057, or email [faithfirst@stthomasabecket.org](mailto:faithfirst@stthomasabecket.org).

**Newcomers:** please make sure to view the on-line Faith First program syllabus, which also provides the password that you will need to register.

If you prefer to register in person, you are welcome to our **in-person late registration on Wednesday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m.**

**PLEASE HELP US** spread the word that Catholic faith formation and sacramental preparation are no longer offered at local schools. Know a family who may be interested in our program? Please invite them to contact us!

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

(Choosing to Follow Christ)

Reading 1: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b (We Will Serve the Lord)

Reading II: Ephesians 5:21-32 (The Mystery of Christ and the Church)

Gospel: John 6:60-69 (The Words of Eternal Life)

**Adults:** What part of Jesus' message do I find hard to live?

**Children:** How do I feel when a classmate doesn't understand my religion?



**READY FOR FALL?** Don't forget to book your parish activities for 2009-2010! All parish groups, councils, committees, organizations, choirs, clubs, and ministry leaders are invited to come to the office to book your activities in the master schedule binder. Entries are later transferred to the parish web calendar. Please make sure to check your bookings on the parish web calendar at [www.stthomasabecket.org](http://www.stthomasabecket.org) in early autumn to ensure all your dates and times are correct. For parish hall (the big hall) bookings, please contact our hall rental warden, Norman Wight at 514-630-5602.

**AGAPE FAITH-SHARING/PRAYER GROUP** will be held every Thursday morning in Cahill Hall, beginning **September 10, 2009 and ending May 29, 2010**. Goodwill offering. Contact: Louise 514-630-6556.

**VOCATIONS REFLECTIONS:** *Lord, to whom should we go? You have heard the words of eternal life.* There is no where else to go. Follow Jesus, come what may. Diocesan Vocations Office: 514-925-4348.

**COME & SEE" EVENINGS** – For men 18-54 years old who may be discerning a call to the priesthood. The Diocesan Vocations Office is offering informal get-togethers from 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. @ St. Willibrord Parish (351 Willibrord Ave, Verdun – Metro Station Verdun). First gathering is on Friday, September 25 -begins with supper & recreation and is followed by prayer & a time of input, sharing & discussion on issues concerning priestly life & ministry. For info contact 514-925-4348 or vocationsmtl@hotmail.com

**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: AUGUST 22 TO AUGUST 30**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Aug 22</b>	<b>TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
4:30 pm	Gwendolyn Legisture-Gordon	Madeleine Obregon
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug 23</b>	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Coney & Joan D'Souza	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Aug 24</b>	
7:15 pm	Josephine Joseph	Glenda Pantin
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Aug 25</b>	
8:30 am	Alfonso Reda	Rina Reda
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Aug 26</b>	
8:30 am	Rita Lemieux-Shea	St. Francis & St. Clare Fraternity
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Aug 27</b>	
8:30 am	Debbie Patry	Gabriela Komel
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Aug 28</b>	
8:30 am	Lucilia Carvalho	Nelson & Griba Furtado
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Aug 29</b>	<b>TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
4:30 pm	Jozef Straszynski	Di Marco Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug 30</b>	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Helena, Dino& Emila Fusco	Romero Fusco

Readings for August 24 to August 28:

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Aug. 24</b>	Rv 21: 9b-14	Jn 1: 45-51
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Aug. 25</b>	1 Thes 2: 1-8	Mt 23: 23-26
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Aug. 26</b>	1 Thes 2: 9-13	Mt 23: 27-32
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Aug. 27</b>	1 Thes 3: 7-13	Mt 24: 42-51
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Aug. 28</b>	1 Thes 4: 1-8	Mt 25: 1-13

**BECKET HAPPENINGS AT A GLANCE**

Fri.	Sept. 04	First Friday Adoration	10:00am – midnight
Sat.	Sept. 05	Wedding: Katherine Hewitt to Robert Kopty	3:00 pm
Mon.	Sept. 07	Labour Day	
Sat.	Sept. 19	Faith First Book pick-up	5:30-6:30 pm
Sun.	Sept. 20	Faith First Book pick-up	10 to 11 am & 12 to 1 pm
Sat.	Sept. 26	Wedding: Christopher Fabes to Sabina Zabransky	2:30 pm

**SANCTUARY LAMP:** Week of August 23: Sally Tennyson requested by Jim and Sheena Hinch.



**BECKET PANTRY NEEDS:** regulation crib and mattress (less than 10 yrs old).

**MANY TURNED AWAY:** We may have thought that records of Jesus' public life would indicate a regular progression, one incredible step after another, until the grand finale. But that was not the case. Though Jesus spoke about God as no one had ever done, he preferred the company of small children, the marginalized and poor. He reached out to society's outcasts and shared the Good News with sinners and publicans. He cured the sick. He was a captivating preacher who expected a great deal from his followers. Perhaps because of this popularity, his adversaries, the scribes, Pharisees, and Roman authorities, looked for opportunities to discredit him.

But John's Gospel provides more details. He records what happened after the discussion about the Bread of Life. *Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him.* By "many of his disciples", John meant those who were part of Christ's immediate entourage and had followed him from the beginning of his ministry. Many of his original supporters turned away because in their eyes, Jesus had gone too far. The discussion about the bread of life revealed the profound intimacy between Jesus and God the Father. Though some of his disciples hoped he would overthrow the oppressive political regime and establish an earthly kingdom, Jesus spoke about eternal life and intimacy with God: *Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.* (Jn 6:57)

Some felt that statement was too difficult to accept and turned away. Only twelve remained. Would they also leave? Peter professed his faith and allegiance to Christ when he said: *You have the words of eternal life.*

We have our own choice to make: either we turn away from Christ or resolutely commit ourselves to our faith. What will we do?

**André Beauchamp**

*Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli*

**THE PADUA CENTER** invites you to a late summer event, from **Saturday August 22 to Wednesday August 26**, as they host **THE TIBETAN MONKS TOUR**: *Saturday 7 pm* - traditional monastic chants and concert; *Sunday 7:30 pm* - conférence d'introduction a la méditation (français); *Tuesday 7:30 pm* - conference on Tibetan Buddhist cosmology (English)

Also, the monks will be working on the construction of a mandala ...

*Sunday from 12:30 to 4:30 (opening ceremony at 12:30)*

*Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday from 10 am to 4:30 pm*

*Wednesday 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm* - Closing Ceremony

Suggested donations; chants and concert - \$20 conferences - \$10 mandala - \$5

For more information visit [www.padua.ca](http://www.padua.ca)

**BOWSER & BLUE – FUNDRAISER** Enjoy an evening of comedy and song **September 12, 7:30 pm** (doors open at 6:30 pm) at Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish Hall, 11775 Filion Street, Cartierville. Tickets: \$25 per person. Tables of 10 can be reserved – Please call 514-334-0531. All proceeds go towards the Tower / Windows restoration Campaign at Transfiguration. Cash bar available.

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**SEAMUS OPENED THE MORNING NEWSPAPER** and was dumbfounded to read in the obituary column that he had died. He quickly phoned his best friend, Finney.

"Did you see the paper?" asked Seamus. "They say I died!!"

"Yes, I saw it!" replied Finney. "Where are ye callin' from?"

**WHILE DRIVING IN PENNSYLVANIA**, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humour, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign... "Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."