

# The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## August 14, 2016




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### MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: AUGUST 13 TO AUGUST 21

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Aug. 13</b>	<b>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
4:30 pm	Eileen Jenkins	Betty & Andy Quinn
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug. 14</b>	
9:00 am	Antonio Di Grappa	Maria Caputo
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Aug. 15</b>	<b>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
8:30 am	Our Parishioners	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Aug. 16</b>	
8:30 am	Maria Kozlowski	Family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Aug. 17</b>	
8:30 am	Nestor Torres	Joan Hopkirk
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Aug. 18</b>	
8:30 am	Hywyn Furtado	Griba & Nelson Furtado & family
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Aug. 19</b>	
8:30 am	Anna & Lydia Stapor	Di Marco & Kozlowski families
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Aug. 20</b>	<b>Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
4:30 pm	Deceased members of the Marolly & Rodrigues families	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug. 21</b>	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Maria Manzo De Notaris	

### SANCTUARY LAMP

#### Week of:

Aug. 14: *Patricia Johnson*, requested by Mr. & Mrs. D. Tarricone

Aug. 21: *Rufina Pineda*, requested by her family.

**LORD GRANT MERCY AND LASTING** peace to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them:

*Eva Schanz*, mother of Harry Kuppek

*May Heald*, sister-in-law of Kathleen & Tom Heald

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS - JULY 24 TO AUG. 07

Offerings: July 24/25: \$ 4,301.00 Building Fund: \$ 1,547.00

July 30/31: \$ 4,100.00

Aug 06/07: \$ 4,100.00

Upcoming special collection: August 28: Building Fund

## 50<sup>TH</sup> JUBILEE NEWS

**50<sup>TH</sup> JUBILEE SUMMER BBQ** hosted by the Becket Social Club. **Sunday August 28 after the 11 am Mass.** Burgers, Hot Dogs, Games, 50/50. Tickets \$5.00/person. Children 3 and under free. For tickets or more info call Rina @ 514-915-7586



**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DINNER GALA.** Friday October 14, 6:30 pm. Olympia Reception Hall (boul. St. Jean) Tickets \$70.00/person. For more information or to purchase tickets please call Rina @ 514-915-7586 or [50th@becket.ca](mailto:50th@becket.ca)

## FAITH FIRST NEWS

Late registration is still open until September for the 2016-2017 year.  
**NEW Families:** If your child is entering grade one this fall (or in any grade up to Sec. III) and you would like them to receive religious education as well as prepare for their sacraments, please go to our website for more information and to register online: [becket.ca](http://becket.ca) --> Faith First--> Program Info

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

**Reading I: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 (The Rescue of Jeremiah)**  
**Reading II: Hebrews 12:1-4 (Persevere in Running the Race)**  
**Luke 12: 49-53 (Peace or Division)**

**Adult:** When has your taking a strong stand on a moral issue created division rather than healing in the short term?

**Youth:** As a result of Jesus' work on earth, people are either running from Him or to Him, creating divisions between people. Would you run towards Jesus at any cost?

**Child:** Is it important to do the right thing even if others are angry as a result? Why or why not?

**BECKET PANTRY NEEDS:** Tinned fruits, and vegetables (green/yellow beans), stew, salmon, Prem/Kam, rice, tomatoes, tomato sauce, tomato paste, tomato juice, KD tea jam, jello pudding, juice, shampoo, toilet paper, dish soap, laundry detergent. Thank you very much for your continued support!

## PASTORAL HOME CARE BASIC FORMATION

**Upcoming sessions for new volunteers.** Wednesdays (10 sessions) beginning September 28 – November 02. Day time or evening depending on the need of participants. Location TBD (West Island), stay tuned.

**PHC Visitors retreat** - "The Awakening Call" with Irene Miller. \$10.00 includes lunch and snacks. Friday September 23, 9 am - 3 pm St John Fisher Parish

For more information contact: Ailsa Lee Loy (PHC Coordinator St. Thomas à Becket) 514-626-7265 or [ailsaleeloy@gmail.com](mailto:ailsaleeloy@gmail.com)

**CLEANING BEE FOR THE PARISH HALL AND KITCHEN, Wednesday August 17, 9 am.** Help clean out the Parish Hall. Bring your buckets and brooms! Lunch will be provided for the volunteers. Please confirm with Rina 514-915-7586 or signup in the Narthex

**THE ST. THOMAS à BECKET BOWLING LEAGUE** is looking for bowlers. We bowl Friday nights from September until May at 7 p.m. We are a fun group and if you would like to join us you can call Trudy McKinnon at 438-257-1033.

**CATHOLIC WIDOW/ WIDOWER SUPPORT GROUP:** A new group will begin meeting this fall to provide support and connection to those who have lost a spouse. Drawing from our Catholic tradition, this group will offer a chance to reflect, share and connect with others who have experienced similar loss. An initial meeting for those interested will be held Wednesday, Sept. 07, at 9:30 a.m. (after 9:00 Mass) at St John Fisher Parish 120 Summerhill Ave. Pointe Claire. A light breakfast will be served. Come and share your needs and vision as this group takes shape! Contact: Anne Parsons at 514-457-2183



### **VITAL PARTICIPATION IN MERCY**

Mercy appears as a great mystery in today's world. Friends may encourage us to turn the other cheek, let it go, get over it, and move on. They tempt us with their simplicity. They trap us in their utterance, "heal thyself" (cf. Lk 4:23). Weak and imperfect ourselves, we lack the power to conjure this hollow "mercy," and thus fail to receive healing and restoration. Mercy is not magic. Mercy is hard work, especially the command, "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (Lk 6:36) It is easier to describe mercy in the abstract, but it is challenging to practice at school, at work, and in our lives. Mercy can be even harder to practice in our own homes. People hurt us and those we love. And when they do, I do not like them. I can be tempted to hate them. I may give in to that temptation. The pain is terrible and real. Yet Jesus teaches us, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us" (cf. Mt 6:12). God help me to live these impossible words!

Jesus offers a path of restoration. His mercy is not hollow. He plumbs the depth of our hearts, directly touching the great suffering and pain that we carry. He loves us. He forgives us. But first he heals us. Mercy, to be full, flows not from a self-generated willing but from what the Catechism calls "vital participation" (CCC 2842). God does not command from us what he does not first give to us. He invites us into an intimate movement of grace and mercy: he is the Teacher, he is the Healer, he is the Way. The words of the Our Father strengthen and heal not because they sound nice or I can repeat them back to Jesus. They strengthen and heal because they proclaim my identity: a beloved son of the Father. They draw me to the encounter with Jesus. I meet him on the cross. I meet him in the sacraments. I meet him in confession. I know how to forgive because I have been forgiven. How quickly then, when I am wronged, do I return to my Lord? I pray, "Jesus, this hurt done to me, how often do I inflict hurt upon you. Yet, you never abandon or hate. You love me and call me repeatedly back into your merciful embrace." Above our altars hangs an enormous crucifix. From that cross, Jesus declares that nothing—no shame, no suffering, no sin—is greater than his mercy and love. His love is bigger than our biggest sin. His offer to heal is greater than the greatest wound inflicted. My transformation overflows from the merciful words and embrace of my Savior. I forgive not from my strength but from his. He makes me new. My Savior and my Teacher sends me forth, confident, healed, and unafraid, a missionary of his mercy

*~ Father Eric Cadin*