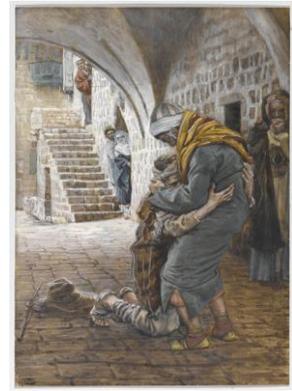


Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sept. 11, 2016



NB Monday evening Mass has resumed as of September 04

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: SEPT. 10 TO SEPT. 18

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Saturday	Sept. 10	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
4:30 pm	Vittorio Nudo		Rosalba Nudo
Sunday	Sept. 11		
9:00 am	Antontio Caputo		Maria Caputo
11:00 am	Our Parishioners		
Monday	Sept. 12		
8:30 am	Stanislav Kostec		The Matjic family
7:15 pm	Raul Coutinho		Atwell D'Souza & family
Tuesday	Sept. 13		
8:30 am	Al & Jean Saldanha (L)		Juliette Coelho
Wednesday	Sept. 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	
8:30 am	Neville Lyall & family (L)		The Coelho family
Thursday	Sept. 15		
8:30 am	Matthew Michl		Kathy Tobin
Friday	Sept. 16		
8:30 am	Mark Julius Coelho		Pat & Donny
Saturday	Sept. 17	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
4:30 pm	Our Parishioners		
Sunday	Sept. 18		
9:00 am	Enrico Insogna		his wife
11:00 am	Josephine Tapia		Mike Shaw

SANCTUARY LAMP

Week of:

Sept. 11: *Vittorio Nudo*, requested by Rosalba Nudo

Sept. 18: *Halina & Richard Jakimowicz*, Irene & family

CONTRIBUTIONS for September 03/04 will be published in the next bulletin.

THE CATHOLIC FAITH ALIVE ("RCIA") The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults begins on **Wednesday, October 12 at 7 pm.**

Learn what we believe as Catholics and why. For all who want to deepen their faith, especially those thinking of becoming Catholic or who are not yet Confirmed. Join Fr. Peter Sabbath and Fr. Tijo George and their team and learn in an open atmosphere of discussion, prayer and friendship. No charge, no obligation. Contact Fr. Peter at (514) 626-4111 or at psabbath@gmail.com



AN INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE: The Bible contains God's message, or word, for us today. How does God speak and act through scripture? Come learn about the many books of the bible with **Fr. Tijo** on **Tuesday Sept. 13, 20, 27 and Oct. 4 at 7:30 pm** in Cahill Hall. All welcome.

50th 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

WELCOME FR. MICHAEL LECLERC!

Fr. Michael will be celebrating Mass and preaching at Becket on **September 24, at the 4:30 pm Mass** and also at the **9:00 and 11:00 am Masses on Sunday, September 25.**



MANY FACES OF BECKET: Deadline to submit your pictures and forms is Sept. 15. Go to www.becket.ca/faces.php or drop off your photos/paper forms in the box in the narthex. For those who had professional pics taken for the 50th album, you will need to submit a copy of your pic to be included in this project. Don't procrastinate, participate now!

FAITH FIRST NEWS

Registration for 2016-2017 is now closed. Thank you to all who registered!

Dates to Remember

First Communion Info Meeting for parents with children celebrating in spring 2017 (second year): **Tuesday, Sept. 20, 7pm-8pm**, in the Church

Confirmation Info Meeting for parents with children celebrating in spring 2017. **Tuesday, Sept. 20, 8pm-9pm**, in the Church

New Families Orientation Parent Meeting **Thursday, Sept. 22, 7:00pm**, in the Church Hall

A big welcome to all our new families as well as to all returning students. We look forward to seeing all of you soon!

~ *Elena & Karen*

BECKET PANTRY NEEDS: Tinned fruits, and vegetables (green/yellow beans, creamed corn), stew, salmon, ham, chicken turkey, Prem/Kam, rice, rice mix, tomatoes, tomato sauce, tomato paste, tomato juice, KD, jam, jello pudding, juice, coffee, tea, peanut butter, crackers, cookies, shampoo, toilet paper, dish soap, laundry detergent. Thank you very much for your continued support!

Special request: Baby items for newborn (due in November) and maternity clothes; school supplies for a needy family with five school-aged children. Monetary donations accepted.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adults: Who in your community would be accused of “welcoming sinners and eating with them?” What kind of relationship do you have with these people?

Youth: According to the parable of the Prodigal Son, what kind of people does God not love?

Children: How did I feel when I lost something for a time and then found it?

LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL will be hosting an Open House for all prospective students on **Saturday, September 17, from 9:00 am until noon.** If you are interested in a Catholic education for your son, come and meet the students, teachers and administrators who make up the Loyola family. Tour our school, learn about our sports teams, explore the labs, fine arts, and robotics facilities. Financial aid is available to students who qualify. To learn more, please visit www.loyola.ca/admissions

THE ANGELS OF MERCY is a parish organization which operates from November to May providing a healthy meal and warm clothing to the homeless people of Montreal. We are in need of a bookkeeper, a treasurer and an assistant to the Director. These are not time consuming positions. Please consider becoming a part of this wonderful ministry and joining us in making a difference in the lives of our homeless brothers and sisters, by being the hands and feet of Jesus. Catherine Lemieux 514-684-1606 or Christine Agombar 514-626-8611. We look forward to welcoming you on board!

THE MARRIAGE COURSE: The marriage course is designed for any couple who wants to invest in their relationship, whether they have been together for 1 or 61 years, and whether they feel they have a strong marriage or are struggling. Over the course of seven evenings, in a welcoming and relaxing home setting, spend some quality time together discovering the essence of a healthy marriage. Conversations are strictly private between couples, and there are absolutely no group discussions. Think of it as a “date night” with your spouse! The next course will be held in the West Island, on Wednesday nights at 7:15 pm, starting on **September 28 and ending November 16**. The cost is \$70 per couple, including materials. To register, or for more information, please call Nathalie or John Bondyra at 514-695-7896, or email at kahndyra@sympatico.ca.



WHAT IS HOLY WATER? Traditionally, we have placed fonts of holy water near the entrances of our Churches. This placement and usage corresponds actually to Old Testament Jewish practices of purification: The Book of Leviticus pre-scribed various ritual purifications using water to remove the "uncleanness" associated, for instance, with coming into contact with a dead body, menstruation, childbirth, or leprosy (cf. Lv 12-15). A person also purified himself with water before entering the Temple precincts, offering prayer and sacrifice, and eating. For this reason, in the Courtyard of the Priests (the area before the actual Temple

building) was the Laver, an immense bronze basin filled with water. Here the priests purified their hands and feet before offering sacrifices at the nearby altar, bathed before entering the Temple itself, and also drew water for other purifications prescribed in Jewish rituals.

We too have fonts filled with holy water for blessings for three reasons: as a sign of repentance of sin, for protection from evil, and as a reminder of our Baptism. The repentance of sin symbolized in the washing with water is reflected in Psalm 50: "Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me. Cleanse me of sin with hyssop that I may be purified; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow" (3-4, 9). (Hyssop is a small bush used for sprinkling water). Remember too how St. John the Baptizer called all to conversion and used a ritual washing of water to signify the repentance of sin and purification.

Second, the holy water protects us against evil. In the prayer of blessing of water in the Sacramentary, we read: "Lord, God Almighty, creator of all life, of body and soul, we ask you to bless this water: as we use it in faith forgive our sins and save us from all illness and the power of evil. Lord, in your mercy give us living water, always springing up as a fountain of salvation; free us, body and soul, from every danger, and admit us to your presence in purity of heart."

Finally, holy water reminds us of our Baptism, when by the invocation of the Holy Trinity and the pouring of holy water, we were set free from original sin and all sin, infused with sanctifying grace, incorporated into the Church, and given the title Son or Daughter of God. In making the sign of the cross with the holy water, we are mindful that we are called to renew those baptismal promises of rejecting Satan, all His works, and all his empty promises, and to profess our credal faith. Once again, we repent of sin, so that we can offer our prayers and wor--ship to God with pure and contrite hearts. Just as water and blood flowed from the Sacred Heart of our Lord as He hung upon the cross — signifying the great sacraments of baptism and holy Eucharist, the taking of holy water and making the sign of the cross remind us of our baptism in preparation for the reception of the holy Eucharist.

~ Father William Saunders

Many people keep small amounts of holy water in their homes, even to bless themselves as they enter and leave, which is a praiseworthy tradition. Holy water however, is not for drinking.