

The Transfiguration of the Lord August 06, 2017



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: AUGUST 5 TO AUGUST 13

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Saturday	Aug. 5		
4:30 pm		Aldo & Vittoria Zanetti	Peter & Bernice Zanetti
Sunday	Aug. 6		
9:00 am		Our Parishioners	
11:00 am		Nancy Morena	Norma Chinelli
Monday	Aug. 7		
8:30 am		Albanese family	
Tuesday	Aug. 8		
8:30 am		Max Fernandes	Mr. & Mrs. Braganza
Wednesday	Aug. 9		
8:30 am		Elizabeth Connolly	Kathleen Rush
Thursday	Aug. 10	St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr	
8:30 am		Rosa Segreti	John & Maria Bastone
Friday	Aug. 11		
8:30 am		James Noroha	Colin & Florie Noronha
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Saturday	Aug. 12		
4:30 pm		Dean Stock	Bill & Maureen Kelly
Sunday	Aug. 13		
9:00 am		Agnes & Norman Wight (L)	Marjorie
11:00 am		Our Parishioners	

SANCTUARY LAMP:

Week of:

Aug. 06: Santo Anania, requested by Lucia Anania & family

Aug 13: TBA

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

Offering amounts for June 25 to August 06 will be published in the bulletin of August 13.

Upcoming special collection: **July 09** – Helping Others

July 30 – Building Fund

August 13 Religious Education

POPE FRANCIS ON THE TRANSFIGURATION



St. Mathew tells us that Jesus “took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart”. The mountain in the Bible represents a place close to God and an intimate encounter with

Him, a place of prayer where one stands in the presence of the Lord. There up on the mount, Jesus is revealed to the three disciples as transfigured, luminescent and most beautiful. And then Moses and Elijah appear and converse with Him. His face is so resplendent and his robes so white that Peter, awe-struck, wishes to stay there, as if to stop time. Suddenly from on high the voice of the Father resounds proclaiming Jesus to be his most beloved Son, saying “listen to him” (v. 5). This word is important! Our Father said this to these Apostles, and says it to us as well: “listen to Jesus, because he is my beloved Son”. This week let us keep this word in our minds and in our hearts: “listen to Jesus!”. And the Pope is not saying this, God the Father says it to everyone: to me, to you, to everyone, all people! Don’t forget.

This invitation from the Father is very important. We, the disciples of Jesus, are called to be people who listen to his voice and take his words seriously. To listen to Jesus, we must be close to him, to follow him, like the crowd in the Gospel who chase him through the streets of Palestine. Jesus did not have a teaching post or a fixed pulpit, he was an itinerant teacher, who proposed his teachings, teachings given to him by the Father, along the streets, covering distances that were not always predictable or easy. Follow Jesus in order to listen to him. But also let us listen to Jesus in his written Word, in the Gospel.

From the event of the Transfiguration I would like to take two significant elements that can be summed up in two words: ascent and descent. We all need to go apart, to ascend the mountain in a space of silence, to find ourselves and better perceive the voice of the Lord. This we do in prayer. But we cannot stay there! Encounter with God in prayer inspires us anew to “descend the mountain” and return to the plain where we meet many brothers weighed down by fatigue, sickness, injustice, ignorance, poverty both material and spiritual. To these brothers in difficulty, we are called to bear the fruit of that experience with God, by sharing the grace we have received. And this is curious. When we hear the Word of Jesus, when we listen to the Word of Jesus and carry it in our heart, this Word grows. Do you know how it grows? By giving it to the other! The Word of Christ grows in us when we proclaim it, when we give it to others! And this is what Christian life is. It is a mission for the whole Church, for all the baptized, for us all: listen to Jesus and offer him to others. Do not forget: this week listen to Jesus!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"The saints have not "fallen from heaven." ...They are men like us, with complicated problems. Holiness does not consist in not making mistakes or never sinning. Holiness grows with the capacity for conversion, repentance, willingness to begin again, and above all with the capacity for reconciliation and forgiveness."

~ *Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI*

BECKET PANTRY NEEDS: Urgently needed: clothing for 6 year-old twin boys and 2yr old boy (size 3-4). Crib, double stroller, high chair, infant clothing, Thank you very much for your on-going support!

FAITH FIRST NEWS

Has your child started school? Please note that Faith Formation and sacramental preparation are no longer offered in public schools in Quebec.

Registration for our catechetical and sacramental preparation (First Communion and Confirmation) program is available all summer for NEW and returning families for the 2017-2018 year at www.becket.ca

Questions? Contact us at faithfirst@becket.ca

MARRIAGES AT BECKET JANUARY TO JUNE 2017

Julien Benoit Leger to Laura Geneviève Gareau – May 27, 2017

Joseph Giovanni Dolce to Cloé-Marion Lapointe – June 17, 2017

Congratulations to our couples. We thank you for being such wonderful signs of God's love in the world, and we wish you friendship, love, peace, and joy for the future.

PASTORAL HOME CARE VISITORS - LISTENERS WANTED!

Are you a good listener with a concern for those who are ill, isolated or elderly? We are currently looking for volunteers who can give of their time

(1 hour a week) to visit those who are unable to connect to the community due to immobility or illness. Visits would take place in the person's home or senior's residence and can be arranged according to your own schedule. Formation will be provided through six Monday evening formation sessions beginning **September 18 through October 30** from 6:30pm-9:00pm. Basic skills of listening and spiritual accompaniment will be explored. If interested, please contact Cathie Macaulay at 514-925-4354; cmacaulay@diocesemontreal.org.

WHAT IS A VACATION?



Father Raniero Cantalamessa, tells us that “God's teaching about the need for rest is a gift given to man to discover something. The word 'repose' ... means to make a pause and lay aside our normal activities that prevent us from seeing clearly the meaning of life.

In Genesis, we read that ‘On the seventh day, God rested.’ Obviously, he did not need to, but we are in need of his teaching in regard to the need to rest. ‘Vacation’ means to abstain from normal activities to concentrate on something different. Vacation is the complete opposite of escape; it

does not mean to alienate oneself, to distract oneself. What vacation does mean, in itself, is to concentrate on something, to abstain from other activities to concentrate on the essential. ... So vacations should be, in the course of the year, precisely those days in which, through the contemplation of nature, of the reading of the Word of God, one enters into oneself, to touch base again with the profound motivations of one's life.

‘Holidays,’ means ‘holy days,’ days that must be dedicated to holiness. It is not that vacations should not also be a time to have fun, to relax, but they are a gift made to man to discover something; it is not a time to waste, to burn, but rather a time to be valued to the utmost.”