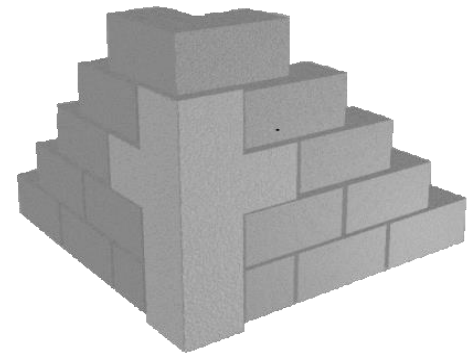


*Twenty-seventh
Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

October 8, 2017



Happy 51st anniversary St. Thomas à Becket for October 11th

Thank you to all those, who by their generosity and sacrifice over the last 51 years, have made Becket a truly vibrant Christian community!

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: OCT. 7 TO OCT. 15

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Saturday	Oct. 7 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in ordinary Time	
4:30 pm	In thanksgiving	Clayton & Maureen
Sunday	Oct. 8	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Rosalba Caputo	Her mom and family
Monday	Oct. 9	
8:30 am	Nina Kojoian	Dina & Remi Perron
Tuesday	Oct. 10	
8:30 am	Kay & Joe Gitto	Annemarie & Gilbert Laurin
Wednesday	Oct. 11	
8:30 am	Johnny Tilli	His sister Mary
Thursday	Oct. 12	
8:30 am	Jackie Scimone	Claudine
Friday	Oct. 13	
8:30 am	Conjetta Tilli	Estate
Saturday	Oct. 14 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
4:30 pm	Janina Szczyglowska	The Kunz family
Sunday	Oct. 15	
9:00	Desmond Marolly	Clayton and Maureen
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	

SANCTUARY LAMP:

Week of:

October 8: For the sick of the parish.

October 15: Mary Carroll, requested by her family.

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

MARY MONTGOMERY, cousin of Mary Foggo

CLAIRE BORRELLI, wife of Lou Borrelli, mother of Teresa and Rosemary.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

Offerings for Sept.30/Oct. 1 will be published in the bulletin of October 15.

Upcoming special collection: **October 15 – Evangelization of the Nations**



GRATITUDE IS THE HEART'S MEMORY: A THANKSGIVING REFLECTION

The celebration of Thanksgiving in Canada makes an interesting counterpoint to the holiday celebrated by our American neighbours. While Americans remember the Pilgrims settling in the New World, Canadians give thanks for a successful harvest. At the heart of our Thanksgiving celebration is the idea of giving thanks for the goodness of the season past. And yet how often do we simply give thanks to God for who we are and what we have when things are going well in our lives?

Thankfulness is much more than saying "Thank you" because we have to. Thankfulness is a way to experience the world, a way to perceive, a way to be surprised. Thankfulness is having open eyes and a short distance between the eyes and the heart.

In the New Testament, so much of Jesus' ministry took place at table. So many meals punctuate the New Testament – meals with Levi and his friends, meals with Simon the Pharisee, meals with crowds on the hillsides, meals with disciples, the ideal meals described in his parables. You can eat your way through the gospels! It is ultimately during the final meal that Jesus leaves us with his most precious gift in the Eucharist.

What are the features and qualities of grateful people?

Remembrance is the most precious feature of the virtue of gratitude. One of the most important qualities is the ability to say "thank you" to others and to take no one and nothing for granted. Those who possess the virtue of gratitude are truly rich. They not only know they have been blessed, but they continuously remember that all good things come from God.

To acknowledge others, to say thank you, is a mark of greatness. If our colleagues and volunteers are dispirited and unmotivated, might it have something to do with the fact that we have never expressed our gratitude to them for who they are and what they do? The courage to thank – that is, the courage to see the gifts and experiences of this world all together as a gift – changes not only the person who gains this insight. It also changes the environment, the world, and those who surround that person.

Gratitude is creative. People bound together by gratitude are always discovering and awakening abundant sources of strength. The more thankful a person is, the richer he or she is within. Thankful people store up in their grateful memory all the good experiences of the past, just as the French proverb states: "Gratitude is the heart's memory."

Happy Thanksgiving and bon appetit!

~ Fr. Thomas Rosica CSB, CEO, Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation

A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Loving God, who created and sustains the universe, who loved us all into being, and who gives us every good thing,

we thank you for the blessings that you bring into our lives.

We thank you for the gift of life itself, which you gave us in our mothers' wombs.

We thank you for the fresh start of each new day, which is a sign of your renewing and creative love.

And we thank you for our friends, our families, our neighbours and our coworkers, whose human love is an image of your divine care.

Increase our gratitude this Thanksgiving Day, and help us to recognize all the good things that we have, both large and small.

And magnify our desire to share what we have with others, so that they too may be grateful to you, Loving God. Amen

FAITH FIRST NEWS

Confirmation Gathering #1 Tuesday, October 10

Level 1/2 (SP3) Gathering #1 Friday, October 13

Level 3 (SP3, SP4) Gathering #1 Thursday, October 19

CWL ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR Sat.Oct.21 (10am-6pm) and Sun. Oct.22 (9am-1pm) in the church hall. Jewelry, paintings, Christmas decorations & gifts, photography, knitting, cards, homemade hot sauce, organic honey, bake sale, raffles and draws, lunch café. Proceeds of the event allocated to CWL charities.

BECKET SOCIAL CLUB will be celebrating milestone birthdays for several of our members on Saturday, October 14 with a potluck – BYOB supper in the parish hall. If you would like to join us please RSVP Rina 514-915-7586. All are Welcome!

ATTENTION TEENS AND PARENTS!! If you haven't heard of NET Canada you want to read this! NET is a team of young adults traveling across Canada spreading their love for Christ to the youth across Canada. Their Mission is "To Challenge young Catholics to love Christ and Embrace the Life of the Church". A NET team is coming to St. Luke's Parish in DDO on Saturday, November 18 from 6:30-9:00pm. This is a free event for YOUTH aged 11-17. Teens will relate to young adults who will entertain, inspire and excite your kids about Christ and our church! For more information visit NET Canada's website at www.netcanada.ca To register your child for this event please contact Lauren Cooper at lcoopergraham@gmail.com or Cathy Cerisano at cathcerisano@hotmail.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: If you are craftsman – word-working, plumbing, painting etc, and you would like to donate your time to the parish, please contact the parish office.

CONSECRATION OF MARY QUEEN OF THE WORLD CATHEDRAL Friday, October 13 – at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral, 7:30 pm

Following the official celebrations held earlier this year with representatives of the city of Montreal and of various levels of government, Archbishop Lépine invites the People of God – everyone – to mark the 375th Anniversary of the founding of Montreal, Ville Marie, with a solemn celebration of the consecration of the Cathedral on the 100th anniversary of the last apparition of Our Lady of Fatima to the children: Saints Jacinta and Francisco and Servant of God Lucia

THE MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE: Come learn more about yourselves as a couple and how to lay the foundation for a loving marriage that will last a lifetime! The course will be held over five Wednesday evenings, starting **October 18**, in a welcoming home setting in Kirkland. Absolutely no group sharing; all discussions remain completely private between you and your partner. Nathalie or John Bondyra at 514-695-7896, or email at kahndyra@sympatico.ca

THE MARRIAGE COURSE: A course designed for any couple wanting to invest in their relationship, whether already great or perhaps struggling. Over seven weekly evenings, in a relaxing home setting in Kirkland, spend some quality time as a couple, discovering the essence of a lifelong & loving marriage! There are no group discussions. The next course will be held in Kirkland, on Thursday evenings at 7:15 p.m., starting October 19. Think of it as a “date night”! Nathalie or John Bondyra at 514-695-7896, or email at kahndyra@sympatico.ca