



**Fourth  
Sunday  
of Advent**

**December 23,  
2018**



**The Holy  
Family of  
Jesus Mary  
and Joseph**

**December 31,  
2018**

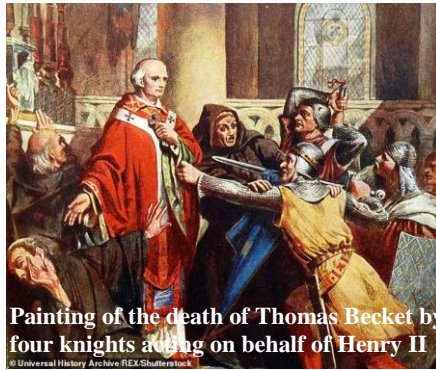
**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 22 TO JANUARY 6**

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 22</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	
4:30 pm	Mary White		Marie Foggo
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 23</b>		
9:00 am	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am	Mark Julius Coelho & deceased members of the Coelho & Menezes families		Pat & Donny Coelho
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec. 24</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	
4:00 pm	Susan De Souza		Eddie De Souza
4:00 pm (Hall)	Kathleen & John Ray		The Ray Sisters
6:00 pm	Terry & Gary Hayes		Claire & family
8:00 pm	Yvonne Brisbois		Family
10:00 pm	Domenico Mancini		Nicole & family
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec. 25</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>	
10:00 am	Our Parishioners		
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec. 26</b>	<b>St. Stephen, First Martyr</b>	
8:30 am	Mary & Billy Adjey		The Ray Sisters
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec. 27</b>		
8:30 am	Mary Whyte		Mary & Guy Taillon
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dec. 28</b>	<b>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</b>	
8:30 am	Mary Whyte		Doreen Kojioian
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 29</b>	<b>St. Thomas à Becket, Bishop and Martyr</b>	
11:00 am	Peter Nwaebini		Becket Parish
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 30</b>	<b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b>	
4:30 pm	In thanksgiving for Becket Prayer Group		Clayton & Maureen Marolly & family
<b>Sunday</b>			
9:00 am	George Cook		St. Thomas à Becket Fabrique
11:00 am	Our Parishioners		
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec. 31</b>	<b>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</b>	
4:30 pm	Zenon and Edna Soares		The Canorient Association
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Jan. 1</b>		
10:00 am	Our Parishioners		
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Jan. 2</b>		
8:30 am	Joanne Brues		Peggy & Gerry Maciuk
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Jan. 3</b>		
8:30 am	Peter Dwyer		Mary & Guy Taillon
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Jan. 4</b>		
8:30 am	Edna Soares		Atwell D'Souza & family
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan. 5</b>	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b>	
4:30 pm	Connie Powers		Atwell D'Souza & family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan. 6</b>		
9:00 am	Mabel Oliveira		The Family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners		



## ST. THOMAS à BECKET (Feast Day - December 29)



Painting of the death of Thomas Becket by four knights acting on behalf of Henry II

Pilgrims flocked from far and wide to the site before it was destroyed in 1538 by Henry VIII. The Vatican and the Church of England have been discussing how to mark Becket's anniversaries for some time. The archives of the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome show that the tunic has been kept there since 1485.

Canterbury Cathedral will host a series of celebrations in 2020 to mark the anniversaries, including a major church service, jointly held by Catholics and Anglicans, and an exhibition of artifacts linked to Becket.

Becket has been a figure of interest since his murder. His story inspired Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*, and in the 20<sup>th</sup> century he was the subject of T.S. Eliot's verse drama *Murder in the Cathedral*.

His life also inspired another play, by French playwright Jean Anouilh that was made into *Becket*, the 1964 film starring Richard Burton as Thomas Becket and Peter O'Toole as Henry II.

According to John Butler, author of 1995 book *The Quest for Becket's Bones: the Mystery of the Relics of St Thomas Becket*, a reliquary, or casket for holding a sacred object, was opened at Santa Maria Maggiore in 1992.

It was said to contain Becket's tunic sprinkled with his blood. Scientists from Munich University confirmed that it was most probably authentic.

Jane Walker, spokeswoman for Canterbury Cathedral, said: 'We are at the planning stage for our 2020 commemoration of Becket. It's very exciting if the tunic comes from Rome.'

Thomas Becket was a 12<sup>th</sup> century chancellor and archbishop of Canterbury whose murder resulted in his canonisation. He was born in around 1120, the son of a prosperous London merchant. He was well educated and quickly became an agent to Theobald, Archbishop of Canterbury, who sent him on several missions to Rome. Becket's talents were noticed by Henry II, who made him his chancellor and the two became close friends. When Theobald died in 1161, Henry made Becket archbishop. Becket transformed himself from a pleasure-loving courtier into a serious, simply-dressed cleric.

The king and his archbishop's friendship was put under strain when it became clear that Becket would now stand up for the church in its disagreements with the king. In 1164, realising the extent of Henry's displeasure, Becket fled into exile in France, and remained in exile for several years. He returned in 1170. On the 29 December 1170, four knights, believing the king wanted Becket out of the way, confronted and murdered Becket in Canterbury Cathedral. Becket was canonized in 1173 and his shrine in Canterbury Cathedral became an important focus for pilgrimage.

~ Leigh McManus

### TO ALL FAITH FIRST FAMILIES

May the blessings of Christmas be with you,  
May the Christ Child light your way,  
May God's holy angels guide you,  
And keep you safe each day.  
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

~ Elena & Karen

### LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO ON NEW YEAR'S EVE?

Usher in the New Year with family and friends at Becket's Annual New Year's Eve Dance: Dec. 31, at 9:00 pm. 13 yrs & older. \$20/pp. BYOBeverage. Rina 514-915-7586 or Guy 514-887-4898.