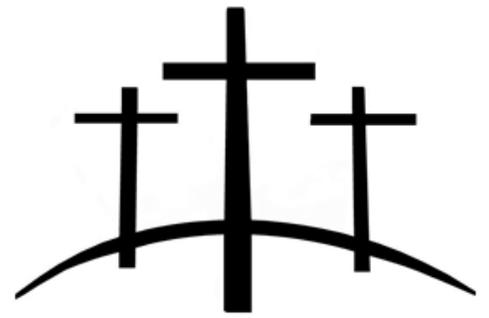


Twenty-Third
 Sunday in
 Ordinary Time
 September 8, 2019



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

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Saturday	Sept 7	
4:30 pm	Judith Johnson	Brenda Fitzpatrick
Sunday	Sept 8	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	Vittorio Nudo	Rosalba Nudo
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	
Monday	Sept 9	
8:30 am	Ginetta Mastracchio	Maria Mastracchio
Tuesday	Sept 10	
8:30 am	Ramón Santiesteban Martinez	Van Lierop family
Wednesday	Sept 11	
8:30 am	German Cabatic	The family
Thursday	Sept 12	
8:30 am	Margaret Million	Becket CWL
Friday	Sept 13	
8:30 am	Alex Della Rocca	Rosemarie & daughters
Saturday	Sept 14	Exultation of the Holy Cross
11:00 am	For the sick of our parish	
4:30 pm	Judith Johnson	Stacy Bayer
Sunday	Sept 15	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Domenico Sabatucci	Sabatucci Family

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

Sept 8: Vittorio Nudo, requested by Rosalba Nudo

Sept 15: Domenico Di Filippo, requested by Mike & family

LORD GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: *Baldomera Ambayec*, mother of Dominador Ambayec, *Dina Barone Pupo*, aunt of Rosemarie Barone, *Luigi Vacante*, friend of Antonietta & Salvatore Pulizzi.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

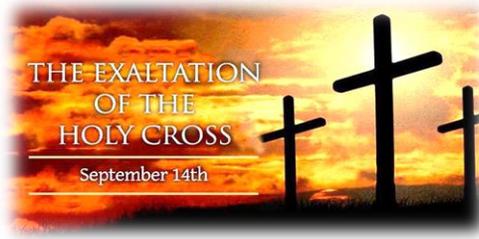
Aug 31/Sept 1 - Offerings: \$ 4,955.65

Next special collection: September 22 – Building Maintenance Fund

THE CATHOLIC FAITH ALIVE: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (“RCIA”) will begin in October. 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 team members, 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

HEALING RETREAT Conducted by Fr. Jose Vettiyanal, V.C., eminent evangelist, exorcist and international preacher since 1988. He is the Director of Logos Retreat Centre, Bangalore, India. October 4-6 at St. Thomas à Becket. For more information, see “Bulletins” page at www.becket.ca or call Benny at (514) 295-3861). Register online before September 30 at: <https://HealingRetreatMTL.herokuapp.com>

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS: SEPTEMBER 14



The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14 celebrates two historical events: the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, in 320 under the temple of Venus in Jerusalem, and the dedication in 335 of the basilica and shrine built on Calvary by Constantine, which mark the site of

the Crucifixion. The basilica, named the Martyrium, and the shrine, named the Calvarium, were destroyed by the Persians in 614. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which now stands on the site, was built by the crusaders in 1149. However the feast, more than anything else, is a celebration and commemoration of God's greatest work: his salvific death on the Cross and His Resurrection, through which death was defeated and the doors to Heaven opened.

The entrance antiphon for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is:

"We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection: through whom we are saved and delivered."

There will be a Mass to celebrate this feast on Saturday, September 14, at 11:00.

2019-2020 FAITH FIRST YEAR

Online Registration will be available for new and returning families (grades one and up) until September 11. Please go to www.becket.ca for more info.

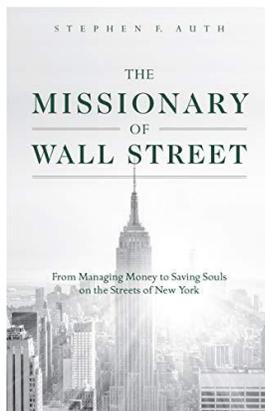
Book Pick-up: ONE WEEKEND ONLY - in Cahill Hall – enter by the office svp Saturday, Sept. 14 from 1pm-4:30pm & Sunday, Sept. 15 from 8:30am-12:30pm (before and after Masses only).

First Communion Info Meeting for parents with children celebrating in spring 2020 (second year): Tuesday, Sept. 24 from 7pm-8pm - meet in the Church.

Confirmation Info Meeting for parents with children celebrating in spring 2020: Tuesday, Sept. 24 from 8pm-9pm – meet in the Church – meet in the big hall.

A warm welcome to all our new families and a big welcome BACK to all returning.

WORTHWHILE READING



The Missionary of Wall Street: From Managing Money to Saving Souls on the Streets of New York by Stephen Auth.

Auth reveals that the toughness and humanity that allowed him to be a Wall Street star also allowed him to try to save souls on the mean streets of New York. A story told with both candor and tenderness, *The Missionary of Wall Street* just might restore your faith in humankind. It will certainly challenge your preconceived notions of those who seek to restore souls and those whose souls need restoring. "These inspiring tales of Steve Auth's faithful band of Catholic missionaries working the street corners of New York City reads like a 21st century version of the Acts of the Apostles."

DEACON ROBERT ASSALY will be ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Christian Lepine, on September 20, 7:30 pm at St. Thomas à Becket. A reception will follow in the parish hall. All are welcome. Donations of the following for the reception would be greatly appreciated: brownies and squares, cookies, loaf cakes (pre-cut please) sandwiches, tomato pizza, veggies and dip, fruit platters, cheese and crackers. Please e-mail Lauren at laurenpercival@hotmail.com to let us know what you will be bringing.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY registration begins this weekend. Children ages 4yrs to Grade 5 are welcome to join. Classes will be held at 4:30pm Saturday, and 11am Sunday only. Registration mandatory. Please email childlit@becket.ca or call Lucy 514-452-8772 or Donna @ 514-409-1809. Free. Donations greatly appreciated.

SAVE THE DATE! THANKSGIVING DAY PILGRIMAGE



Parish pilgrimage to the magnificent Benedictine Abbey of St. Benoît-du-Lac, near Magog. Gregorian chant Mass sung by the monks, picnic lunch and fall colours, apple picking. Thanksgiving Day, Monday, October 14. Chartered bus leaving Becket in the morning, returning late afternoon. Details to follow. Sign up at the back of the church. For more information, call the Parish Office, (514) 626-4111.

NOT TO FALL INTO REMORSE



A holy priest once said during his homily: "Do not mistake remorse for sorrow. They are not the same thing. Sorrow is salutary, but remorse is a drag on the soul. It will drag you into a spiritual pit."

Sorrow is regret for what you have done or failed to do—for having sinned. The guilt associated with your sin is washed away in confession. At that point you should put that sin behind you and resolve to move upward in your spiritual

journey.

Remorse, in contrast, is a useless pining for what might have been. "Why didn't I do this? What if I had done that?" You cannot change the past, and you cannot know what might have been. If you dwell unhealthily on your life's might-have-beens, you will make no spiritual progress. In fact, you will go backwards because remorse paralyses the soul.

Perhaps you have been there yourself: If only I had not given my assets to that incompetent financial advisor! If only I had been alert and not allowed my name to be besmirched that way! If only I had brought up my children more diligently, so that they would not now have abandoned me!

Remorse does not fix whatever happened in the past. That is bad enough, but remorse also closes you off to present and future happiness because it occupies your whole mind. It even closes you off to spiritual advancement. You do not find examples of anyone achieving sanctity through remorse, but you find countless examples of people who achieve sanctity through sorrow.

Who has not committed blunders? I could spend all day cataloguing mistakes I have made--not even sins, just mistakes, innocent errors of choice (or at least they seemed innocent at the time). Each of those mistakes transformed my life, as did each of the wise decisions I made.

You probably have a past over which you could fall into remorse: the person you might have married, the career you might have chosen, the comment you might have had the wits not to say aloud. You can spend your time pining over what might have been, or you can move ahead. You cannot do both.

Each of us has made plenty of wrong turns. Some of us have made more wrong turns than right turns. What matters is where we look: behind or ahead. Looking behind guarantees that we will stumble off the path. Looking ahead means we have some prospect of reaching our goal.

Let us be sorrowful over the sins we have committed, grateful for the forgiveness we have received, and resolved to do better in the future, but let us not dwell fruitlessly on a past that daily slips further from us. That is a true waste.

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