

Our Lord
Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
November 24, 2019



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: NOVEMBER 23 TO DECEMBER 1

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Saturday	Nov 23	
4:30 pm	Frank Iacino	Rosemary & Joe Furino
Sunday	Nov 24	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
9:00 am	Alex Della Rocca	Julia Principe & Rose Martins
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	
Monday	Nov 25	
8:30 am	Gertrude Valin	Becket CWL
Tuesday	Nov 26	
8:30 am	Antonio Fiori	Family
Wednesday	Nov 27	
8:30 am	Genevieve Almeida	Philomena Carvalho
Thursday	Nov 28	
8:30 am	Mark Pogue	Keith Pogue
Friday	Nov 29	
8:30 am	Josie Lobo	Linton Family
Saturday	Nov 30	
4:30 pm	Marino Argentin	Angie & family
Sunday	Dec 1	First Sunday of Advent
9:00 am	Alwyn D'Souza	Atwell D'Souza
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

Nov 24: Betty McGarry, cousin of Marie and Thomas Holloran

Dec 1: Marino Argentin, requested by Angie & family

LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: *Sandra Jammal*, sister-in-law of Denise Imperiale; *Jerry Luis*, brother of Queenie Viegas (Lino).

Blessed are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

BENEDICT LABRE HOUSE RAY OF HOPE CHRISTMAS TREE: We will be collecting gifts for Benedict Labre House for the homeless. Please take a tag from our giving tree, purchase the item, wrap, place the tag on gift (for identification) then place the gift under the tree by **December 1**. Want to shop early? Tags will have the following suggestions: Toques/hats, gloves, warm underwear (men and women), socks, deodorant, razors, feminine hygienic products, chocolates. Sleeping bags and back packs (new or gently used) are also needed.

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST: Becket's Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Christmas Breakfast immediately following the 11am Mass on Sunday, December 8. Tickets will be available as of November 24. Please see the event flyers for more details.

FAITH FIRST: Eucharist Gathering #3: December 3

Confirmation Gathering #3: December 10

ADVENT: A TIME OF WAITING, CONVERSION & HOPE



- **Waiting:** the memory of the first, humble coming of the Lord in our mortal flesh; and for his final, glorious coming as Lord of History and universal Judge;

- **Conversion:** to which the Liturgy at this time often refers, quoting the prophets, especially John the Baptist, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand";

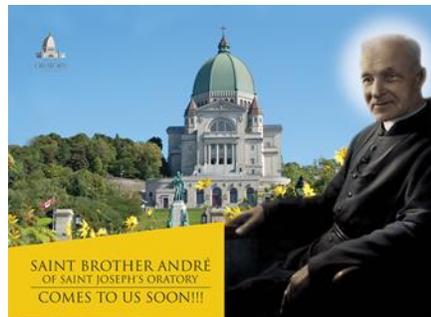
- **Joyful hope** that the salvation already accomplished by Christ and the reality of grace in the world, will mature and reach their fullness, thereby granting us what is promised by faith, and "we shall become like him for we shall see him as he really is" (John 3,2).

Various expressions of popular piety connected with Advent have emerged throughout the centuries. These have sustained the faith of the people, and from one generation to the next, they have conserved many valuable aspects of the liturgical season of Advent:

Placing four candles on green fronds in an **Advent Wreath** has become a symbol of Advent in many Christian homes, especially in the Germanic countries and in North America. The Advent wreath, with the progressive lighting of its four candles, Sunday after Sunday, until the Solemnity of Christmas, is a recollection of the various stages of salvation history prior to Christ's coming and a symbol of the prophetic light gradually illuminating the long night prior to the rising of the Sun of justice (cf. Mt 3,20; Lk 1,78).

The Liturgy frequently celebrates the Blessed Virgin Mary in an exemplary way during the season of Advent. It recalls the women of the Old Testament who prefigured and prophesied her mission; it exalts her faith and the humility with which she promptly and totally submitted to God's plan of salvation; it highlights her presence in the events of grace preceding the birth of the Saviour. The faithful are sensitive to the difficulties faced by the Virgin Mary during her pregnancy, and are deeply moved by the fact that there was no room at the inn for Joseph and Mary, just as she was about to give birth to the Christ child. Mary, who was "intimately united with the birth of the Church in America, became the radiant Star illuminating the proclamation of Christ the Saviour to the sons of these nations" (117).

Directory on Popular Piety & Liturgy, The Vatican



RELIC OF ST. BROTHER ANDRÉ will be coming to St. Thomas à Becket Parish on Monday, December 9, 7-9 pm. The evening will include adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Mass, presentation of the life of St. Brother André, veneration of the relic and blessing with Saint Joseph's oil. All welcome.

A BIG THANK YOU to Mike Callard & Bob Cussen, for supplying us with a beautiful new custom made Advent wreath.

A MESSAGE FROM RESPONSIBLE PASTORAL MINISTRY: A gentle reminder that all volunteers must complete a Volunteer Application, read, sign and return the Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics for our parish. Forms available from Rina at 514-915-7586 or rinacallard.rpm@becket.ca.

FRIENDS OF MERCY



In March 2018, a new diocesan project, the Friends of Mercy, was created in conjunction with SASMAD/Pastoral Home Care, a service which provides spiritual support to those who are sick and/or elderly through visits in their own home.

The main objective of the Friends of Mercy is to encourage the members of the parishes of our Archdiocese to become aware of the large number of those in need, to pray for the sick, for their families and for all members of the association.

We all know that Jesus met many sick people. We want to do as he did.

All Friends of Mercy are invited on the 11th of each month to offer their day for the intentions of the sick, their families and the volunteers who minister to them. In addition, we pray for all members of the association, our community partners and the parishes involved in caring for the sick.

Pope Francis has called us to be a "missionary church". We can do this by our prayers and by prayerful support of those who go out to be with those most in need.

New members will be asked to sign a pledge form and will receive a certificate of participation signed by Archbishop Christian Lépine. We thank you for your interest in this ministry of prayer. If you are interested in participating in the prayer ministry of Friends of Mercy, please contact Arlene Provotieux at arlene2155@videotron.ca

FABRIQUE ELECTIONS DECEMBER 1, 2019, 12 NOON

All parishioners are invited to the election of Churchwardens on Sunday, December 1, 2019, immediately following the 11 am Mass. All parishioners of full age (18 yrs), of the Roman Catholic Faith, and who live within the parish boundaries are entitled to nominate, be nominated, and vote at the Meeting of Parishioners. (Act Respecting Fabriques). A warden is a parishioner elected to be a director, or administrator, of the church corporation whose object is to acquire, possess, hold and administer property for the practice of the Roman Catholic religion. Therefore the warden is not a pastoral agent directing the spiritual and pastoral life of the parish. Professional or business experience and ability to work in a team are assets. Two three-year terms must be filled at this election. Peter Cook has completed one three-year term and is eligible to stand for re-election. Anna Donald is completing her second three-year term, and we thank her very much for six years of dedication to our parish. Info: 514-626-4111.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 16/17

Offerings: \$5,962.60

Next Special collection: December 8 - Religious Education

MEN'S BEREAVMENT GROUP: Are you a man who is grieving a significant loss---spouse, child, other loved one---and wishes to gather with other men in the context of faith? Or maybe you know someone in that situation you could tell about this: Our Men's Bereavement Group will meet Thursday, November 28, at 7:00 pm in Cahill Hall. No charge, no obligation. The group is facilitated by Bill Curran, a former bereavement facilitator at Maison Monbourquette.

COME AND SEE EVENING - for the Call to the Priesthood

The next '*Come and See*' Evening will be taking place on **Friday, November 29, 2019 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** These gatherings are intended for men who are discerning a vocation to follow Jesus as a priest and are an excellent opportunity for to share in fellowship and to explore their call together. Gatherings take place at Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish For information or to reserve a spot, please contact Fr. Robert Clark at 514-903-6200 or mtlvocations@hotmail.com