

LATEST PARISH NEWS The provincial government has given permission for places of worship to open on Monday, June 22, with a maximum of 50 persons in the building at one time regardless of the size of the building. We have just been informed by our local mayor's office, however, that "The provincial government and the public health department have not yet issued directives regarding the specificities of this new deconfinement measure. We hope to get a response from them by next week." In addition, we also need to complete our health and safety measures for the church, to submit details to the Archbishop and await his permission to go ahead with a gradual reopening. We will keep you informed as things develop. From what we hear, very few Catholic churches are reopening right away, and some non-Catholic churches are choosing to wait until September. St. Joseph's Oratory is opening June 29, but only for private visits, with no date yet for public Masses. In the meantime, we will continue with our Sunday morning livestreamed Mass accessible via our website, www.becket.ca

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MASS INTENTIONS: JUNE 20 TO JUNE 28 (L) = Living Intention

Saturday	June 20	
		Our Parishioners
Sunday	June 21	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
		Maria Guiseppe & Giovanni Colacci, Addolorata Perrella (Palmina) Salvatore Uzzardi Rosa & Pietro Raschella
Monday	June 22	
		Shirley Legath Montreal Council of the CWL
Tuesday	June 23	
		Kathleen Rush (L) Christine & Pierre
Wednesday	June 24	
		Audrey Poisson Becket CWL
Thursday	June 25	
		Vito & Dorotea Marcario Rina Della Rocca
Friday	June 26	
		Anna Donald (L) Christine & Pierre
Saturday	June 27	
		The deceased members of the Morolly and Rodriques families Clayton and Maureen
Sunday	June 28	Corpus Christi
		Nada Bolcar Flora Markic Our Parishioners

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

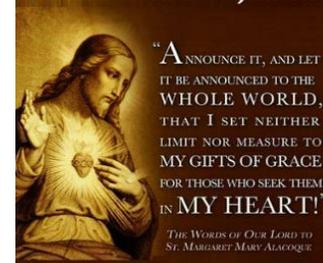
June 21: Dominic Mancini

June 28: Kathleen Rush (L) Anna & Wayne Donald

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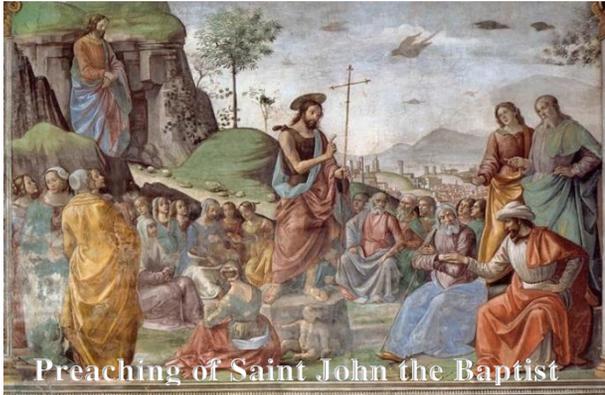


THE SOLEMNITY OF THE Sacred Heart of JESUS



Please join us (virtually of course) on Friday, June 19, for Mass on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, followed by a brief period of Eucharistic adoration and Benediction. The Mass will be livestreamed at 7:00 am, but you can watch it anytime Friday or even Saturday at www.becket.ca

FEAST OF THE BIRTH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



Preaching of Saint John the Baptist

St. John the Baptist, the son of Zachary and Elizabeth, straddles both the Old and New Testaments.

His parents were reckoned as "just before God". John the Baptist is a major figure in the history of salvation. While in his mother's womb, he

recognized the Saviour; his birth was accompanied by great signs; he retired to the desert where he led a life of austerity and penance; "Prophet of the Most High", the word of God descended on him; "he went through the whole of the Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins"; like the new Elijah, humble and strong, he prepared his people to receive the Lord; in accordance with God's saving plan, he baptized the Saviour of the World in the waters of the Jordan; to his disciples, he showed that Jesus was "the Lamb of God", "the Son of God", the Bridegroom of the new messianic community; he was imprisoned and decapitated by Herod for his heroic witness to the truth, thereby becoming the Precursor of the Lord's own violent death, as he had been in his prodigious birth and prophetic preaching. Jesus praised him by attributing to him the glorious phrase "of all children born to women, there is no one greater than John".

Devotion to St. John the Baptist has been present in the Christian Church since ancient times. In addition to the celebration of his death (29 August), of all the Saints he is the only one (besides Jesus and Mary) whose birth is also celebrated. In all probability, the date of John the Baptists' birth was fixed in relation to that of Christ: according to what was said by the Angel Gabriel, when Mary conceived Our Saviour, Elizabeth had already been with child for six months. The date of 24 June is also linked to the solar cycle of the Northern hemisphere. The feast is celebrated as the sun begins to decline: a phenomenon that was taken to symbolize John the Baptist who said in relation to Jesus: "He must increase, I must decrease." In virtue of having baptized Jesus in the Jordan, many baptistries are dedicated to him. He is the patron saint of those condemned to death or who have been imprisoned for the witness to the faith.

The Directory of Popular Piety and the Liturgy, The Vatican

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

... to all fathers in the parish! Father's Day is not only to honour and celebrate our fathers for their wonderful qualities of love, devotion and sacrifice, it is also a time for fathers themselves to reflect on their vocation as fathers, because studies show that it is chiefly fathers who determine the church habits of grown children. If a father doesn't go to church, however faithful his wife's attendance, only one child in 50 (2%) will become a regular worshipper. Yet, if a father does go regularly, and the mother doesn't, 44% of their children will become churchgoers.

O Eternal Father, You have given us the gift of fathers.

Look in love upon those we call father.

Protect and keep them from all harm; prosper and bless them in all good things; comfort them when they are lonely or afraid,

and let no misunderstanding come between them and us to divide our hearts.

Bless and reward our fathers whom You have called home to Yourself.

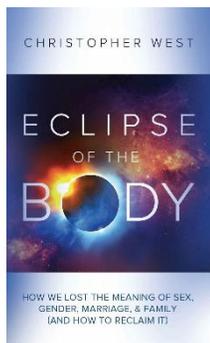
Reward them for their efforts, love, and dedication in being a father to their family.

St. Joseph, foster-father of Jesus, be a model and source of inspiration to all fathers. Amen

Father Peter John Cameron, OP:

"The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist is a sacred reminder of the fact that every day I need born in my life: someone who leaps with joy before the presence of the Lord, who makes me want to live my own relationship with Jesus with greater ardor and fervor; someone to prepare the way of the Lord and to give me knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of my sins; someone who turns my attention away from my distractions and preconceptions so that I will behold the Lamb of God as the true desire of my heart; someone who models for me that there is no greater joy in my life than for Jesus to increase and for me to decrease, especially as regards my self-reliance, my self-assertion, my self-absorption; someone who is a burning and shining lamp whose radiance gives light to my path and courage to my heart, making me want to live for others; someone so committed to the truth that he is willing to lay down his life for the Truth-become-flesh-witnessing to me that all true happiness comes through self-sacrifice; someone whose sanctity proclaims that there is no man born of woman greater than he is, but that I can share his greatness if I love Jesus as he did."

WORTHWHILE READING



Eclipse of the Body: How We Lost the Meaning of Sex, Gender, Marriage, & Family (and How to Reclaim It), by Christopher West.

The definitions of marriage, gender, sex, and family have been obscured, shadowed, and re-defined in today's culture. Why is this happening? What needs to happen in our culture for these things to become clear again? In this easy-to-read booklet, Christopher West provides insight into what lies at the heart of the chaos in today's world and how St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body provides a key antidote for the issues we face. Christopher West

is the world's most recognized teacher of the Theology of the Body, teaching graduate and undergraduate courses on the subject since the late 1990s, having served on the faculties of St. John Vianney Theological Seminary in Denver, the Institute for Priestly Formation in Omaha, and as a visiting professor of the John Paul II Institute in Melbourne, Australia. In 2004, he helped establish the Theology of the Body Institute near Philadelphia, Pa., and serves today as Senior Lecturer of Theology and Christian Anthropology. He has given several conferences in Montreal.

FIGHTING RACISM

Nelson Mandela: " I am very grateful to the Catholic Church. When black people couldn't even get on a bus, the Catholic Church made them bishops and cardinals.

PARISH INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

All telephone numbers are in the 514 area code unless otherwise indicated.

Parish Wardens

The Fabrique of the Parish of St. Thomas à Becket administers all Parish properties and assets, and consists of the Pastor and six wardens elected by parishioners at an Annual General Meeting.

Janet Arts - Secretary (2021) 620-6643
Peter Cook - Hall Rentals (2022) 620-2019
Norman Cousineau - Staff Liason (2020) 624-8753
Siro Di Marco - Building Maintenance (2020) 620-6788
Michelle Figueredo - Treasurer (2021) 694-8879
Michael Scotto - Building Maintenance (2022) 626-9550

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Guild: Anna Donald 620-2258
Altar Servers: Fr. Peter Sabbath 626-4111 ext 225
Baptism Preparation Team 626-4111
Children's Liturgy Parish Office 626-4111
Eucharistic Ministry Coordinator - Rosemarie Della Rocca 620-1930
Greeters: Norma Cook 620-2019
Ushers: Joe Ojeda 941-7914
Lectors: Tobias Koikaran 693-5514
Liturgy Team: Rosemarie Della Rocca 620-1930
Weekday Sacristan: Anna Donald 620-2258
Music Ministry Coordinator - Lino Viegas 620-0750
Choirs: Brendan Kelly 944-7220

Parish Organizations

Sycamore - Elsa Rivera 626-4111 Ext. 222
Angels of Mercy - Sarah Sajedi 827-6408
Becket Pantry 626-4111
Catholic Women's League - Catherine Lee Jude 463-5991
Couples for Christ - Francis & Aurora Apgao 630-6586
Fraternity of St. Francis & St. Clare - Victoria Milewski 695-2616
Healing Ministry - Elsa Rivera 626-4111 Ext. 222
Helping Others - Parish Office 626-4111
Knights of Columbus - Joe Ojeda 941-7914
Marriage Course - John and Nathalie Bondyra 695-7896
Pastoral Home Care - Ailsa Lee Loy 626-7265 or Susan Carroll 887-4365
Prayer Group - (Thursday 9:15 am) Louise Eberwein 825-5198
Prayer Line - Christine Charron 694-3958 or Mary Taillon 450-424-3769
Seniors - Audrey Cassidy 626-3586
Social Club - Rina Callard 695-6995

Resources and Services

A.A. 376-9230
Al-Anon (Families of Alcoholics) 866-9803
Archdiocese, Marriage Tribunal, English Pastoral Services 931-7311
Episcopal Vicar - Fr. Raymond Lafontaine 931-7311
Quebec Life Coalition: Pregnant? Worried? 344-2686
Tel Aide (listening line) 935-1101
Violence S.O.S. Hotline 1-800-363-9010
West Island Women's Shelter 620-4845