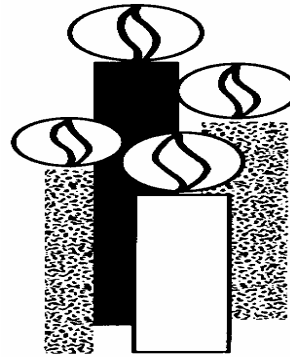


# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 6, 2005

"I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life."



## IN OUR PARISH

### **WORLD DAY OF THE SICK**

**On February 12 & 13**, we invite all parishioners, their relatives, friends and neighbours, who are suffering from a serious health problem to come to receive the **Anointing of the Sick after all Masses**. Come forward, simply state the nature of the illness; receive prayer and the laying on of hands, then the Anointing on your forehead and palms of your hands.

This year, the 13<sup>th</sup> World Day of the Sick will be celebrated at the Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Apostles, in Cameroon, Africa. His Holiness Pope John Paul II has stated that "...the choice of this venue will offer an opportunity to express real solidarity to the peoples of that Continent, tried by serious inadequacies in the health-care sector...where countless human beings...are lying as it were, on the edge of the road, sick, injured, disabled, marginalized and abandoned. They are in dire need of Good Samaritans who will come to their aid." Full message at the back of the Church or visit [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va). With **EXPECTANT FAITH** let us come before the Lord and **pray TOGETHER** for our *sick brothers and sisters*.

### **GREETERS AT THE 5 PM MASS**

If you would enjoy being a part of Becket life but have a tight time schedule - we have the job for you - no evening meetings, just arrive at mass 25 minutes early when it is your turn and wear a "SMILE." We are looking for, and this is a way you as an individual, couple or family could help. What a wonderful way for your family to get involved. For more information, call Norma Cook 620-2019 or [norma@peterandnorma.com](mailto:norma@peterandnorma.com)

### **PANCAKE SUPPER – TUESDAY FEBRUARY 8<sup>th</sup>**



Shrove Tuesday dinners will be served in the Parish Hall. There will be two sittings: **5:30 and 6:30 p.m.** Cost **\$3.50** per person or **\$10** per family. **Sign-up in the Narthex.**

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

will be available to answers questions about the Knights of Columbus after all Masses, February 12 and 13 in the Parish Hall. Come talk to the knights find out what we are all about, and how we serve the Church.



### **BECKET CHURCH MICE – CHILDREN'S THEATER**

Children's Passion Play will be held on March 25, at 10:30 a.m. Interested in participating? Join us for a meeting in the church at 7:45 p.m. February 18. For more information call Wanda 626-4619.

**VOCATIONS LUNCH “PART II” THIS SUNDAY**

**Pope John Paul II** has declared that when the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, does not fall on a weekend, this feast will be celebrated the Sunday following as **World Day for Consecrated Life**. Join the **Vocation Awareness Network, Sunday Feb 6**, in the **parish hall from 12:30-2:30 (free lunch included)**, for another spirit filled workshop with a special emphasis on the call to consecrated life in today’s world.

Help **VAN** to promote all Church Vocations.

**For more information call Vita Lewis 694-1118**

**“THE TREASURE WITHIN”**

The CWL invites all members and non-members to a wonderful personal growth workshop: “The Treasure Within”. Come and join us for dessert and coffee and this Valentine’s special just for you, on Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 pm in Cahill Hall. Because of limited space, please call Louise Eberwein 630-6556 before February 6<sup>th</sup> to reserve a spot.

**BECKET NEEDS A DRE – QUALIFIED & INTERESTED?**

The Parish Director of Religious Education for Children coordinates the calendar and activities of some 635 children participating in the excellent Faith First program at home with their parents. Working with our priests as a member of the Parish Pastoral Team, the DRE administers registration and the database of children and families in Faith First, and animates the occasional parents’ and children’s gatherings and celebrations. The DRE has a pastoral heart to receive and listen to parents and care for children, at times one to one, and handles public relations through letters to parents, the bulletin, parents’ meetings, the Faith First phone line and email. The DRE collaborates with other parish DREs in the West Island and attends continuing education meetings at the Archdiocese. The diocese requires a minimum of academic education and some formation in theology. The work is done at the parish office, in the church and hall, and from home. For more info call our DRE at 620-4057. Apply to the St. Thomas à Becket Parish DRE Search Committee ASAP. The new DRE will want to observe the activity and work from February until she/he begins in May.

**SEPARATED AND DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP**

Interested in leading or joining a support group for separated and divorced Catholics? Please call the Parish office: 626-4111

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| <b>THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS</b> |                         |                             |
|   | <u><b>Offerings</b></u> | <u><b>Building Fund</b></u> |
| <b>January 30, 2005</b>                 | <b>\$ 6026.91</b>       | <b>\$ 1165.00</b>           |

**JUSTICE & PEACE**

During lent, D & P invites us to reflect on the theme “Thirsting for Justice, Water: Life before Profit.” God has created a world rich in resources. Among them is water; the source of all life. The Canadian bishops commented on the importance of water to all creation. It is the life-blood of the planet, part of the common good, without which everything on earth dies. Yet more than one billion people do not have access to clean drinking water.

## **PARISH WEBSITE**

Know a snowbird or out-of-towner? Tell your family and friends they can now read the bulletin online: [www.stthomasabecket.org](http://www.stthomasabecket.org).

## **PARISH SCHEDULE**

To all groups using the Church, Church Hall, or Cahill Hall, you can now verify your bookings on-line at the above website address. Bookings are updated to June 2005. Please let us know if you need to make changes.

## **BE PART OF OUR PARISH DIRECTORY**

As a way of acknowledging all the wonderful people who share their time and talents with the parish, we are creating a parish website directory. To be included, please submit your name, contact info, parish groups/organizations/duties/events/etc. that you are involved with, and preferably a small photo to the office, or email the [webmaster@stthomasabecket.org](mailto:webmaster@stthomasabecket.org). Remember, no contribution to our parish community is too small. Thanks for all your help!

## **BECKET PANTRY NEEDS...**

Laundry detergent, dish soap, shampoo, rice, gravy, coffee, teabags.

## **HAPPENINGS AROUND TOWN**

### **RITE OF ELECTION FOR CATECHUMENS**



will be celebrated at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral on Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Come out and show your support for our catechumens and others who will be received into the Church or confirmed during the Easter Vigil.

### **WONDERING ABOUT GOD'S PLAN FOR YOU?**

An invitation for men and women 18 to 45 to come and join a small group of Sisters for prayer and reflection on God's call to you. Feb 24 at 1300 Berri St. (Metro Berri) 7 to 8:30 p.m. Sister Edna Dolan SMR 849-6584.

### **MONTREAL CATHOLIC CHALLENGE MOVEMENT**

Organized for young adults (18 to 25), by young adults. Make new friends, enrich your spiritual life and enjoy the company of other young Catholics throughout the year! Join us for a retreat weekend February 18-19-20 at Loyola High School in NDG. Registration and info: Tania (514) 369-0617 or Alice at (450) 464-8834 email: [mtlchallenge@yahoo.ca](mailto:mtlchallenge@yahoo.ca)

### **NEW VON PROGRAM – KIDS CAROUSEL**

Support and bereavement program for children and youth experiencing an on-going family illness or death of a loved one. If you are aware of a young person who may benefit from this service please refer them to: VON (Victoria Order of Nurses) West Island 695-8335.

### **MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WORKSHOP**

**“Building Stronger Marriages”** – This enrichment day will provide couples with the opportunity to explore the challenges of Christian marriage and to practice some of the skills required to sustain a loving and life-giving relationship. February 19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Archdiocese 2000 Sherbrooke (Guy Metro) \$30.00 per couples (lunch, parking and materials provided) Trained team of clergy, couples, and individuals. To register or for more info Sonia Kesik-Michell 925-4300 ext.343