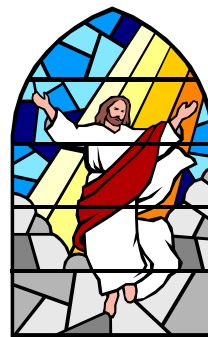


# Ascension of the Lord May 8, 2005



Go and teach all people my gospel;  
I am with you always, until the end of the world.

*Happy Mother's Day!!*

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE – May 9th to 13th**

**Monday 7:30p.m., Tuesday 12 noon, Wednesday to Friday 8:30 a.m.**

**REGARDING SUNDAY 5:00 PM MASS DURING THE SUMMER.**

Not all parishioners may realize that last Fall, after consulting Fr. Gilles in Chicago and the congregation at the “standing room only” 11:00 am Mass, Fr. Tom offered the thousand strong assembly an “overflow alternative” of 5:00 pm on Sunday afternoon. The Saturday 4:30 pm and Sunday 9:00 am assemblies seemed pleased with their warm atmospheres where the church felt full with some 400-500 people, but with room to spare for comfort. Fr. Tom told everyone that the 5:00 pm Mass would be a “work in progress”, which we would monitor and adjust as needed. As your priests, we were and are more than willing to “meet families half way” with the challenge of finding time to attend Sunday worship and grow in faith and wisdom and in love for God, and receive his ongoing blessing on our families.

We continue to be committed to that principle, at the same time that we wrestle with our own need as priests to recover our energy over the **summer months**, realizing we will not be two priests but alone. Having consulted you at all Masses in a survey a few weeks ago, the only way we can meet all these needs is to **drop the 5:00 pm Mass at Becket** for the summer. We will continue to provide for your need to have nearby a **5:00 p.m.** Sunday afternoon Mass for the months of **June, July, and August**, by helping Fr. Francis McKee provide the 5:00 pm Sunday Mass he has at Mary Queen of Peace, Gouin O. (across the street from the Roxboro train station), which we invite you to attend. Fr. Francis was the first pastor to respond when I asked W.I. pastors for their views and willingness to help. The WI should have a 5:00 pm Mass, and Fr. Francis is glad for the help. Your Becket donation envelopes will be returned unopened to our parish.

## *Prayer for the Pope*

*Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd Pope Benedict XVI, a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love.*

*By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care. May he, as successor of the apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love, and peace for all the world.*

*Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, forever and ever. Amen*

## WHERE DO WE AT BECKET GO FROM HERE?

The last weekend of May – 28-29<sup>th</sup> – the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, is when we demonstrate our love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament by processing around the block, praying and singing hymns, after all the Sunday Masses. This year, neither of our priests will be here. Fr. Tom will still be on vacation in the Philippines, and Fr. Gilles will be at a weekend post-Synod assembly with 100 other priests, religious, and lay people from all over the Archdiocese to see what we've done since the Synod began in 1995, where we are as a Church, and where the Spirit is leading us. It will take four priests to replace Fr. Gilles at our weekend Masses – by order of our Masses: Stephen Otvos (Holy Name of Jesus), Mike Shaw (schools), Alan Fogarty, S.J. (Chaplain of Loyola High School), and Fred Kirouac (St. Veronica).

Our Becket 5-year Parish Pastoral Action Plan developed out of the Parish Think Tank consultation in the Jubilee Year 2000 has been largely accomplished, so we can ask the question: Where do we go from here? To a great extent, our PPAP was our way of participating in the Diocesan Synod. We will continue to be directed by the Archdiocese's pastoral priorities, and a great way for parishioners to continue working closely with our priests is with the Parish Pastoral Council. It is once again time to reconfigure the PPC and it will now send a delegate – along with the Fabrique – to the newly recreated West Island Pastoral Council, which will have its first meeting in June.

I will examine our PPAP areas, see who has been actively involved or wants to initiate activity in each area, and invite them to meet, discuss, reflect, pray, and reconfigure the membership and operations of our PPC. While this is ongoing, you will find UNDER CONSTRUCTION in the box reserved for the PPC in the bulletin.

**N.B.** The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year of **St. Thomas à Becket Parish** will run from September 5, 2005 (our Mission's first Sunday with founding Pastor Fr. Charles Cahill at 4 Masses) to October 11<sup>th</sup> 2006 (Archbishop Paul-Émile Cardinal Leger's decree founding the Parish). **Fr. Gilles**

### ARCHDIOCESE ANNUAL COLLECTION

A donation to the annual collection makes you a partner in the huge undertaking of our diocesan faith education plan and in the mission of faith communities working among the underprivileged. Your generosity is vital!

### BLESSING OF DRIVERS, VEHICLES, & PETS AT BECKET

At all Masses this weekend we will invite **expectant mothers**, with their husbands and other children, to come forward for a special blessing from the Lord. They needn't be Catholic in order to receive this blessing.

On the first Sunday of June, at all Masses, we will ask God to bless all our drivers and families using vehicles, and then sprinkle all vehicles that will drive past the main steps to the apron near the Hall and Church main doors. In the afternoon, at 1:30, we will ask God to bless all pets present.

May 7-8 Blessing of Expectant Mothers, Fathers, & their other children.

June 4-5 Blessing of Drivers, Families, and their vehicles. (Pets: 1:30 p.m.)

### FAITH FIRST

For families wishing to bring their children more fully into Christ, please attend one of the Faith First pre-registration info meetings to be held on **May 24th & 25th, 2005** in the Church at 7:30 pm. Registration for all levels will be held on **May 31st** and **June 1st** from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

## CELEBRATION OF FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST AT BECKET

“Dear friends, there is no doubt that an unforgettable meeting with Jesus is First Holy Communion, a day to be remembered as one of life's most beautiful... Children receive this sacrament solemnly a first time -- in First Holy Communion -- and are encouraged to receive it afterward as often as possible in order to remain in close friendship with Jesus.” Pope John Paul II, excerpt from his "Letter to Children" written in 1994 during the "Year of the Family". **The last celebration will be held during the 4:30 Mass on May 7<sup>th</sup>.**



## FAITH FIRST FAMILY PICNIC AND YEAR END MASS

WEATHER PERMITTING, we will close our year with a family Mass and picnic on **June 3, 2005 at 5:30 p.m.** BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC DINNER for your family to share, a blanket if you wish to enjoy your picnic outdoors, and hopefully some sunscreen will be required... Don't forget to pack a Frisbee, soccer ball, volleyball, badminton, or any other item that involves playing in groups or teams. We welcome all our Faith First children, including siblings, accompanied by their parent(s). **By calling the Faith First information line at 620-4057, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June, you will be able to obtain confirmation of our Year-End closing event.** If you are unable to attend this event, please call the Faith First line to make an appointment for the book verification and completion certificate.



## OUR COMMUNION IS WITH GOD AND HIS CHURCH

The current Year of the Eucharist is an invitation from the Lord to those who are not Catholic and want to receive Holy Communion in our Church to apply for the preparation process; so that when you are ready, you may come up to receive the Lord in honesty and truth. No one may privately decide to receive Communion in the Catholic Church without first being baptized and – if they were baptized in a Protestant Church – making a public profession of the Catholic faith and docility to the Church as faith teacher and moral guide. This means recognizing the primacy of the Pope in matters of faith and morals. All our children and a handful of adults each year commit to this process of preparation.

Communion with God in Jesus is also communion with each other and with the Church. The Lord commands us to love one another, and to follow the shepherds He sends us. The sharing of Holy Communion can only be decided by our shepherds, to whom the Lord has given authority to bind and loose. We respect Christians of other churches and traditions, and expect nothing less from them. To honor the Lord and respect Him in the Roman rite, they won't take Communion here, but in their own church.

On the other hand, if they don't really practice their faith in their own tradition but only here; then we invite them to seek full communion with us through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. We will be so happy to journey with them until the next cycle of initiation at Easter.

Now is the time to reconcile to the Lord and his Church, to put aside personal will, and take up humility and obedience and imitate Jesus, who humbled himself to the point of death on a cross (Phil 2:6-11)

Stop putting it off... talk to one of the priests here... you'll be glad you did! “May Almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit! Amen”



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

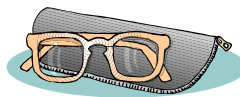
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Offerings  
\$ 7083.00

Building Fund  
\$945.00

### USED EYEGLASSES PROJECT

We are again collecting eyeglasses for people in underdeveloped countries. If you have any old eyeglasses you are no longer using please consider donating them to others. You could help change someone's life. See drop off box in the Narthex. Thank you!



### SPECIAL INVITATION TO CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE



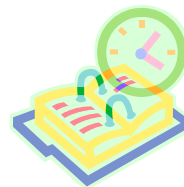
Our 13<sup>th</sup> **MARRIAGE JUBILEE** will be held on **June 12th**. If you were married during these years: 2000, 1995, '90, '85, '80, '75, '70, '65, '60, '55, '50, '45 ... *you are invited to celebrate* your *wedding anniversary* with your family, friends and fellow parishioners, at the **11:00 mass**. During this special mass, a *renewal of Marriage vows* will take place. A *wine and cheese party* for the celebrating couples and family will follow. Please sign up at the *information booth* before and after Mass today, over the next 3 weekends or call **Line or Marco Argentino 624 8745**.

### VOLUNTEER TYPISTS NEEDED

We are reorganizing our sheet music collections and are looking for volunteers who would be willing to help retype our songs and hymns. All work would have to be done on MS Word or WordPerfect and then sent electronically to the parish office. Please call Lino for details 626-0750.

### BOOKINGS FOR CHURCH, CAHILL HALL, & HALL

There are many activities going on in our parish. We ask all groups or persons to make reservations for the church, hall or Cahill Hall by emailing the parish at [office@stthomasabecket.org](mailto:office@stthomasabecket.org) or dropping off a list of dates and times at the parish office. Please mark *time of use, name or group* and *contact number*. Please note that you can check availability of the church and halls on our parish website. Use the quick link drop down menu on the homepage or from Menu choose Parish for instructions.



### C.W.L. CORNER

The St. Thomas à Becket Council of the Catholic Womens League will be hosting the residents of the Father Dowd Residence. There will be a Mass **May 22 at 12:15 p.m.** celebrated by Father Jim McDonald, chaplain of the Father Dowd Residence. We will also be crowning Our Lady at this Mass. A reception and entertainment will follow in the parish hall. **All parishioners are welcome to attend this Mass** and seniors are welcome to attend the reception as well. Just call Elinor at 620-0951 if you will be attending the reception.

## BECKET PANTRY NEEDS

**Urgently needed:** baby clothes, linens and articles (furniture) for 3 newborns and clothes for a baby girl (up to 18 mos). Please call the office before dropping off any items. We also need daytime and evening drivers who would be willing to make deliveries of non-perishables to needy families. Office: 626-4111. Thank you for your generosity.



## AROUND TOWN

### **CORPUS CHRISTI MASS & PROCESSION**



Board a bus with fellow parishioners **Thursday, May 26 at 6:45 p.m.** as we head off to Notre Dame Basilica for Mass presided by Cardinal Turcotte, followed by a procession to St. Patrick's Basilica. Bus will return to Becket at 10:30 p.m. Cost \$7.00. Sign up this weekend and next in the Narthex or by calling Bernie 697-7950 or parish office. Jesus is inviting you to be a visible witness to His true presence in the Blessed Sacrament by your participation in this event.

### **THE PADUA DIALOGUE - 20 -WEEK SERIES**

**Tuesdays 7:30 p.m.** 1950 St- Antoine St. 932-7597

[paduacenter@yahoo.ca](mailto:paduacenter@yahoo.ca)

**May 17: Seeking To Make Things Right:** Restorative Justice, together with circles of support and accountability for sexual offenders, endeavors to heal communities broken by the effects of crime. Jean-Jacques Goulet, Restorative Justice Centre.

### **PRAYER CALL**

As you know, Canada needs a move of God. That move often comes as God's people get serious about prayer and obedience. PRAYER is what will make the difference in our nation. As we call upon God to intervene in the affairs of man and this nation, we trust He will hear our prayers and heal our land.

For the next two weeks CFAC\* is calling ALL people of faith to pray as follows:

1. That God will raise up men and women of godly character to serve in Parliament.
2. That He will anoint and bless those who will stand for righteousness.
3. That God will grant divine favour to those He can trust.
4. That God expose the darkness, corruption and illegalities occurring in politics, justice and education.
5. That God will grant us all repentance.

It is urgent that we pray NOW. We have a number of very strong candidates running for nomination and election - men and women who will defend marriage and life, and who will raise a much higher standard of righteousness in Parliament. Pray for defeat of Bill C-38. An election call before the Bill proceeds all the way through to Senate would cause its demise. \*For more information visit the Canada Family Action Coalition at <http://www.familyaction.org>

~ Free trip to heaven. Details Inside. ~