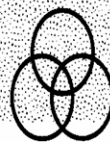


Trinity Sunday

May 22, 2005

THREE IN ONE



*Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.*

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE – May 23rd to 27th
Mon. 7:30 p.m. & Tues. 7:00 p.m., Wed. to Fri. 8:30 a.m.
Every Friday after Mass: Adoration of Holy Eucharist until 10:00 a.m.

Parish office will be closed Victoria Day, Monday, May 24th.

REGARDING SUNDAY 5:00 PM MASS DURING THE SUMMER.

The 5:00 pm Mass will continue to be a “work in progress”, which we will monitor and adjust as needed. As your priests, we are more than willing to “meet families half way” in finding time to obey the Lord’s command to keep holy the “Lord’s Day”. Sunday worship puts us under God’s care; so his power blesses the whole week and saves us from being swallowed up by the “new slavery” that wants us to work and shop nonstop ‘til we drop, seven days a week; until we no longer remember why we’re alive.

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, when we are not two priests but alone. July to August we will **drop the 5:00 pm Mass at Becket**. 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 at Mary Queen of Peace, Gouin O. (across the street from the Roxboro train station), which we invite you to attend as needed. The WI should have a 5:00 pm Mass, and Fr. Francis is glad for the help. Your Becket donation envelopes will be sent unopened to us.

A SYNOD IN MONTREAL AND AT BECKET – 1995-2005

Next weekend May – 28-29th – the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, we will demonstrate our love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament by processing around the block and praying the Rosary after all 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 stand as a Church, and where the Spirit is leading us. Frs. Stephen Otvos (Holy Name of Jesus), Mike Shaw (School Animator), Alan Fogarty, S.J. (Loyola High School Chaplain), and Fred Kirouac (St. Veronica) will preside and preach.

Our Becket 5-year Parish Pastoral Action Plan begun in the Jubilee Year 2000 has been 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 configured West Island Pastoral Council, which will have its first meeting June 15th.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Our Becket Parish Pastoral Council is currently UNDER CONSTRUCTION. Since the first PPC a few decades ago, parishioners have seen this body take on different configurations in accord with what was needed at the time. Our Church tradition on PPC's dates from the Second Vatican Council, according to which each diocese should have one. Dioceses in turn have recommended parishes to have one. The simple purpose of the PPC is to allow parishioners to collaborate with their pastors and the pastors to listen to their parishioners. Parishes are to follow the pastoral leadership of the Archbishop, and only the PPC can effectively bring this bigger perspective to the Parish membership, and also bring the experience of parishioners back to the Archbishop. As we reconfigure our PPC to current needs, it would function best with people who are proactive, creative, receptive, good listeners and team players. Too much energy gets drained from complaints about the past or about the lack of help. Each parish group and every parishioner is responsible to find the help they need and arrange for their own replacement. It's a waste of time to expect a pastor to solve our lack of initiative or imagination, or our inability to realize the new challenges that people live with today. The pastor is sent to bring us Jesus and connect us with the bigger Church. The entire Parish is responsible to hear the Lord's call and respond to Him, to observe with solicitude burdens others carry and respond with compassion, to practice our faith and transmit it to our children, to proclaim the Gospel with our lives, **to reach out and build a community of faith**. The pastor listens and allows parishioners to say out loud what everyone is thinking and leads us in prayer and discernment to see what God is calling us to do. He needs to be energized by the creative ideas and enthusiasm of people who get things done and have no time to complain. There is already a considerable amount of vitality, creativity, compassion, and generosity at Becket, and this is the kind of energy we want the PPC to have.

BLESSING OF DRIVERS, VEHICLES, & PETS AT BECKET

At all Masses on June 4 & 5, we will ask God to bless all our drivers and their families, and then sprinkle with holy water all vehicles that will drive past the main steps to the apron near the Hall and Church main doors. **At 1:30 p.m. on June 5**, bring your pets to the apron for a special blessing.

BECKET 40TH ANNIVERSARY NEWS

The **40th 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 11th 2006 (Archbishop Paul-Émile Cardinal Leger's decree founding the Parish). Talk it up! **Fr. Gilles**

BECKET PARISH HISTORY ON CD/DVD

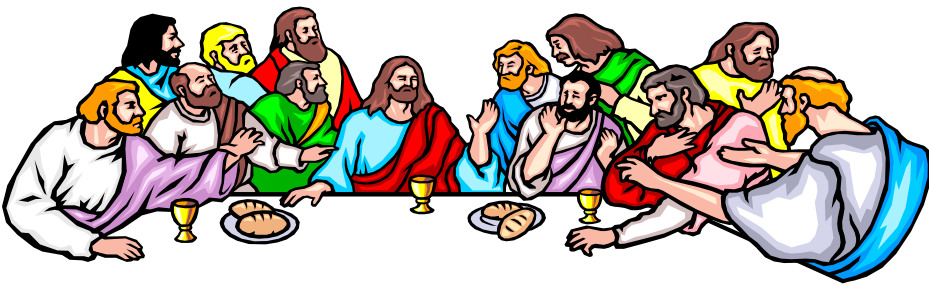
We are starting a new project to help raise funds for our badly needed church roof, and we are hoping you can help. We need pictures and documents of events that happened in our parish since its inception in 1966. **We need pictures or documents of:** Becket functions, church before (inside), and after the 1986 fire, Way Off Broadway, past pastors, assistants, bishops, news articles, auctions, bazaars, special fund raising events, altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, Scouts, Guides, social club, sport teams etc. etc. (please note all pictures and documents **will be returned** to the owners.) Help make this project a success and put a new roof on our church. Contact: **jfitz@aei.ca** or call the office.

SPECIAL MASS - FRANCISCANS JUNE 12, 5:00 P.M.

All are welcome to celebrate Mass with the Franciscans, **Sunday June 12 at 5:00 p.m.** There will be a third order ceremony during the Mass. Presided by Father Andre Comtois, OFM. Join us!

WE HAVE A GOOD SHEPHERD – JESUS!

This is the Year of the Eucharist – an invitation from the Lord to reflect on what the Holy Eucharist is – Jesus, and on how we are relating to Him mysteriously present in the Host. It is a challenge for us to really believe in Jesus in the Eucharist and for this faith to penetrate everything we think, say, and do. The whole question of church membership and intercommunion is a good example. In Church Tradition – in faith and practice – we go to great lengths to prepare people to become and live as active members of Christ. It is a contradiction for us to have a cavalier attitude about taking Holy Communion in another Christian Church or for those Christians to take Holy Communion here. People engage sincerely in this contradiction, saying, “I don’t feel I’m doing anything wrong.” That is a self-centred remark, typical of our secularized and individualized subjective culture; as if the only principles that should regulate our behaviour were personal feelings. Athletes don’t just do what they feel like, nor do members of the military. We are incorporated into something bigger than ourselves – it’s called the Mystical Body of Christ – in which He is our head and we are his body. Col 1:18. This means that in matters concerning the whole body, we are to take our instructions from Jesus our Head, and we get them generally from those He sends to pastor, teach, and lead us. When we just go by our feelings regarding communion or any other aspect of our Christian life, and ignore our Shepherd and his delegates, then we act in contempt of Christ himself. That is why around this time every year we invite Christians who don’t really practice their faith in their own tradition but are in effect joining us here to go all the way and seek full communion with us through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This invitation extends to those who practice no faith at all as well. If you are in either category, we will be so happy to journey with you until the next cycle of initiation at Easter. 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!”



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ATTENTION ENVELOPE USERS

Users of envelope numbers **46, 435, 494, 705, 828, 844.** Please call the office at 626-4111 so we can record your name, address and phone number, or write the information on your envelope. We need this information in order to issue your tax receipt next year. Thank you!

OUR 5 LUMINOUS MYSTERY SCENES ARE COMPLETE!

A big THANK YOU to **Anne MacDonald and Flora Markic** for graciously accepting commissions to paint the 5 new Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. Anne painted the Baptism of Jesus and the Institution of the Holy Eucharist. Flora painted the Wedding Feast at Cana, the Proclamation of the Kingdom of God, and The Transfiguration. Many blessings to Anne, Flora and their families. *“After the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, there is nothing in the Church that I love as much as the Rosary” - Our Lady to Blessed Alan de la Roche*

SPECIAL INVITATION TO CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE

Our 13th **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**.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR MARRIAGE JUBILEE

If you would like to help decorate, donate food, help in the kitchen, clean-up or serve wine, see us after the Mass or call Marco or Line at 624-8745.

FAITH FIRST

*Welcome Cathy and Elsa!! The Pastoral team, along with the Parish Staff would like to extend a warm welcome to **Cathie Macaulay and Elsa Rivera** who have both accepted the position of Faith First Pastoral Administrator and Faith First Coordinator, respectively. We wish them both much joy and many blessings along their journey of faith transmission with all our families!*

Faith First pre-registration info meetings will be held on **May 24th & 25th**, 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.

FAITH FIRST FAMILY PICNIC AND YEAR END MASS

WEATHER PERMITTING, we will close our year with a family Mass and picnic on **June 3, 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; 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 info. line at 620-4057, on the 3rd 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.

LECTORS

Please pick up your June schedules in the Narthex. Thank you!



YOUTH

WYD will be holding a **Canadian Tire fundraiser** this coming weekend - May 21, 22 & 23 at the Kirkland Canadian Tire store... Please support our pilgrims who will be there to bag your purchases...



Here's another WYD fundraiser that everyone can help us out with -- without spending a dime! All we ask is that you bring in your empty bottles and cans so we can exchange them for money at a grocery store. Please bring them to the box in the hall labelled **WYD BOTTLE DRIVE**. This will be ongoing from now until we leave for Germany, so keep the bottles coming!!!



COR

Christ in Others Retreat is a Catholic Youth Movement for ages 15-25. Through discussions, fun activities, prayer, and just living and sharing together for a weekend, **COR** retreats attempt to open lines of communication and areas of reflection that will carry over into everyday life. The 15th Montreal COR retreat will be taking place on **June 3, 4 & 5 at Queen of Angels Academy (Dorval)**. Register ASAP. Call Claire & Lou Borrelli at 514-620-0342 or e-mail cormontreal@yahoo.ca or visit www.cormontreal.ca

BECKET PANTRY NEEDS

Rice, dry soup, laundry detergent. We also accept used **BABY** furniture cribs, highchairs, etc. Please call the office before dropping off any baby items. Office: 626-4111.

AROUND TOWN

DIOCESAN FEAST DAY

All members of the church of Montreal are invited to celebrate our Diocesan Feast Day on the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, **May 31, 7:30 p.m. at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral**. During this celebration we will recognize the unique role of people who play an important part in our church by awarding them the Bishop Ignace Bourget Diocesan Award of Merit. We will also celebrate and honour the 15th anniversary of the nomination of Cardinal Jean-Claude Turcotte.

ORPHANS OF AIDS/HIV FUNDRAISING EVENT

Join us for supper and musical entertainment benefiting 140 orphans of HIV/AIDS in Uganda. **Saturday, June 4, 6:00 p.m.** at St. Mary's Anglican Church, 75 Kirkland Blvd., Kirkland. \$15.00, children 12 and under \$10.00. Donations welcome. All proceeds will be forwarded to the Stephen Lewis Foundation. For info or tickets call Julie: 694-7089.

DAY CAMP JOB OPPORTUNITY

Do you enjoy working with kids? Are you looking for a summer job? The day camp that operates out of the hall offers a wide variety of games, from arts & crafts to sports to music information, and is looking for some **energetic teens** to join the staff this summer. If interested, please call George at 626-9362.