

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 4, 2005



God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the good news of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE – Sept 5 to Sept 9

Mon. 7:30 p.m. (exceptionally for Labour Day)

Tues: 7:30 p.m., Wed., Thurs & Fri. 8:30 a.m.

Please note: **5pm Sunday Mass** resumes this weekend.

Please note the office will be closed **Labour Day, September 5.**

WELCOME FR. PLACIDO!!

Father Placido Macarine is joining us as assistant pastor of St. Thomas à Becket. Join us in welcoming Fr. Placido this weekend!



FAITH FIRST NEWS

Please note: **Late registration** for Faith First continues until September 16. There is a late fee of \$25.00 per child. No registrations will be accepted after September 16, 2005. For more information call 620-4057.

FAITH FIRST WORKBOOK DISTRIBUTION.

Faith First workbooks, calendars and activity sheets will be available for pick up in the Parish hall September 14 & 15 from 7-9 p.m.

BLESSING OF SCHOOL BAGS AND FAITH FIRST BOOKS

Our annual blessing of school bags and Faith First workbooks will be held at all weekend Masses **September 17&18, and 24&25.** This special blessing is open to **students of all ages** from preschoolers to seniors studying at university. Welcome!

IN OUR PARISH

FR. TOM'S FAREWELL CELEBRATION

Join us for a pot-luck dinner and dance on September 17 after the 4:30 p.m. Mass as we say a final good-bye to Fr. Tom. Sign up in Narthex.



PARISH BAZAAR – OCTOBER 15 & 16

Donations and volunteers needed. Call Maggie: 626-2015. Donors please bring your articles to the parish hall starting October 10, before 8 p.m.

ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please pick up a copy of the **new schedule** in the Narthex. We also need a Mass Coordinator and Eucharistic Ministers for the **5 p.m. Sunday Mass.**



STRUGGLING WITH GRIEF?

A group workshop series is offered for people on the West Island suffering a significant loss, such as the death of a loved one, divorce or a major change in life. From Death to New Life: A Christian View of Loss Practical tools for working through bereavement will be presented in talks, reflections and discussions. Led by Deacon Richard Boileau, with more than 10 years experience assisting people in grief, workshops are centred on the healing power of faith, hope and love. Next series scheduled on **Fridays Sept. 9 to Oct. 21 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** For details, call 697-9813 or write richard.boileau@videotron.ca

AN INVITATION TO: "THE MARRIAGE COURSE"

All married couples are invited to enjoy some special time together, and to learn how to build a strong and healthy marriage that will last a lifetime! Over a period of seven evenings, on **Monday nights, starting Sept. 26**, discover new things about yourself, and your life as a couple in a calm, and relaxing atmosphere. This very practical course provides couples with the tools they need to take a good marriage, or a struggling marriage, onto a whole new level! All discussions remain completely private between each couple. \$40 per couple (to offset the cost of materials provided). Registration forms are available at the back of the church, or feel free to call Nathalie or John, at 695-7896. Deadline to register is Sep 23rd.

ALTAR SERVERS SIGN UP

There will be sign up for Altar Servers after all Masses this weekend. Any girl or boy who has received First Communion may be an Altar Server. Serving at the Lord's table is a wonderful stewardship opportunity for children. Meetings provide opportunities for fun and friendship. Join us!

JUSTICE AND PEACE

Another year has begun for the Justice and Peace Committee. We work to help people around the world by addressing the causes of world injustices & degrading conditions. We are looking for new members to help us follow Jesus' words when he sent us to proclaim freedom and release the oppressed (Luke 4:18). Wouldn't you like to make a difference? Join us in our quest to be stewards of our world. For more information, call Catherine at 684-1606.

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WYD SPECIAL "THANK YOU" FUNDRAISER

As a way to thank the parish for all the support and prayers that were offered during our WYD preparation and pilgrimage, we will have a corn roast and hotdog sale on September 11 after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Proceeds will be donated back to the parish to pay for new hall fridge. Thank you!!

Canterbury Fellowship Pilgrims
September 2005



Deceased: Kathleen Ellis, Michael Solis, Rita Suzanna De Souza, Yves Daunais, Claude St. Jacques, Mr. & Mrs. E. Martyres. Mrs. Lera D'Souza, Cecilia & Piero Bozzi. **Living:** Irmgard Wawak – Gratitude to Our Lady

BECKET PANTRY NEEDS



Current needs dish soap, bar soap, toothpaste, kleenex, toilet paper. Thanks for you continuing generosity. We **desperately** need more **VOLUNTEER DRIVERS** to deliver groceries to needy families in our parish territory. Please consider this rewarding stewardship opportunity. Call 626-4111.

HAVE A CAR FOR GOD?

In 1999 I had a Pontiac Sunbird. It was in great condition. I had used and taken care of it for 13 years. It had been a gift 3 years after my ordination from cousins in 1986, was a gift from the Lord, and I carefully maintained it. That summer of 1999 I went to the Billy Graham School of Evangelism and heard a call from the Lord in my heart to donate my car to Madonna House Apostolate, for his work there, for his glory. I was very attached to this car, but trusting in the Lord, I left them my car with MHA when I went to the annual Associates Meeting in September and got a lift back home. On my return, I appealed to you for a car and a parishioner offered me the 1992 Grand Prix I currently use. It needed repair, but it has been a very safe, comfortable, useful, and enjoyable vehicle.

Maybe it's because I'm more rested, prayerful, and listening when on retreat and vacation, but once again this summer I heard a call from the Lord to donate this car to Madonna House. How can we know it's a call from the Lord? My first reaction – as soon as the thought crept through my heart – was “No way! I like this car. I've put a lot of money into it to keep it in top shape! It's got cruise control and is comfortable; making my long drives a breeze! Besides, it has a lot more years left in it.” Still, right after my reaction, something deeper, a warm and generous consent began to happen within. I recognized that as a grace, a “touch of the Holy Spirit” giving us the desire to want what God wants. Madonna House Apostolate is a work of Our Lady, it's her house and they are her children. She cares for them and appeals to the Father for them. They do the Father's will and Jesus' work all around the world. The Lord wants them to have my car, and He gets what He wants.

I'll never be able to afford a new car, but rather than try to find one myself from a used car dealer, I'd much rather give you an opportunity to share in the great joy of making such an offering to the Lord for his work. If you'd like to offer a good car to Him, please see me, and we'll explore the possibilities. The ideal time would be anytime from now to September 23rd, because I'd like to leave the Grand Prix at Madonna House when I go to the annual Associates Meetings the following week. May God bless you, your family, and your work, now and always. Fr. Gilles, your Pastor

AROUND TOWN

HEALING MINISTRY OF C.C.S.M.

Cordially invites you to St. John Fisher Parish, 120 Summerhill Ave, Pte. Claire on Friday, Sept. 9 with Fr. Tom Dowd as celebrant. The evening will commence with Rosary and Praise at 7pm. There will be an anointing of the sick and prayer teams available following Mass.



To all students young and old – have a wonderful and blessed school year!