

**Twenty-fifth
Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 18, 2005**



Open our hearts, O lord, to listen to
the words of your Son..

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE – Sept 19 to 23
Mon & Tues.: 7:30 p.m. Mass; **Wed to Fri.** 8:30 a.m. Mass
NB We are again celebrating **5pm Sunday Mass** (Sept – May)

THANK YOU

Fr. Mike Shaw wishes to thank all parishioners who helped him to
celebrate his 30th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood.



FAITH FIRST NEWS

All parents new to the Faith First program or those who would like a
“refresher” are invited to attend a parent formation class on **Monday
September 19 from 7-9 p.m. in the Parish Hall.** Info: 620-4057.

BLESSING OF SCHOOL BAGS AND FAITH FIRST BOOKS

Our annual blessing of school bags and Faith First workbooks will be held
again at all weekend Masses **Sept. 24&25.** This special blessing is open to
students of all ages from preschoolers to university!

IN OUR PARISH

HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF

Parishioners wishing to donate to Hurricane Katrina Relief should make
their cheques payable to St. Thomas à Becket Helping Others. Please
indicate **HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF** on the cheque or envelope.
You will receive a tax receipt from St. Thomas à Becket Parish, and we
will group your offerings and promptly send a cheque to Development and
Peace. There will be no special collection. Week by week, we will send
your offerings on to the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development
and Peace. Parish Office 626-4111. See the message and letter from the
Canadian Bishops to their American counterparts at their site:

<http://www.cecc.ca/MediaReleaseshtm?CD=469&ID=1704>
<http://www.cecc.ca/PublicStatements.htm?CD=469&ID=1704>

Alternatively, you may send your cheque directly to Development and
Peace, who will combine your offering with others and transfer funds to
Catholic Charities USA via the Caritas Internationalis network, and D & P
will issue you your tax receipt. **1 800 494-1401** www.devp.org

*"Lord, hold the people of New Orleans in your loving hands. Protect them
in their time of need and bring an end to their suffering. Bless them and
their families. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen."*

BAPTISM STEERING COMMITTEE

Becket's baptism committee MUST RECRUIT two more couples from the parish to join the committee. Couples form teams and help with baptismal preparation for families here in the parish. At the moment, only two couples are handling all the baptisms (up to 12 per month). Please consider this important and joyous stewardship opportunity. 626-4111.

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.

NEEDS OF THE CHURCH COLLECTION – SEPTEMBER 25

Next Sunday, September 25, the annual collection for the needs of the church in Canada will be held in parishes across Canada. Why is this collection needed? Where does the money go? The money raised helps finance the activities of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), such as forming adults to be active in their communities, helping youth deepen their faith, living in communion with other Christians through ecumenical reconciliation, and defending causes that are important to Catholics: social justice, elimination of poverty - questions that deal with life. Thank you in advance for your generosity during the Bishops' Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada. Information:

www.cccb.ca or cecc@ccb.ca

PROTESTANT? WISHING TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION?

If this is you, and you'd like to know more about the Roman Catholic faith tradition and Church, all you need to know is where to inquire. To start, you can come to the Alpha Supper mentioned below and/or sign up for the Alpha Course, which will begin at the end of the month. Then you can get in touch with one of our priests or with the Parish Office and we'll be glad to explore the possibilities with you. If you're tired of general impressions and want to know real Catholic Christians and our faith, we'll be very glad to join you in your search. It's all about freedom, truth, and peace in God.

WONDERING WHAT CHRISTIANITY IS ALL ABOUT?



Alpha
Canada

If you know anyone or you yourself are wondering about who Jesus Christ really is and what his Church is all about and whether Christians are doing anything to resolve their differences, you will find that the Alpha Course is a good place to start. We warmly invite you to join us – for the eighth year – at an Alpha Supper this **Sunday September 18th at 6:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. Bring your questions and get some good leads in your quest for truth. Pour le Cours **Alpha en français**, appelez H el ene   695-9955.

40TH ANNIVERSARY NEWS

We are hoping to be able to accept credit card payments through our website for donations and future sales of our DVDs and other 40th anniversary memorabilia. Anyone willing and able to help set this up.

Please call the parish office at 626-4111. Many thanks to **Julie Mancini** for graciously offering to design our 40th anniversary logo.



COME AND DISCOVER YOUR PURPOSE

You are invited to join us for a women's study "Pathway to Purpose" beginning **Tuesday September 20th from 1-3 p.m.** in Cahill Hall. Please register early as spaces are limited. Nathalie 695-7896 Louise at 630-6556.

VISITORS TO THE SICK AND ELDERLY

We need to make a list of **all those involved in visiting the sick and elderly**. All parishioners who make visits to the sick and or elderly are asked to include their name on the list at the back of the church.

ST. THOMAS À BECKET BOWLING

Would you like to bowl once a week? St. Thomas à Becket has openings for a few bowlers this year. We are a FUN league. Everyone welcome. No experience necessary. For more info please call Gisele Harper @ 626-2698 Hope to hear from you. 90% of our bowlers are from Saint Thomas à Becket.



BIBLE STUDY

Join us as we study and dialogue the letters of St Paul to the Galatians and Romans. What did St Paul say? What did he mean? How does it apply to us today? We meet in an informal setting and end the evening with tea/coffee and sweets. **Thursdays 7:30 p.m. Starts Sept 29th.** Yvonne Bourque 697-8512.

CWL

We cordially invite you to join us for a beautiful morning as we at the CWL St. Thomas à Becket Council once again host our 6th annual **WOMEN'S POWER BREAKFAST: "Enfolded in His Love"** on Saturday, **October 1st 2005, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** Featuring our guest speaker Catherine Cherry and to lead us in song: Christine Zarzour with accompanist Marie Benveniste. **RSVP deadline Sept. 26.** Please call Lauren 626-4129 or Louise 630-6556 (\$12.00 fee at the door)

YOUTH

YOUTH INFORMATION FUN DAY

Calling all youth groups!! Want to attract others to your youth group? Want to let other youth in the parish know all about what you do and how they can get involved? What to get involved? All youth are invited to come and share, or come learn about the youth activities in our parish such as the children's choir, children's liturgy, Altar Servers, COR, Challenge, Scouts, etc. on **September 24 and 25 after all Masses**. All groups leaders are asked to call Vita Lewis at 694-1118 to set up a kiosk in the Hall.

COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

All student parishioners who are required to do community service as part of their high school curriculum are invited to call the parish office. We may have opportunities for you within the parish community. 622-4111.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy takes place at the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses and runs from October 23 to Dec. 18, then from Jan 15 to Mother's Day. Registration will take place **Sept.18** after morning Masses and during Youth Information Fun Day, **Sept. 24 & 25. Teachers and helpers are needed** to ensure the success of this program. Please consider this stewardship opportunity when you register your child.

BECKET PANTRY NEEDS



Current needs: rice & noodle mixes, pasta, spaghetti sauce, tomato paste, tomato sauce, tomato juice, breakfast cereals, shampoo, kleenex, & toilet paper. We also need **large sturdy Ziploc bags** to separate bulk quantities of sugar, laundry detergent, etc. Thanks for your continuing generosity. We **desperately** need more **VOLUNTEER DRIVERS** to deliver groceries to needy families in our parish territory during the day and/or evenings. Please consider this rewarding stewardship opportunity. Call 626-4111.

HELP WANTED FOR YOUNG FAMILY

A family within the parish is expecting triplets soon. They will need volunteers to help with the babies and with light housekeeping when they come home from the hospital. If you can help please call 626-4111.

HAVE A CAR FOR GOD?

In 1999 I left my 1986 Pontiac Sunbird with Madonna House Apostolate. 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. At the 1999 summer Billy Graham School of Evangelism I heard a call from the Lord in my heart to donate my car for his glory. I was very attached to this car, but trusting in the Lord, when I went to the annual Associates Meeting in September I left Madonna House the car 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.

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.” Then, a deep, warm, 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. I remember once consecrating all my life and possessions to Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Why shouldn't she feel free to ask for this car? The Lord loves all of his children, and we are happiest when 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 THE WORLD...

NEWS FROM SOUTH AFRICA

Fr. Noah contacted us to let us know that he has successfully received our **Canterbury Pilgrim Fellowship** intentions and offerings – and will be praying for us at the Teresa Mission in Zastron, South Africa.

AROUND TOWN

VON WEST ISLAND BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Offered to all who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Christmas Park School, Beaconsfield. **Tues. eve Sept. 27 to Nov. 14** 7-9pm. 695-8335.

TEN YEARS OF PERPETUAL ADORATION

On **Saturday, October 1, 2005** the Chapel of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at St. Patrick of the Island Parish, Pincourt, will be celebrating its 10th anniversary! Bishop Luc Cyr will be celebrating Mass at 5:00 p.m. in thanksgiving for this precious gift to the parish, the diocese and wider Christian community on the West Island and Montreal. All are welcome.

MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS LECTURE IN EDUCATION

Dr. Helen Raham will be speaking on the subject of Educational Pluralism in Canada: Facing the Challenge of Cultural and Religious Diversity on **Thursday, September 29, 6:30 pm**. Faculty of Education Building, McGill University, 3700 McTavish. Free. R.S.V.P. 514-398-4106.

COME AND SEE EVENINGS

Come and See Evenings are designed for men 18-54 years old who may be discerning a vocation to follow Jesus as a priest. The next Come and See Evening will take place on **September 23 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**, at St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish. Each evening begins with supper and is followed by a time of recreation, prayer, and ends with a discussion on various topics dealing with priestly life and ministry. These evenings are an excellent opportunity for those who are discerning a call to the priesthood to share in fellowship and to explore their call together.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

All parents and girls of the parish are welcome to attend Sacred Heart's Open House at 3635 Atwater Avenue **Sept 24, from 1- 4 p.m.** 937-2845.

LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL

Interested in Catholic education for your son? Join us at Loyola Secondary H.S. Open House **Sept. 24, 9-12 noon**, 7272 Sherbrooke West. 486-1101

ARMCHAIR RETREAT

October 28, 6:30 p.m. to October 30, 2:30 p.m. Join us for an intimate and tailor made weekend of discussion, meditation, scriptural talks, Eucharist, and if needed, reconciliation. Included: individual cozy rooms with a view, and all meals. Cost: \$115.00. Small group of 5 people only. Led by Margaret Million and Fr. Mike Shaw at Ermitage Retreat Center, Pierrefonds. Tailor-made retreats can also be arranged for separated and divorced Catholics, single parents, or youth (20- 30 yrs). **626-1154 or 696-6451, dmpriestshaw@hotmail.com**



2006 Dates: Apr. 28-30, June 2-4, Oct. 27-29.

PADUA DIALOGUE

Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Open to all. Suggested donation: \$5.00. **September 27:** Expressive Psychotherapy. Sometimes words can't take us as far as we need to go. The arts in psychotherapy are alternative vehicles for healing and change. Learn how they work in this combination lecture/experiential workshop. Shelly Snow, music therapist/expressive psychotherapist. 1950 St. Antoine. 932-7597.