

**Twenty-eighth
Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 9, 2005**

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

October 10th to 14th

Mon & Tues.: 7:30 p.m. Mass

Wed to Fri.: 8:30 a.m. Mass

Office closed Monday October 10.

FAITH FIRST NEWS

We still have some unclaimed Faith First books at the office. They are available for pick-up from 8:30-12:00 & 1:30- 4:30 at the parish office. Please note that the next parent gathering is **Thursday October 20th at 7 pm.** Please note *day and time* as there was an error in some calendars. Please be sure to have your child sign-in after Mass in the parish hall. Feeling the need to know more about Catholicism in order to help your child grow in the faith? Please consider attending the Diocesan Faith Enrichment Conference being held Nov. 11-12 2006, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Registrations are available from Cathie or Elsa at 620-4057. Deadline Oct. 28. Certification available.

IN OUR PARISH

FUTILE CARE THEORY OR EUTHENASIA?

When you're old or sick and weak or helpless, will you be helped to get better or will someone decide it would be better for you to die and get out of the way? This is not as far fetched as we would like to think. Check it out at: http://www.tothesource.org/8_25_2005/8_25_2005.htm

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 NEXT WEEKEND – OCTOBER 15 & 16

N.B. Please bring your donations to the parish hall starting **October 11, before 8 p.m.** Info: Maggie: 626-2015. Raffle tickets are being sold after Masses Saturday and Sunday (morning). CWL bake table will be held during the Bazaar. Please bring donations to parish hall Friday evening October 14, 7-9 p.m. or Saturday morning. CWL counts on funds from the bake table to support different charities. Info: 620-0951.

“EPIPHANIES IN OUR LIVES”

is the Advent Mission at St. Thomas a Becket. The varied program running each evening at 7:30 from Nov. 27 to 29 will include an invitation to solidarity with our sisters and brothers in Malawi (one of the poorest countries in the world) as a means of encountering Christ in others. The emphasis of the mission will be on spiritual transformation, but will include concrete actions (various initiatives under the umbrella 'Hope for Africa') in support of an orphan project in the remote northern region of Karonga. We invite anyone who is interested in participating to attend our next information session, on Wednesday, October 12th at 7:30 in Cahill hall, when you will be provided with information packages.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next meeting for Becket's Knights of Columbus Council will be held October 17, 7:00 p.m. in Cahill Hall.

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 Suppers, Sunday at 6:00p.m. and/or sign up for the Alpha Course. 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.

THE PILLARS TRUST FUND

This year, the **Diocesan Priesthood Guild is the number one priority of the Pillars Trust Fund, and will continue to be so into the future**, as Pillars will be providing the financial resources for the formation and education of five seminarians. Your financial assistance provides them with worry free funding for their studies and lodging. And your donation also goes a long way in supporting other services to English-speaking Catholics funded through the Pillars Trust Fund, such as the Catholic Times, Montreal Catholic Counseling Centre, Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Pastoral Home Care, and many other worthy works. Please support us because if you don't help...who will? Newsletters and donation envelopes will be in church pews next weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

FITNESS CLASSES



Dolores Carroll Paquette, Certified Fitness Instructor is offering fitness classes Mon and Wed 9:15 – 10:15 am starting Oct 19th in the parish hall. Music for all ages. You will need an exercise mat. \$45 for once a week for 9 weeks; \$72 for twice a week for 9 weeks. To register:Dolores 620-7158.

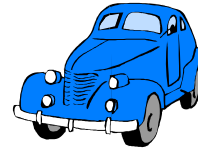
BIBLE STUDY

Have you ever wished that you understood all the readings at Sunday Mass? Because the readings are lifted out of context, we sometimes don't understand as well as we could. If this is the case, maybe you would like to come to a Bible Study for one hour after Monday night Masses 8-9 p.m. M. Million 626-1154.



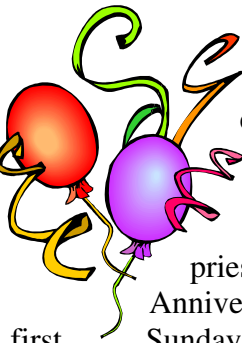
THANKS FOR YOUR CONCERN AND FOR THE CAR!

I have been moved these past several weeks by the interest, concern, and compassion of many parishioners as you asked whether anyone had as yet offered a car. Thank you everyone for caring, for your love, support, and prayers. It's a wonderful vocation to be a priest and to serve God and you his people in all circumstances of life. It is a life which, for most priests, involves some form of poverty or voluntary privation, and for all priests requires the daily surrender of our own will and desires – much like what parents are called to do daily. Like you, we don't get it perfect, but each day we awaken, give thanks to God for another day of life, spend time with Him in prayer, and enter into the day with enthusiasm and hope. Just this week a family offered me a van, which I have gratefully accepted without even seeing it. Their word that it's good is enough for me. They have touched me by their generosity and eagerness to do it out of gratitude and for the glory of God. They have also given me the joy of being able to donate my '92 Grand Prix – which I still enjoy so much – to the Madonna House Apostolate. If you have a car you'd like to donate, it's not too late! Our Lady's Apostolate has several houses in Canada and south of us with a constant need to renew their fleet of aging vehicles. They tend to wear cars, vans, and trucks into the ground, caring for them well with their own mechanics, all for the glory of God. It's not unusual for them to use vehicles up to and beyond 20 years. If you'd like to give a car, van, truck, tractor, dump truck, etc., for the glory of God, please talk to me and I'll set it up. We might have a little convoy of vehicles to drive up to Madonna House Training Center in Combermere, near Pembroke. They'll be glad to have us over for lunch I'm sure. It would be a nice pilgrimage. God bless you and your families. **Fr. Gilles, your Pastor**



HAPPY 39TH ANNIVERSARY, BECKET!

That's right! On October 11th, 1966 – 39 years ago – Archbishop Paul-Émile Cardinal Léger canonically erected St. Thomas à Becket Parish. For about a year, it had been a Mission, and before that, English Masses had been offered by English speaking priests of Paroisse Ste.-Geneviève or other kind and helpful



priests in a variety of places. We opened our 40th Anniversary year at the beginning of September to mark the first Sunday of our Mission with Fr. Cahill on September 5, 1965, when he celebrated 4 Masses. As we complete our 39th year; we enter into our 40th. May it be a year filled with God's abundant mercy and blessing, for all his children, and an occasion for all of us to share the warmth of his love with others both inside and outside of the church Sunday Assembly. God our Father wants to give the best gift He has – **his Son Jesus** – to everyone, and He calls on each of us to be his ambassadors of reconciliation. As we have been reconciled to God in Christ at Baptism and are renewed in this grace daily, at every confession, and every time we receive Jesus in Holy Communion, the Holy Spirit empowers us to carry the Living God within us wherever we go! May every single member of **St. Thomas à Becket Parish** taste the goodness of God in Jesus and know the joy of spreading the Good News about Him. **St. Thomas à Becket, PRAY FOR US**

40th ANNIVERSARY NEWS



Do you have any interesting stories about Becket events or people from the last 40 years?

We will be interviewing/videotaping your Becket memories Oct. 23 & 30 after Masses.

Come share! WANTED: pictures of Fr. Ed

McKinley, Fr. Pat Donnelly, Fr. John Legros, & Fr. Phil Thibodeau.

Please contact parish office if you have pictures of any of these priests. If you or your child received first communion or was confirmed during the first Masses held on June 14 or 15, 1969 and have any pictures to share, please call the parish office.

THANK YOU

Local people in the areas where the tsunami struck are building new homes, new communities and new societies.



CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR
**Development
and Peace**

You are part of the reconstruction process. Over \$19 million were given by Canadian Catholics to the tsunami relief appeal.

WOW!

You purchased over \$800.00 worth of Fair Trade products last Sunday. This is fantastic! You have caught the vision and literally saved the lives of some brothers & sisters in Asia, Africa & South America. The Justice & Peace Committee thanks you for those who can't. The Fair Trade Shop will be open the 1st Sunday of every month from now until June. See you November 5/6!

WATER: LIFE BEFORE PROFIT

This third and year of the campaign against the privatization of water. During this time many groups supported by the D&P are working to insure that water is part of our world's common heritage and must be accessible to everyone. Material is available at the doors of the church so that we may realize that we also need to involve ourselves in this campaign.

YOUTH

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. 626-4111.

THANKSGIVING GATHERING WITH BISHOP MANCINI

To all WYD 2005 pilgrims and friends, Bishop Anthony Mancini invites you to a Thanksgiving Gathering Friday October 14 at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral 7-10 pm. Come share your joy!! Info: Sr. Isabel Correa FMA, 925-4300 ex 273 www.diocesemontreal.org

CRITICAL MASS



Join the Canadian Gospel Music Association Rock Album of the Year winners for an evening of Catholic modern rock! Critical Mass – a Catholic rock band perform live in concert at Queen of Angels Academy **October 16, 6:00 p.m.** Tickets \$10 www.yourticketzone.com

BECKET PANTRY NEEDS

Current needs: coffee, jam, canned fruit jello, pudding, laundry detergent, crackers, Kraft Dinner. Thanks for your continuing generosity. **Thank you** to those who have offered to be volunteer drivers – we still need many more! Volunteer drivers deliver groceries to needy families in our parish territory during the day and/or evenings. Office at 626-4111.

AROUND TOWN

ÆTERNAL MINISTRIES CD LAUNCH

The Christian music group Aeternal will be launching their newest CD entitled “In Christian Unity” at the St. David Side Door Café, October 14th. St. David’s is situated at 12450 Gascon Street in Pierrefonds. The doors open at 7:30 and the fun begins at 8:00 pm. There will be refreshments along with a healthy dose of original spiritual music. Please come and support this ministry from St. Thomas à Becket by being present and taking part in a joyous event celebrating Christ! Info 696-2091.

THE HEALING POWER OF FORGIVENESS

At St. John Fisher Parish, **Saturday October 29, 9am to 4:30pm**, (followed by Mass at 5:00 pm). Presenters include: Fr. Roger Martineau, Fr. Ray Lafontaine, Fr. Francis McKee, Msgr. Sean Harty, and Fr. Thomas Delorme. BYO Lunch. Tickets: \$25.00 before Oct.10 (buy 6 get one free). After Oct. 10 \$35.00 695-7172. Space limited. Details on bulletin boards.

AN INVITATION TO CURLING ENTHUSIASTS

All male curlers are invited to join the Rolling Stones curling group for the 2005-2006 curling season. We get together Thursday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. from November until April at the Baie d’Urfe curling club. If you are interested please call Bill Kelly 694-0940 or John Payette 626-7374. Our first match takes place on Thursday October 27th.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Plan or postpone pregnancy simply, naturally and effectively. The Billings Ovulation Method is a way of living married life that respects the love-giving and life-giving nature of sexual relationship. Free instructional evening Oct. 20 7:30 - 9:30 pm at the Archdiocese of Montreal, 2000 Sherbrooke St. W. Facilitator: Rosa D’Addario. Information and registration call Sonia-Kesik Mitchell 925-4300 ext.343.

FROM FR. TOM TO FR. GILLES AND PARISH

I just wanted to write a letter to you, and through you to the whole parish, to thank everyone who participated in organizing the special evening of September 17, 2005. It was truly a memorable time: the food, the fellowship, the presence of my parents - heck I even have my own action figure now!

The scrapbook I received was wonderful, but even more than that there is the scrapbook of my heart, where I treasure the many wonderful memories I have of my three years at Becket. I also thank the Fabrique for the gift with which I was presented – have no fear, it will be put to good use.

Thanks for everything, Fr. Gilles, and please pass on my thanks to everyone.

God Bless, Fr. Tom