

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 6, 2005



Be watchful and ready: you do not know
when the Son of Man is coming.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE Nov. 7 to Nov. 11
Mon. No Mass; **Tues.** 7:30 p.m. Mass with devotion to
Our Lady of Perpetual Help. **Wed to Fri.:** 8:30 a.m. Mass



FAITH FIRST NEWS

There will be a parent gathering (Animation) on Wednesday Nov. 9 at 7:00 p.m. The topic will be family spirituality.

Upcoming children's gatherings: **Nov 7 Confirmation 5+ 4:30 or 6:15**
Nov 10 HS 2, 3, 4, 4:30 or 6:15 Please confirm the time of your child's gathering by your group number on your calendar.

IN OUR PARISH

The 20 Rosary Mysteries Are Gospel Windows

For the 2002-3 Year of the Rosary, Pope John Paul II shared with us how much he loved to contemplate the face of Christ with Mary, pondering as she did the wonderful things God has done and is doing in Jesus his Son. The prayers, images, and silences of the Rosary allow God to enter the experiences of our lives and illuminate them with his wisdom and love. Last Sunday, we asked God to bless these evocative paintings of the 20 Mysteries of the Rosary, which are truly windows of the Gospel drawing us into the mind, heart, and soul of our Lord Jesus Christ and his Mother Mary. **"Lord, bless the artists: Flora Markic & Ann McDonald of our Parish, who painted the 5 Luminous Mysteries, and Frank Morahan, of St. Gabriel, who painted the 15 others 20 years ago. God our Father, You were pleased to choose the young Virgin Mary to be the Mother of your Divine Son. By accepting to conceive Him in her womb she give Him a share in our humanity. You give us Jesus, and by your Holy Spirit, your infinite power to save is poured out on us as divine love and mercy. Mary helps us ponder deeply your love in Jesus and pass through these Gospel windows as through open doors to enter into the mind, heart, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ, and accept Him as Lord and Saviour. Amen."**

ADVENT MISSION: "EPIPHANIES IN OUR LIVES" 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**, which comes via concrete action (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 contact our Parish Office or see posters.

Improving Our Sunday Liturgy – Christ the King 2005

We are responding to Popes John Paul and Benedict's invitations to do all we can to improve how we encounter Jesus on Sunday as a community of faith. Gradually, you, the Faithful, members of the Assembly, Greeters, Ushers, Lectors, Choirs and Music Directors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, Priests, and Deacon can demonstrate our faith and devotion to the Lord by implementing various improvements, beginning on Christ the King, November 19-20. To talk to our Pastors or join our Liturgy Improvements Committee, call the Office at **626-4111**.

We can all try to arrive early, greet others, sign in, prepare, and pray a bit. Children in Faith First sign in at each Sunday Mass to show their attachment to Jesus and fidelity to his sacred Assembly.

Everyone could try to sit a row or two closer to the front, and in the middle of the row, to leave room at the edges for those arriving after us. Honoring Jesus in the Tabernacle, we can try to maintain a reverent atmosphere of "quietness or stillness", keeping boisterous laughter and conversation for outside the church after Mass.

Presiders, Altar Servers, and all liturgical ministers, be ready, and Lectors begin exactly on time, greeting the Assembly. We will call children up for Children's Liturgy after the Greeting, bless and dismiss them after the Penitential Rite. We simplified the second to last but still inclusive Prayer of the Faithful, and now project the list of recently deceased and relatives, but read out only the deceased.

We will begin taking up the Collection of the Sunday offerings of the Faithful immediately after the Prayers, without delay, and we will carry the bag to the Altar with the other gifts. We shortened the prayers for vocations, while conserving the substance and meaning. We'll have minimum announcements, and you can read the bulletin.

Music Directors and Choirs have begun to take steps to correct, adapt, or compose parts of the Mass so as to employ the exact lyrics in the Ritual book, the Sacramentary or Roman Missal. They have prepared transparencies and will project all music pieces for which lyrics are not exactly as in the Sunday Missal.

Presiders will keep introductory remarks concise, and to the point, and in the homily, attempt to address children and youth as well as adults, aiming for homilies that can be delivered in 10 to 12 minutes. They may provide lengthier and more extensive printed homily versions as a pick-up at the doors.

Baptized confirmed R.C.'s may attend formation to bring Holy Communion to the sick. If you're interested, call the Parish Office.

When bringing Holy Communion to the sick, place your open Pyx on the Altar before Mass, with the correct number of hosts in it. Come pick up your Pyx after Mass is over. The first time, introduce yourself to one of our pastors, and ask for instructions.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next general meeting will be held **Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m.** in Cahill Hall. ♦ Officers installation to take place **Nov. 12 after the 4:30 p.m.** Mass. All families & friends are invited. ♦ New Year's Eve dance will be sponsored by the Knights this year in Parish Hall. \$30.00 per person. Dinner at 9 PM For more info please call Mario 624-5506 or Guy 626-8421

CWL

RESPECT AND SUPPORT FOR EVERY CATHOLIC WOMAN!

Let's be frank and admit that our culture is not very respectful of woman. From a young age, women can pick up the impression that they don't meet the standard. Many choices today can also lead to isolation. Women want to connect with other women, to find friendship, mutual help, awesome power in numbers, and opportunity to grow together in their faith. Check out and discover for yourself, and bring a friend, to the Catholic Women's League of Canada through our Parish CWL Council. Beware! Meeting and keeping company with other remarkable Catholic women can be very dangerous. You may never be the same again! <http://www.cwl.ca/>

As a member of our Becket Council, you will be a member of the Catholic Women's League of Canada. We are affiliated with the United Nations women's networks that have a strong influence around the world and are a force for good especially in support of helpless poor women. We are also represented at the metropolitan, provincial, and national levels and enjoy a strong and respected influence with those governments!

Getting to know other women and doing things together is fun! This is membership time in the CWL, and we'll be glad to have you as a new member. Take a moment and fill in the coupon below and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the CWL c/o the Parish. We will get back to you. You really matter to us. Come discover new friends!

A HUGE THANK YOU to Fr. Gilles for the support and encouragement you gave our council in recent bulletins. It is my hope that many more women from our parish will make the decision to join the League. It is a great way to have a voice in the future of our parish, our province and in our country by being able to put forth as a group resolutions for changes of what we may not be in agreement with on certain issues. Thank you so much parishioners & members for all the wonderful baking you did for our bake table at our Annual Parish Bazaar. Everything was sold, and we had a great deal of fun and even song & dance doing it! We now will be able to meet all our charitable commitments for the upcoming year. Thanks to your usual spirit of generosity. May God bless you all and give each and everyone much needed spiritual food.
Elinor Gallagher

NEXT CWL MEETING will be held on Tuesday November 8. and will begin with a CWL memorial Mass at 7:30 p.m. Please bring photos of family or deceased CWL members. Following Mass will be an important meeting in Cahill hall for the election of the executive. Your presence is required. All non-members are welcome to join us. Louise 630-6556.

ALREADY A CWL MEMBER or EAGER TO RENEW?

Paid membership cards may be picked up in CWL folder in Narthex. Any CWL member can put her cheque in the collection basket in an envelope marked CWL or call Elinor Gallagher at 620-0951 a.s.a.p. Thank you.

JOIN TODAY! INFO: FILL IN AND DROP IN COLLECTION.

St. Thomas à Becket Parish CWL Membership Drive – 2005

Yes, I would like information on the CWL – Catholic Women's League of Canada – and on belonging to the network of women's organizations.

NAME _____ **PHONE** _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____ **FAX** _____

FABRIQUE & HELPING OTHERS CANDIDATE PROPOSALS!

Pick up a nomination form today at the doors and propose a parishioner as candidate for warden or member of the H.O. Committee in the elections next Sunday. Please keep in mind the information below in making your proposal. Put the form in the basket or drop it off at the Office early in the week. We will contact the person you propose and verify their intentions. All Roman Catholics of full age (18) living within the Parish boundaries (check bulletin) are entitled to nominate, be nominated, and vote at the meeting of parishioners to elect wardens to the Fabrique. All adults of the Parish may participate at the Helping Others Committee election meeting.

2005 Nominations & Elections next Sunday, Nov 13th at 12:15 pm

The Fabrique & Helping Others Committee are key boards in the life of our parish community. Administration, the repair and maintenance of our plant, equipment, and grounds, and management of our charitable outreach is work indispensable to our Mission in Christ – not an honorary position – but a real labor of love; allowing some fun and the satisfaction of doing important tasks at Becket for the Lord and his People. The H.O.C. works under the authority of the Fabrique. The members, like Coordinators and members of Becket Pantry, help carry the burden of the Pastor to respond in charity to the needs of local families on behalf of our Congregation. Wardens and H.O.C. members have a genuine desire to serve God and his people and find satisfaction as dedicated collaborators who enjoy doing the Lord's work. Please pray for these generous and dedicated volunteers.

Be a candidate and come enjoy doing the Lord's work!

Fabrique work is done by committee and portfolio. These are reorganized after each election to accommodate what the members are willing and able to do. The law defines the duties and powers of members acting on behalf of the Fabrique, who work as a team to assure that the work is done. You can offer your personal skills, talent, and experience to serve the Fabrique. You can serve as a gateway for the stewardship of our entire membership.

May the lord guide you in your decision! Think, discuss & pray. Good luck!

This year we gratefully thank *Janet Arts* for three years of generous service and *Dawn Richardson* for completing a term left vacant two years ago. Our Fabrique has **two terms** of three years open beginning in **2006**. We also thank Michelle DiFrancesco and Heinz Brues for two years on the **Helping Others Committee**, which has **two terms** of two years open beginning in **2006**. **May God bless you all and your families!**

WHAT FUTURE DO OUR FANIA KIDS HAVE?

Now that the current school year for our kids at Fania is now over, we are working on a report to give you an overview of the past 5 years. Will we be able to keep the current teaching staff and accept as many as the 480 kids we had this year and have had in recent years? What's going to happen to them if we can't? We became "**Water Walkers**" since October 2002, inspired by St. Peter when he impulsively asked Jesus to tell him to come out to Him on the water. Will you "walk on water" with us, like St. Peter, and follow Jesus in caring for his poor children? There are so many ways your time and talent could improve their lives. Become a "**Water Walker**" and get the JOY! "**We believe!**" Fr. Gilles, the HOC, & our Becket Staff.

BUILDING FUND – 1997–2005 REPORT

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

As your Fabrique board prepares to present to you the fruit of our long labours in researching the necessity and means of replacing the roofs to our buildings and further findings elicited by conscientious questions from some of you, we also approach another election. At the end of the Fabrique's year, we present to you a comprehensive report of our Building Fund, reinstated by the Fabrique in July 1997 to repair the Apron, parking lot, and roofs. We thank all who have in many ways contributed with trust in our future to this fund for the past 8 years! Your generosity, diligence, involvement, concern, and trust have given glory to God and helped us accomplish much-needed major repairs. In the months ahead, we will present to you appropriate means to underwrite the projected cost of repairs to the roofs, along with a report of our research into the technical details and of the Fabrique's decisions and intended actions. We thank you for your patience and understanding. Fr. Gilles for the Fabrique.

Opening Balance from 1997:	\$12,312
Italian Night Gala – June 20 th , 1998:	\$11,500
Summer Day Camp 1998–99–2001–02:	\$9,500
Raffle – April 1999:	\$3,400
Bazaar – Fall 2000–2005:	\$21,096
Jubilee Year Raffle 2000–2001:	\$22,915
Craft Sale 2001:	\$5,362
2004 Golf Classic:	\$4,000
2004 Wine Festival:	\$5,721
Other fundraisers & donations:	\$19,719
Offerings to date (October 27, 2005):	<u>\$250,367</u>
Total Receipts to date:	\$365,892
Apron reconstruction – Oct/Nov 1998:	\$44,311
Furnace & Pump Repairs – Fall 1999:	\$6,572
Parking Lot – Fall 2000 – April 2001:	\$85,281
Parking Lot Lighting – Fall 2000:	\$20,316
Parking Lot Final – Jan/Sept 2001:	\$16,639
Oil Tank Replacement – Fall 2002:	\$11,601
Roof Evaluation – Architects 2004–05:	<u>\$21,074</u>
Total Expenditures to date:	\$205,794
Building Fund Credit Balance:	\$160,098

CALLING ALL SCOUTS, GUIDES, BROWNIES, AND CUBS



2005 has been declared the **Year of the Veteran**. We invite you to help us celebrate, honour, and remember our veterans by wearing your uniforms when you come to Mass Nov. 12 or 13

Canterbury Fellowship Pilgrims ~ November 2005



Deceased: Michael Solis, Kathleen Ellis, Rita Suzanna De Souza, Joe & Mark Dias, Walter Rother, Cecilia & Dorothea

Mossa Sgt. Charles Dellar & Sgt. Herbert Dellar, Daniel Harrison, Domenico Pandolfo, Carmela Bonta, Flaviano Di Vito, Theodore Russo

Living: Maria Parise, Teresa Bastone, Teresa Coverini, Eda Reda, Alessandro Kepekci

Year of the Eucharist – Communion Instruction for Everyone

Every Sunday, over 1400 reverently come to receive Jesus in Holy Communion. We enter into the Paschal Mystery, trying to be awake and attentive to what is happening. Jesus Risen from the dead pours himself into us as a transfusion of divine life, intimately binding us to himself, so that He expects us to make room for his mind and heart in us.

In the Roman Catholic Church, Protestants may not receive; while Orthodox and Eastern Catholics may. This is because when we receive this sacrament, Jesus gives us communion not only with Himself and his Father in the Holy Spirit, but also with his Church. Whatever attitudes we hold towards Mary, the Pope, or the Roman Catholic Church, it is towards Jesus that we actually hold them.

When not properly disposed, one may receive Holy Communion at another time after first going to celebrate Confession for Reconciliation with the Lord and his Church through the services of a priest. Whenever we are not receiving Communion, we may come forward for a spiritual communion and a blessing by simply placing a hand over our heart.

To receive Holy Communion on the hand: open the hand you use less up near your heart – because Jesus comes into our hearts – and put underneath it the hand you will use to pick up the Host, the Body of the Lord. To receive on the tongue: extend your tongue straight out flat as a “landing pad” to receive the Lord, the Bread of Life. You don’t want a minister of Holy Communion to have to reach into your mouth.

NO DIPPING PLEASE – If you wish to receive from the Cup, please take a small sip. There’s no dipping – it’s not one of the proper ways developed over the centuries as reverent or attentive to the mystery we are celebrating. Nor is it hygienic or respectful. We have the proven and accepted ways of receiving Holy Communion carefully described in the Sacramentary and its Introduction document. See more details in the bulletins of October 23rd and 30th. Whenever anyone tries to dip, the ministers have been instructed to cover the Cup.

We will not actually offer you the Body or Blood of Christ until you say “**Amen!**” We must hear you declare your Catholic faith that Jesus is truly present in the Host & Wine – in his risen Body and Blood, in his divinity – otherwise we cannot give you Holy Communion.

PREPARE YOURSELVES TO HUMBLY RECEIVE JESUS AS YOUR LORD.

BECKET PANTRY

NEEDS: Crackers, Pasta, Rice, Stew, Tomato Paste. Thanks to all who graciously offered to volunteer as drivers. God Bless you & your families.

ONLY ONE CHRISTMAS BASKET MEETING NOVEMBER 15
Cahill Hall, 7:00 p.m. for all who are interested in helping out in any way to make Christmas special for those less fortunate. **Examples:** **A** - Prepare a basket, **B** - Help in the garage on delivery day, **C** - Strong men and youth to help carry orders from Cahill Hall to waiting cars on delivery day, **D** - Help in Cahill Hall to keep order both during the basket preparation and on delivery day **E** - A dozen other ways. **Please consider making this your gift to the Christ Child.** Helping the needy is everyone's business so we invite you to do this as a family. **N.B.** If you want to do an actual delivery to a family you **MUST** attend this meeting **If you can't attend, please send a proxy who can fill you in.**

C. Moss

CHRISTMAS BASKET REGISTRATIONS

Only for families in need – will take place from **Oct. 31st to Dec. 3rd** (Absolute deadline – No exceptions), at the Fond de Depannage, 9 Commercial Centre, Roxboro. **Mondays: 9 to 11:30 am. & 1 to 3:30 pm. Thursdays and Fridays: 9 to 11:30** Items required to register: Medicare Card for each member of your family, Lease (proof of address) and Welfare Card. If you are not on welfare you must bring a copy of your 2004 income tax return.

AROUND TOWN

CANADIAN NATIONAL PRO-LIFE CONFERENCE 2005

Life and Family Source of Hope: The Province of Quebec and Canada at Crossroads. November 17-19 St. Joseph's Oratory. Hosted by Campagne Québec-Vie. To register or for more information call 344-2686 or 1800 730 5358. See bulletin Board in Narthex for more details.

40th ANNIVERSARY NEWS

Thank you to everyone who has responded to our requests for video interviews for our Becket History DVD. Who has responded so far? Check it out: Jim Pearson, John Payette, Shirley Legath, Fr. Fred Kirouac, Lorne Flavelle, Diane Flavelle, Mark Brennan, Caroline Moss, Margaret Million, John & Nathalie Bondyra, Vita Lewis, Darroch Robertson, Fiona Robertson, Guy & Mary Taillon, Yvonne Bourque, Sabrina Jodoin, Still to come: Sr. Michael Paul, Joyce Davies, Fr. Mike Shaw, Fr. Tom Dowd. Gather your thoughts and stories as we will continue our interviews after the Christmas holidays. Any pictures/memorabilia are still most welcome!

“BECKET PILLARS”

As part of our 40th anniversary celebration, we would like to acknowledge and honour the people (living or deceased) or groups (currently active or inactive) who have made major contributions within our parish community. Help us identify these people or groups by filling out the form below and explaining why you think they should be appreciated or describing their contribution to the life of the parish. Drop off forms at the parish office or in the collection baskets during the next few weeks.

I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE:

Name: (individual or group) _____

Reason for nomination or brief description of contribution of individual or group: _____

Want to be part of organizing this project?



Name: _____ Phone: _____