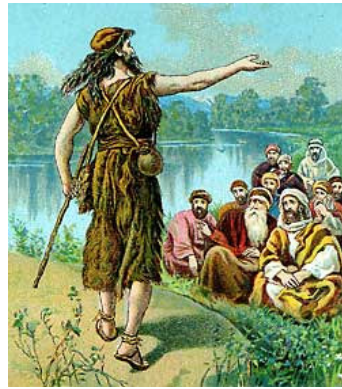


*Second Sunday
in Advent
December 4, 2005*

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Dec. 5: No Mass **Dec. 6:** 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 7 to 9: 8:30 a.m.



IN OUR PARISH

PARISH ADVENT PROJECT HELPS MALAWI ORPHANS

Our Advent Mission, *Epiphanies in Our Lives*, reminded us that from the very beginning Jesus was someone to be personally experienced. Jesus revealed that what we do to the least of his children, we do to him. Theirs is the contemporary face of Emmanuel, God-Among-Us.

We see the face of the child of Bethlehem in, among others, the AIDS orphans of Africa. **Our mission proposed a seasonal parish project to bring nourishment, healing and hope to orphaned children in Malawi, one of the poorest yet most peaceful countries in the world.** The population of the remote northern community of Karonga has been devastated by deaths caused by HIV/AIDS related illnesses, which have left tens of thousands of children orphaned and without care and support.

Sister Beatrice Chipeta of the Rosarian Sisters of Mzuzu Diocese struggles to relieve the suffering of orphans from her base at the Lusubilo (Hope) Orphan Care Project that she established in 1997. The project that she founded and directs offers basic food and nutritional supplements as well as educational, spiritual, financial and social support to more than 4,000 orphans drawn from 30 villages in the district.

We encourage you to make a difference in the lives of the orphans of Karonga district by purchasing gift cards in support of any of these three activities:

- 1) Orphan nutrition support:** Your donation will pay for a local milk supplement called *lukani pali* as well as beans to prevent the devastating effects of malnourishment. Gift cards that you can give to friends or family at Christmas are \$10 each.
- 2) Paediatric medicine:** Your donation will provide paediatric medicines to improve the survival and health of orphans. Gift cards that you can give to friends or family at Christmas are \$25 each.
- 3) Building the Nyungwe Vocational Skills Training Centre:** Your donation will enable the construction of a facility to teach older orphans skills required to support themselves. Gift cards that you can give to friends or family at Christmas are \$50 or \$100 each.

Tax receipts are available for donations of \$10 or more. **Please be sure to indicate on your envelope or cheque that donations are for the MALAWI PROGRAM.** For information, call the office at 626-4111.

What the Father considers to be pure and genuine religion is this: to take care of orphans and widows in their suffering and to keep oneself from being corrupted by the world.
– James 1: 27



FAITH FIRST NEWS

Gatherings for Faith First will begin again in the New Year. Next Parent Gathering: Jan 11 at 7 p.m. The Faith First Team wishes you a joyful Advent. Info: 620-4057.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

St. John Fisher: **Dec. 3, 10:30 a.m. to Noon**, St. Edmund of Canterbury: **Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m.**, St. David: **Dec 10, 7:30 p.m.**, St. Luke: **Dec. 13, after 7 p.m. Mass.**

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE



Presented by Becket's **Knights of Columbus** in Parish Hall. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. \$30.00 per person. Dinner at 9 p.m. Mario 624-5506 or Guy 626-8421.

BE A CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONOR

To make a donation in memory of a loved one towards our church decorations for Christmas, include your donation in an envelope that is clearly marked "**Christmas flower donations**", and write on the envelope: name of your loved one (memorial) along with your name (donor). Please also include your parish envelope number if available. You can bring your donation to the office or drop it in the **Flower Donation Box** at the Church doors. Names of loved ones will be included in upcoming holiday bulletins.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

For security reasons we will no longer publish the amounts of the collections. Information is available through the office. Thank you.

YOUTH

Thank you to our very generous Becket youth: Damian R., Dario R., Jessica G., Veronica G., Alexandra A., Alexandra B., Martin N., Ryan B., Timmy B., Franco C., and Jonathan F., who took advantage of a day off school to help us deliver letters, organize the contribution envelopes, stack boxes for our Christmas baskets and help make posters. Time well spent!



TEEN SINGERS, (13+ yrs) NEEDED for 5 pm Sunday Mass, twice each month. Join us! Patrick Viegas 453-3986.

BECKET PANTRY

Christmas Baskets:

We invite you to donate new or nearly new toys, snowsuits, or teen jackets in good condition, baby items (clothes up to 3 years) **NO ADULT CLOTHING** unless new, small gifts for teen girls & boys and mom & dads. Please don't wrap them. If you are getting items from your company, please give the secretary the name so we can send a thank you. Frozen turkeys any size are also welcome. They can be put in the freezer in the garage. Thank you very much for your generosity.



Carolyn Moss

LECTORS NEEDED

We still require **lectors for the 5 pm Sun. Mass.** Please consider this important ministry opportunity.



~ Advent and Christmas Calendar 2005 ~



Sunday December 18 **Christmas Concert**  7:00 p.m.

Saturday December 24 **Christmas Eve:**
Simultaneous Masses will be celebrated in the Church and Hall at:
4:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Sunday December 25 **Christmas Morning Mass** 9 and 11 a.m.

Thursday December 29 **Feast of St. Thomas à Becket** 8:30 a.m.

Friday December 30 **Holy Family** 8:30 a.m.

Saturday December 31 **New Year's Eve: Mary, Mother of God:**
Holy Hour of Prayer for God's Peace in the World 3:15 p.m.
Mass 4:30 p.m.

Vigil of Adoration and Prayer in Cahill Hall 10:00 p.m. to midnight

Sunday January 1 **New Year's Day** 9 and 11 a.m.

Please note that there will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass on
December 25 or January 1

"Come and
worship Him."



AROUND TOWN

SAINTE-ANNE SINGERS presents "**Christmas Delights**"
with: William Byrd, Eleanor Daley, Donald Patriquin, Diane Loomer, Eric
Whitacre, Saturday Dec 10, 8:00 p.m. Union United Church, 24 Maple, Ste-
Anne-de-Bellevue, Adults \$15 Students and seniors \$12 Children \$5
Information (514) 457-9149 <http://pages.videotron.com/rmpaquet>

BETWEEN TWO WORLDS

Divorce is a fact of modern family life and devastating to all involved.
Some marriages become so abusive that divorce becomes a real option.
But whatever the cause, divorce is always painful for children. In her new
book, **BETWEEN TWO WORLDS: The Inner Lives Of Children Of
Divorce**, Elizabeth Marquart illuminates the emotional and spiritual
challenges unique to children who are forced to navigate the divide
between divorced parents. Available at most major bookstores.

MINDFULNESS MEDITATION AT THE PADUA CENTRE

The power of Mindfulness Meditation: This practice enables us to
become aware of our habits of thinking and reacting and the ways in
which we create our own identity. January 9, 2006 1950 St Antoine Street
S. West, Monday mornings from 10 to 12. Contribution requested: \$ 7.00
Facilitators: Kersti Biro, Joseph Emet, and Valerie Legge.