

The Second Sunday of Advent December 10, 2006



Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths; all people shall see the salvation of God.

Weekday Masses: Dec 11: 7:30 pm
Dec 12, 13, 14 & 15: 8:30 am

Congratulations Fr. Rob on your 8th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood for Dec 11th. May God bless you in all you do!



FAITH FIRST: Here are the "saints" of the week:

I pray for Lola. *Jordan M.*

I pray for Lola. *Justin M.*

I did my Faith First book this week. *Olivia Grace G.*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OFFERED AT SATURDAY 4:30 PM MASS

starting **Jan 14th**. Registration forms in church. Please leave in basket provided.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Reading I: Baruch 5:1-9 (Jerusalem's Splendor)

Reading II: 2 Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 (The Day of Christ)

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6 (Seeing the Salvation of God)

Adults: As I prepare to celebrate Christmas, how do I show that God's salvation is around us?

Children: How can I prepare for Jesus' coming at Christmas?

VOCATION VIEW- WEEKLY REFLECTION: John the Baptizer made ready the way of the Lord. Who will make ready the way today?

CHRISTMAS BASKET FOOD DONATIONS ARE DOWN We still need lots of food donations for our Christmas baskets. What do we need? Anything listed on the food slips that are available at the back of the church in the red baskets. Please drop off donations in Cahill hall **before Dec. 15th**. (Please ignore the date (2005) on the food slips-we are recycling the slips left over from last year.) If anyone wants to donate a turkey or new, small gifts for young adults, moms, dads, or seniors, they would be most appreciated. We do appreciate gifts of toys for children, but *please do not* bring in toys, clothes, or household items that are old and broken. Thank you.

WEST ISLAND ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE:

† St. Luke *Dec. 12, 7:30 pm* † St. Edmund of Canterbury: *Dec. 12, 7:30 pm* †

St. John Fisher: *Dec. 16 10:30 am* † St. David/Mary Queen of Peace: *Dec. 16, 5 pm*

† Corpus Christi: *Dec 20, 7:30 pm.*

ADVENT / CHRISTMAS: Advent candles, sticker books, mobiles, calendars and more are available in hall after all Masses. Come pick up wonderful resources for children and teens. Please make sure to pick up a copy of the Advent letter which includes Christmas and New Year Mass schedules.



LITURGICAL HELP NEEDED: Greeters, Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers are needed for upcoming holiday Masses. Please sign up on the sheets in the Narthex. Make sure to sign the right sheet. Thanks & God bless



BECKET'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT Come join us for our annual Christmas Carol sing-a-long and Becket's Church Mice children's play Dec. 17, 7 pm. Bring family and friends and get into the holiday spirit! Free.

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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.

40th ANN. NEW YEAR’S EVE FAMILY DINNER-DANCE: New Year’s Eve family dinner/dance will be held **Sun. Dec. 31**. The evening will include a delicious Chinese buffet, great music, door prizes, special events and surprises. All this for a very reasonable \$20 *per person*. Children *12 and over* are welcome if supervised by an adult. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Limit of 150 tickets will be sold. **BYOB**. Tickets for sale in Narthex after Masses or from the Richardsons at 514-694-2984.

STRUGGLING WITH GRIEF? A group workshop series is offered for people 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, are centred on the healing power of faith, hope and love. Next series scheduled on Fridays: **January 12 to March 23, 2007** from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. For information, richard.boileau@videotron.ca or (514) 697-9813.

~ **MASS SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 9th – DECEMBER 17th** ~

Saturday Dec. 9	2nd SUNDAY IN ADVENT	
4:30 pm	John Stewart Dawes	John & Norma Dawes
Sunday Dec. 10		
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Julio Veeren	C. Agombar & S. Ellis
Monday Dec. 11		
7:15 pm	Peter Chapman	Brenda Fitzpatrick
Tuesday Dec. 12		
8:30 am	Presentacion Diansuy	Mary Vergara
Wed. Dec. 13		
8:30 am	Luciano Della Rocca	Rina Della Rocca
Thurs. Dec. 14		
8:30 am	Antonio Cabral	His Wife
Friday Dec. 15		
8:30 am	Alexis & Georgette Musatow	Ernie Audrey Cassidy
Saturday Dec. 16	3rd SUNDAY IN ADVENT	
4:30 pm	Our Parishioners	
Sunday Dec. 17		
9:00 am	K.H. Wawak	Elizabeth Barroso
11:00 am	Frank Drayton	Mary & Guy Taillon

Weekday Readings for Dec 11th to Dec.15th :

Monday Dec. 11th	Is 35: 1-10	Lk 5: 17-26
Tuesday Dec. 12th	Zac 2: 14-17	Lk 1: 26-38
Wednesday Dec. 13th	Is 40: 25-31	Mt 11:28-30
Thursday Dec. 14th	Is 41: 13-20	Mt 11:11-15
Friday Dec. 15th	Is 48: 17-19	Mt 11:16-19

SPECIAL ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION FOR PRIESTS PENSION PLAN:

A total of \$1898.00 was collected last weekend for the Archdiocese of Montreal Priest’s Pension Plan. Thank you to all parishioners for your great generosity.

ENVELOPE BOXES: Thank you to everyone who has already picked up their 2007 envelope box at the back of the church. Please make sure to pick up the right box. If you have picked up an envelope box that belongs to someone else, we will not be able to issue you a tax receipt. If you do not have an assigned box, or you are new to the parish, please pick up a blank box and make sure to fill out the yellow card and drop it in the collection basket during any weekend collection. Thank you.

VOLUME 1 IS READY! Becket history DVD, Volume 1, shown after all Masses last weekend, is ready for all those who made orders. Extra copies will be on sale for \$20.00. Volume 1 covers the beginnings of our parish up to Fr. Cahill. "The Many Faces of Becket", shown at the 40th Anniversary dinner will also be available for a good will offering. Buy both and learn or reminisce - makes a great Christmas gift! Both DVDs can be purchased online at the parish website: www.stthomasabecket.org or by calling Maria at 514-620-9157.

BECKET HAPPENINGS AT A GLANCE

Fri.	Dec. 15	Deadline to drop off Christmas basket donations	until 4:30 pm
Sat	Dec. 16	Altar Servers' 2 nd Christmas sale	after Mass
Sun.	Dec. 17	Altar Servers' 2 nd Christmas sale	after both Masses
		Becket's Christmas Concert	7:00 pm
Sun.	Dec. 24	Christmas Eve	
		Simultaneous Masses will be celebrated in the Church and Hall at: 4:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m. (10:00 pm Church only)	
Mon.	Dec. 25	Christmas Morning Mass	10:30 am
Fri.	Dec. 29	Feast of St. Thomas à Becket	8:30 am
Sat.	Dec. 30	Holy Family	4:30 pm
Sun.	Dec. 31	Holy Family	9am, 11am
		New Year's Eve	
		Holy Hour of Prayer for God's Peace in the World	3:15 pm
			Mass: 4:30 pm
		Vigil of Adoration and Prayer in Cahill Hall	10 p.m. to midnight
Mon.	Jan. 1	New Year's Day	10:30 am
Sat.	Jan. 6	Epiphany of the Lord	4:30 p.m. (vigil)
Sun.	Jan. 7	Epiphany of the Lord	9 & 11a.m.
Mon.	Jan. 8	Baptism of the Lord	7:15 p.m.

AROUND TOWN

THE NATIVITY STORY: This film tells the story of Mary and Joseph in a warm, human way that helps people experience some of what Mary and Joseph must have gone through at this most important moment of our salvation history. Take friends and family this Christmas season and experience once again the mystery of the Annunciation, the Visitation and the Birth of Jesus. For more information visit:

www.thenativitystory.com or www.nativityresources.ca

THE ARK OF THE NEW COVENANT, symbol of the International Eucharistic Congress in Quebec City in 2008 will be at St. Luke's Parish on Dec 19th 2006 from 8 am to 10 pm. There will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and prayer and liturgical groups in attendance throughout the day. In the evening, there will be Rosaries led by the Legion of Mary. Youth participation and a bilingual Mass at 7:30 pm followed by a reception in the hall. All are invited. Info: 514-684-6488.



REMEMBERING ST. COLUMBAN: The Descendants of St. Columban invite you to join us for an evening of Irish music, song, story telling and dance dedicated to the early Irish settlers who arrived in Lower Canada in the 1820s. Our goal is to restore the broken headstones in the St. Columban Cemetery. Jan 27, 7:30 pm Oscar Peterson Hall. Tickets: Kelley O'Rourke 514-457-1353. www.stcolumban-irish.com