

# The Fourth Sunday of Advent December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006



*I am the servant of the Lord: let it be done to me  
according to your Word.*

**Weekday Masses: Dec 25: 10:30 am  
Dec. 26, 27, 28 & 29: 8:30 am**



**FAITH FIRST:** Here are the “saints” of the week:  
I help my mom around the house. *Michael B.*  
I was a good listener at my papy’s funeral. *Justin C.*  
I put a band-aid on my dad’s bobo when he was  
decorating the tree. *Nisholle L.*  
I prayed to God. *Simon M.*  
I brought in food for the poor. *Sofia P.*  
I bought a present for my family. *Samantha W.*

**FAITH FIRST** is a religious education program for children from kindergarten through high school. Children follow an at-home program with regular gatherings at the parish for both children and their parents. There is a mandatory two year preparation for Eucharist and Confirmation (each). Registration for 2007-2008 will take place in the spring. Please call 514-620-4057 for more info.

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY** will begin again **January 13/14, 2007**. A Children’s Liturgy meeting will be held at 10:30 am January 7 in Cahill Hall for all teachers and coordinators and for anyone who is interested in helping out or coordinating the Sat. 4:30 pm Children’s Liturgy. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all!

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Reading I: Micah 5:1-4a (He Shall Be Peace)  
Reading II: Hebrews 10:5-10 (The Will of the Lord)  
Gospel: Luke 1:39-45 (Mary Visits Elizabeth)

**Adults:** How can I believe more deeply in God’s power to achieve what seems impossible? **Children:** What does having trust in God mean to me?

## VOCATION VIEWS – REFLECTIONS:

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent:** Mary set out in haste, carrying the goods news of God’s great love. Wherever you go today, take God with you. Christmas Reflection  
**Christmas:** A Child is born for us; a son is given to us. Such good news deserves to be heard. Who will proclaim the tidings of great joy in the world?



## CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS

*Thank you to all who covered the cost of our beautiful Christmas flowers and plants! Dear Lord, grant your abundant blessing on all those on whose behalf these offerings were made:*

Rose O’Brien & Stephen O’Brien, Agnes O’Donnell, Peter & Jane Holloran, Anne Marie Watkinson, Anthony & Grozdana Listes, Joan Harkin, Louis A. Pereira, Dusan Medvescek, Lee Loy & Wilson families, Giovanni Ambrosio, Tadeusz Rzeszutek, Elio, Luigi & Frank Genio, Christophrer Kolodnicki, Eddie Mallette & Debbie Patry, Mary Stewart Babin, Alfonso Mio, Douglas Floreani, Stella & Stanley Szuszkowski, Maria Imonti Verdona, Jose C. Untalan, Annie U. Vinarao, Letty E. Untalan, Martin Dideles Sr., Rosario Y. Dideles.



**40<sup>th</sup> ANN. NEW YEAR'S EVE FAMILY DINNER-DANCE SUN, DEC 31**

Tables are filling up fast. Tickets are only \$20.00 per person, which includes a delicious Chinese buffet, door prizes, dance prizes, special events and surprises. B.Y.O.B. Tickets available from the Richardsons at 514-694-2984.

**WHEN THE MESSENGERS OF GOD** (our priests) speak to our hearts, people listen... This was proven after a sermon on helping our neighbors in need as delivered by Father Robert on Dec. 9-10th. The response was great and the loaves and fishes multiplied quickly, giving the pantry a shot in the arm that was badly needed. Thanks to your generosity, the 62 baskets will be filled with Christmas cheer. If you have never detoured into Cahill Hall in the month of December which is where all the preparation is done, we invite you to take a few



minutes next year to soak up the meaning of Christmas that you, the parish of St. Thomas a Becket, might have missed all these years by giving but not checking out what you have helped to accomplish. Baskets were delivered on Dec. 22nd. Thanks to all.

*Carolyn Moss and Santa's crew of messengers.*

**WANTED:** All teens who require community service for school (IB Programme, Academic + etc. please call Joyce Dawson at 514-626-8930. Thank you & God bless.

~ **MASS SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup> - DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup>** ~

<b>Saturday Dec. 23</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b>	
4:30 pm	Patricia Antazo	Jennifer Antazo & Mario Ferrao
<b>Sunday Dec. 24</b>		
9:00 am	Mary Saukas	Linda Saukas
11:00 am	Theresa Luis	Atwell De Souza & family
<b>Vigil of Christmas in church Dec. 24</b>		
4:30 pm	Rodrigo & Maria Veyra	Mila Veyra
7:00 pm	Maria Rosario Soler	Gina Robertson
10:00 pm	Maria & Victor Kozlowski	The children & grandchildren
<b>Vigil of Christmas in hall Dec. 24</b>		
4:30 pm	Kathleen & John Ray	Family
7:00 pm	Marian Gazda	Donna Szutowicz & family
<b>Monday Dec. 25</b>	<b>NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b>	
10:30 am	Rita Susan DeSouza	Family
<b>Tuesday Dec. 26</b>		
8:30 am	Rose O'Brien	Peter and Mary Ann Bussier
<b>Wed. Dec. 27</b>		
8:30 am	Giovanni Carito	Family
<b>Thurs. Dec. 28</b>		
8:30 am	Antonio Cabral	His Wife
<b>Friday Dec. 29</b>		
8:30 am	Yves Daunais	Rita Daunais
<b>Saturday Dec. 30</b>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY</b>	
4:30 pm	Nicole Bourbonnais	Ann & Gerry Matthews
<b>Sunday Dec. 31</b>		
9:00 am	Genowefa Staszkiwicz	Di Marco Family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	
<b>Sunday Dec 31</b>	<b>THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD</b>	
4:30 pm	Eddie Mallette and Debbie Patry	Bernice & children

**N. B. The parish office will be closed from 12 noon on Dec.22 until January 2.**

Weekday Readings for Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> to Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> :

<b>Monday Dec. 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Is 52: 7-10	Heb 1: 1-6	Jn 1: 1-18
<b>Tuesday Dec. 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Acts 6: 8-10		Mt 10: 17-22
<b>Wednesday Dec. 27<sup>th</sup></b>	1 Jn 1: 1-4		Jn: 20: 1a and 2-8
<b>Thursday Dec. 28<sup>th</sup></b>	1 Jn 1: 5-2:2		Mt 2: 13-18
<b>Friday Dec. 29<sup>th</sup></b>	1 Jn 2: 3-11		Lk: 2: 22-35



**2007 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 historical DVD, Volume 1, covers the beginnings of our parish up to Fr. Cahill. "The Many Faces of Becket", an appreciation for Becket and its people, is also still available for a good will offering. Get both and learn or reminisce - makes a great Christmas gift! Both DVDs can be purchased online at the What's New page of the parish website: [www.stthomasabecket.org](http://www.stthomasabecket.org) or by calling Maria at 514-620-9157. Suggested donation for Vol. 1: \$20 a copy.

**~ CHRISTMAS AT BECKET ~**

Fri.	Dec. 29	Feast of St. Thomas à Becket	Mass:	8:30 am
Sat.	Dec. 30	Holy Family	Mass:	4:30 pm
Sun.	Dec. 31	Holy Family	Masses:	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	Masses:	10:30am, 7:15pm
Sat.	Jan. 6	Epiphany of the Lord	Mass:	4:30 p.m. (vigil)
Sun.	Jan. 7	Epiphany of the Lord	Masses:	9 & 11 am
Mon.	Jan. 8	Baptism of the Lord	Mass:	7:15 pm

**PRAYER TO ST. THOMAS À BECKET, MARTYR  
(Feast day December 29<sup>th</sup>)**

St. Thomas, lover of work, friends and a good life – pierced to the soul by God's call – as Archbishop of Canterbury, you devoted your whole heart and all your riches to the poor, the faith, and God – enduring fear, an angry king, and brutal death.

Ask God to grant all your people at Becket to bear abundant fruit of the kingdom during this 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary year and the rest of our lives.

Pray that we may also respond to God's advances with courage – despite our sin and weakness – quick to forgive & generous in mercy. Pray for us to accept Jesus as our savior, be filled by the Holy Spirit, and bring many to the Lord by proclaiming the Good News with our lives. Help us promote Christian vocations, and encourage others in faith, for the glory of God! Amen!

**290 CRECHES** from 110 countries are exhibited at St. Joseph's Oratory museum until February 19<sup>th</sup> 2007. The museum is open daily from 10 am until 5 pm and a small donation is welcome at the entrance. Come and see how the gospel travels throughout the Earth!

*Merry Christmas, Joyeux Noel, Feliz Navidad, Idah Saidan Wa Sanah Jadidah  
Gun Tso Sun Tan'Gung Haw Sun, Froehliche Weihnachten  
Prejeme Vam Vesele Vanoce a stastny Novy Rok, Kala Christouyenna,  
Nollaig chridheil agus Bliadhna mhath ùr,  
Mo'adim Lesimkha. Chena tova  
Shub Naya Baras, Buone Feste Natalizie  
Pozdrevlyayu s prazdnikom Rozhdestva is Novim Godom  
Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia or Boze Narodzenie!!*

