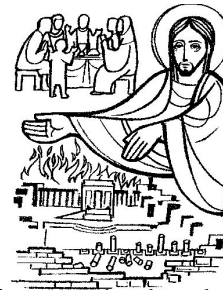


33rd Sunday In Ordinary Time November 18, 2007



Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.

Weekday Masses: Nov 19: 7:15 pm
Nov. 20, 21, 22, & 23: 8:30 am

FAITH FIRST

*I put my faith into action like **Rebekah** when...*

I study very hard. **Michael B.**

I help my dad make pizza. **Stefano M.-R.**

Don't marry people you've never met. **Justin F.**

I love and protect my brother even when we don't agree or fight. **Michael M.**

I gave my seat on the bus to an elderly person. **Taylor P.**

I went to the Fr. Dowd home to sing to the seniors. **Catherine O.**

I will help Nana with dishes. **Gabriel Z.**

I tried to make my friend feel better. **Kelsey Z.-C.**

I helped my music teacher clean up. **Chelsea D.**

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Gathering of First Communion Children: **Wed., Nov. 21 at 4:30 & 6:15.**

Parent Meeting Q & A: **Wed. Nov. 21 5:00-6:00** in Cahill Hall, speaker:
Steve Barillaro "Who is Jesus?"

Group 5 & 6 Gathering **Thurs., November 22 at 4:30 & 6:15.**

High School Gathering (Non-Sacramental) **Thurs., Nov. 22 at 6:15 at
Catechist M. Million's home.**



Reading I: Malachi 3:19-20a (The Sun of Justice)
Reading II: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 (Following Models of Faith)
Gospel: Luke 2:5-19 (Have Perseverance)

Adults: What can I do to foster the virtue of hope in my life?

Children: How can I show others that God loves them?

VOCATION VIEWS REFLECTION: *By patient endurance you will win your life.* Be patient with yourself, and with God, as you await the sign of your call.

SANCTUARY LAMP: The sanctuary lamp signals the presence of the Lord Jesus in the Tabernacle and burns for seven days. We invite you to have the sanctuary lamp memorialized in the name of a sick person, a deceased love one, or a special intention, for a weekly donation of \$20.00 The sanctuary lamp burns this week for the intention of Bronislaw Kulmacz, requested by Mary Gargul. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of a prayer light stand. Please call the office to arrange a memorial for the sanctuary lamp. 514-626-4111.



BENEDICT LABRE HOUSE CHRISTMAS GIFT PROJECT:



As Christians, let's show the homeless in the Montreal Community that we care for them by sharing our blessings with them this coming Christmas. Take a tag from The Giving Tree in the Narthex and return the gift requested with the tag attached. The Giving Tree will be in the Narthex from **November 24th until December 16th.**

Thank you for your generosity.


CHURCH & HALL BOOKINGS: All groups, choirs, etc., please make sure to check your bookings online periodically at www.stthomasabecket.org to ensure that the dates and times for your activities are up to date and correct. Thank you!

FABRIQUE & H. O. COMMITTEE ELECTIONS DEC. 2, 2007:

All parishioners are invited to the election of Churchwardens and Helping Others Committee on **December 2nd after the 11:00 a.m. Mass**. All parishioners of full age (18), of the Roman Catholic Faith, and who live within the parish boundaries are entitled to nominate, be nominated, and vote at the Meeting of Parishioners (*Act respecting Fabriques*). There are six churchwarden positions. The term of office of churchwardens is three years. Two three-year positions must be filled during this election. There are 4 elected Helping Others Committee members. The term of office for H.O. Committee is two years – two two-year terms must be filled during this election. Churchwardens assist the pastor in the administration of the parish. H.O. Committee members manage our charitable outreach programs under the authority of the Fabrique. 514-626-4111.

BECKET’S SOCIAL CLUB WILL HOST A NEW YEAR’S EVE DINNER-DANCE on Monday Dec 31st at 6:30 pm in the parish hall. The evening will include a delicious Chinese buffet, and great music & dancing! Come dance the night away with us! BYOB (alcoholic or non) Reserved seating is available. Tickets: \$25 each. Call Gerry 514-694-2984.

BECKET PANTRY NEEDS: Tinned fruit, cake & muffin mixes. **Thank you!**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: December 16  **in the church hall after the 11 am Mass** - \$5.00 per person. Tickets will be available after all Masses starting Nov. 24th. Reservations for tables (min 10 per) can be made now by calling Guy 450-424-3769 or by contacting one of the Knights.

BECKET HAPPENINGS AT GLANCE

Tues.	Nov. 20	Natural Family Planning	7:30 pm
Wed.	Nov. 21	First Communion Children Gathering #2	4:30 or 6:15 pm
Thurs.	Nov. 22	F.F. Children Gathering levels 5&6	4:30 or 6:15 pm
		F.F. High School Gathering #1	6:15 pm
Sun.	Dec. 02	Wardens and H. O. Committee Elections	after 11am Mass
Wed.	Dec. 05	Confirmation Children Gathering	4:30 or 6:15 pm
Fri.	Dec. 07	First Friday Adoration	10am to midnight

LIFE MAY BEGIN AT FORTY FOR SOME, but household appliances seem to breakdown or expire long before then! Our rectory washing machine which is twenty years old, is starting to fail, and must be replaced soon. Because of the design of the laundry room, we need a stacked washer/dryer laundry centre. We have found the right machine and now we just need the funds to buy it. Any contributions would be most appreciated and can be dropped in the collection basket (mark “rectory washer/dryer” on the envelope) Thank you!



SPECIAL ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION FOR PRIESTS PENSION PLAN:

For the last two years, the Archdiocese has appealed to all parishes to help cover the Priests’ Pension Plan Debt of \$1,375,000, which must be paid over 5 years. The proposal was that each parish would contribute \$1500 per year, for 5 years. The response was very positive, and the diocese is very appreciative of the great generosity and cooperation shown by all parishes. The reasons for the deficit are two-fold: 1. Demographics – The average age of the population, including priests, has increased and people are living longer. Pension plan coverage must be extended for a longer period. 2. The continuous decline in long-term interest rates on the market. All of us share the obligation to take care of our priests who have devoted themselves to the Church of Montreal for many years. Next weekend Dec. 1 & 2, our second collection will go towards the Priest’s Pension Plan of the Archdiocese of Montreal. Please make cheques payable to Régime complémentaire de retraite des prêtres du diocèse de Montréal. Thank you for your generous and continued support.

~ MASS SCHEDULE: NOVEMBER 17TH TO NOVEMBER 25TH ~

Saturday	Nov. 17	33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
4:30 pm	Debbie Patry	Gabriella Komel	
Sunday	Nov. 18		
9:00 am	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am	Tony Fahey	Pat Fahey	
Mon.	Nov. 19		
7:15 pm	Paul Gervais	Lucy & John Patwell	
Tues.	Nov. 20		
8:30 am	Giuseppe Di Lalla	Ed & Helen Samoluk	
Wed.	Nov. 21		
8:30 am	Deborah Malette-Patry	Jerry & the boys	
Thurs.	Nov. 22		
8:30 am	Ambrose Kong-Ire	Julianna Kong-Ire	
Fri.	Nov. 23		
8:30 am	Mark Julius Coelho	Pat & Donny Coelho	
Saturday	Nov. 24	CHRIST THE KING	
4:30 pm	The Maddocks & Floreani families	The family	
Sunday	Nov. 25		
9:00 am	Mr. Eustace Leris		
11:00 am	Our Parishioners		

Weekday Readings for November 19th to November 23rd

Monday Nov. 19	1 Mc 1: 10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63	Lk 18: 35-43
Tuesday Nov. 20	2 Mc 6: 18-31	Lk 19: 1-10
Wednesday Nov. 21	2 Mc 7: 1, 20-31	Lk 19: 11-28
Thursday Nov. 22	1 Mc 2: 15-22	Lk 19: 41-44
Friday Nov. 23	1 Mc 4: 36-37, 52-59	Lk 19: 45-48



COME AND SEE EVENINGS: For men, 18 to 54 years old, who may be discerning a call to the priesthood. The Diocesan Vocation office is offering informal get-togethers from **5:30 to 9:00 pm** at **St. Ignatius of Loyola on the following Fridays in 2007 – 2008** to provide fellowship and support for those who are considering following Jesus as a priest: **Feb. 15, Mar. 28, Apr. 25.** Info: Fr. Robert Clark 514-925-4348 or vocationsmtl@hotmail.com

ANGELS OF MERCY: WOW!!! 42 pairs of socks! 29 sweaters! 22 coats! 21 blankets! And so much more! St. Thomas à Becket truly cares. The homeless will be warm this winter. On their part, the Angels of Mercy say: "THANK YOU SOOOOOO MUCH" **DESPARATELY NEEDED:** a driver for 2 hrs., one Sunday a month, for January through May.

LEGAL CLINIC POSTPONED: The legal clinic will be postponed this Sunday. The following will be held as scheduled on **Sunday December 2, 2007 from 12:30-3:00 pm** in the parish office. George or Sonia at 514-678-6404.

ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION: Saturday November 24, 9:30 - 2:45 St. John Fisher Parish, 120 Summerhill, Pointe-Claire. Topic: 8th Centenary of the birth of St. Elizabeth of Hungary. Presenters will include Father Andre Comtois ofm, Margaret Million ofs, Deacon Richard Boileau ofs, Eric Lasota ofs. Bring your Shorter Christian Prayer. Shared lunch at 12 noon. (Please bring something to share). Information: Clayton Marolly 514-421-4437.

ST. GABRIEL'S PRE-ADVENT PARISH MISSION: Conducted by Redemptorist Fr. Eugene "Red" O'Reilly. Mission sessions Nov. 18, 19, 20 and 21, every evening at 7:00 pm. All welcome. St. Gabriel's Parish 514-937-3597.

~ The Children's Liturgy teacher asked, "Now, Johnny, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?" "No sir," little Johnny replied, "I don't have to. My mom is a good cook." ~