

*Fourth Sunday
of Advent
December 23, 2007*



*A virgin will give birth to a son;
his name will be Emmanuel:
God is with us.*

Weekday Masses:

Dec. 24 See schedule below

Dec. 25: 10:30 a.m.

Dec. 26 No Mass; 27, & 28: 8:30 am

FAITH FIRST PRAYER REFLECTIONS

I put my Faith into *action* like John the Baptist when:

I say The Our Father. **Adam M.**

I helped decorate my one year old brother's room with pictures of Jesus, angels and prayers. **Lucia D.**

I bought a gift for the Father Dowd Home. **Daniel R.**

I gave food for poor families. **Patrick O.**

I brushed my mom's car. **Alessandro R.**

My mommy said a bad word and I told her it's not nice. **Renee S.**

I held my brothers hand when he got the flu shot this week. **Emma O.**

I collected toys for the police and fire station. **C. J. B.**

Please note that there will be **no reflection slips** between **Dec. 22nd** and **Jan. 6th**. Reflections slips will return on **January 13/14**. Thank you!

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. 514-620- 4057.

Wishing all our families a peace filled Christmas!



Reading I: Isaiah 7:10-14 (A Virgin shall Conceive)

Reading II: Romans 1:1-7 (Established as the Son of God)

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24 (Conceived Through the Holy Spirit)

Adults: How does my faith in Jesus fashion my response to situations in which God does not seem to be present or has left me on my own?

Children: When can I stop during the day and say, "Thank you, God, for being with me today"?

CHILDREN'S LITURGY PROGRAM will resume on the weekend of January 12 /13. We wish all our participants and their families a very Merry Christmas!

VOCATION VIEWS REFLECTION

Fourth Sunday in Advent: Stop asking for a sign and become one. Consider becoming a priest or consecrated person.

Christmas: A child is born for us; a son is given to us. Are we willing to proclaim the tidings of great joy to the world?



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 a special intention for guidance for a young man, requested by his mother. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of a prayer light stand. Contact the office to arrange a memorial for the sanctuary lamp.



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:

Anthony & Grozdana Listes, Obregon & Lawton families, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Gervais, Frances & Bill Cunningham, Antonio Cabral, Al Mack, Terry Tobin, Mrs. Joan Harkin and family, Dusan Medvescek, Mr. Biagio Tortolano, Ellis Charasidis, Louis A. Pereira, Jose C. Untalan, Annie U. Vinarao, Letty E. Untalan, Martin Dideles Sr., Rosario Didles, Apolonio Batisla-On, Mary Hyjek, Mary and Mike Saukas, Elizabeth Pastana, Douglas Floreani, Fr. Thomas, Peter & Jane Holloran, Agnes O'Donnell, Anne Marie Watkinson, Lee Loy & Wilson families, Pina & Luigi Vindigni.

PLEASE NOTE: The parish office will be closed from December 24 until January 2.

WE ARE LOOKING for two parents who will share their gift of sewing 65 small puffy hearts for our Faith First Reconciliation schedule. All materials will be supplied. Please contact Cathie or Elsa 514-620-4057. Thank you!



BECKET'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Come join us for our annual Christmas Carol sing-a-long and Becket's Church Mice children's play **Sunday Dec. 23, at 7 pm** in the Church. Bring family and friends and get into the holiday spirit! Free.

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 HAPPENINGS AT GLANCE

Sun.	Dec. 23	Becket's Annual Christmas Concert & Children's Play	7:00 pm
Mon.	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 pm Mass in Church only)	
Tues.	Dec. 25	Christmas Morning Mass	10:30 am
Sat.	Dec. 29	Holy Family	4:30 pm
Sun.	Dec. 30	Holy Family	9 & 11am
Mon.	Dec. 31	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
Tues.	Jan. 1	New Year's Day (Holy Day of Obligation)	10:30 am
Sat.	Jan. 5	Epiphany of the Lord	4:30 p.m. (vigil)
Sun.	Jan. 6	Epiphany of the Lord	9 & 11 a.m.
Mon.	Jan. 12	Baptism of the Lord	4:30 p.m. (vigil)
Tues.	Jan. 13	Baptism of the Lord	9 & 11 a.m.

BECKET HISTORY DVD volume 2: from Fr. Jim Macdonald to Fr. Robert Clark is now available for pick up! To order a copy see sign-up sheet in Narthex, go to the parish website, www.stthomasabecket.org or call Maria.

NEW TO THE PARISH OR RETURNING? Welcome! Please call the parish office at 514-626-4111 or introduce yourself to one of the greeters.

Information about our parish activities and sacraments, including a web calendar of events and much more, can be found on our parish website: www.stthomasabecket.org



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS DECEMBER 22ND - JANUARY 1ST

Saturday	Dec. 22	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
4:30 pm	Joan D'Souza	Atwell D'Souza & family
Sunday	Dec. 23	
9:00 am	Bill Shipman	Priska Meier
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	
Monday	Dec. 24	CHRISTMAS (church)
4:30 pm	Debbie Patry	Mallette family
7:00 pm	Bonita Ann Berezuk	Horace Laflamme
10:00 pm	Maria & Victor Kozlowski	Children & grandchildren
Monday	Dec. 24	CHRISTMAS (hall)
4:30 pm	Giuseppe Tomasino	Terri Tomasino & children
7:00 pm	Maria Rosario Soler	The Robertson Family
Tuesday	Dec. 25	CHRISTMAS
10:30 am	Susan DeSouza	Edward DeSouza
Wednesday	Dec. 26	
	No Mass	
Thursday	Dec. 27	
8:30 am	Margaret Dawson	Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Meath
Friday	Dec. 28	
8:30 am	Richard Walsh	Collette Bernier
Saturday	Dec. 29	HOLY FAMILY
4:30 pm	Dorothy Plamondon	Joyce Clark
Sunday	Dec. 30	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Emilia Pawlak	Jean Bisson
Monday	Dec 31	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
4:30 p.m.	Eddie Mallette	Bernice & children
Tuesday	Jan.1	(Holy day of obligation)
10:30 a.m.	Margaret Hayes	Joan Hopkirk



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FAITH ENRICHMENT WORKSHOPS

COMING IN 2008: EUCHARIST with
Msgr. Murray Kroetsch. The 49th International
Eucharistic Congress is coming to Quebec City

in June 2008. Want to know more about the Eucharist? Why is the Eucharist so central to our Catholic Faith? What does Eucharist mean to me? For answers to these questions and more, join us Fri. Feb. 15, 9am to 4pm OR Sat. Feb. 16, 9am to 4pm at The L'Auberge (street level) at St. Joseph Oratory.

DIOCESAN LITURGY CAMP: Does all the snow and cold we've had make you long for warm sunny days? It's not too early to think about summer camp!

DLC is a non-profit organization for children ages 6 to 14 with a CIT program for children 15 and 16 years of age from **July 20-26, 2008** up at Camp Kinkora. Campers will love the many fun-filled activities at DLC. Recreation, music and liturgy are tied together by an appropriate theme. Memories that last a life time! Registration information contact: Stellar Kang 514-995-1519. www.campdlc.com

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*Merry Christmas, Joyeux Noel, Feliz Navidad,
Nollaig Shona Dhuit, 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 !!*

