

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 21, 2008



Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

Weekday Masses: Sept. 22: 7:15 p.m., Sept. 23, 24, 25, 26, 8:30 a.m.

FAITH FIRST: A big Thank You to our Faith First volunteers who did a great job helping to prepare the books for distribution!!!



Three Important Information Meetings:

For all High School Parents...Monday September 29th at 5:30 in Cahill Hall

For new families.....Having Fun with Faith First Wed. October 1st at 7pm in the Parish Hall

For Confirmation parents....New Confirmation Program Info Meeting Wed. Oct. 1st at 7pm in the Church

A note from Cathie's desk... As I wind down my time at St. Thomas à Becket, I would like to thank all of the Faith First families, the parishioners, and the wonderful staff who have made my three years at the parish such a blessing. I will be leaving my role as parish catechetical leader as of September 26th. Thank you for all your support and kindness!

Cathie Macaulay

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Becket's Faith First office is seeking a part-time Parish Catechetical Leader. Responsibilities include coordination of the RCL Faith First program for 600+ children from Grade one to High School and preparing students for the reception of the sacraments. The PCL assists the pastoral team in the faith formation of the Faith First families and collaborates with other West Island PCLs and the Archdiocese. We are seeking to fill the position immediately. Applicants for the position should have a love for, and understanding of children's needs, and communicate well. A certificate in catechesis, or a B.A. in Theology or better is a prerequisite. Résumés and references can be mailed to the parish c/o PCL Search Committee, faxed to: 514-620-2955, or E-mailed to: fr_robertclark@hotmail.com

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Reading I: Isaiah 55:6-9 (The Thoughts of the Lord)

Reading II: Philippians 1:20c-24,27a (Life is Christ)

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a (The Vineyard Workers)

Adults: When have I, in my humanness, limited the scope and breadth of God's grace?

Children: When did God do more for you than you even asked for?

VOCATION VIEWS REFLECTION: Life in the service of the Lord is never dull, and often challenging. Consider life as a priest, brother, or sister.

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 donation of \$20.00. 514-626-4111.

Week of September 14th: Special Intention requested by F.B. Tan.

TODAY IS CATECHETICAL SUNDAY! Today we join with parishes throughout Quebec to celebrate Catechetical Sunday. During the Masses this weekend, we recognize all those involved in handing on the faith to children, youth, and adults in our parish. Catechetical Sunday reminds each of us that in Baptism we are charged with the responsibility of handing on and witnessing to the faith in all we do. Becket has over 600 children enrolled in Faith First. We also offer R.C.I.A. for adults requesting baptism, Eucharist, full Communion or Confirmation; Children's Liturgy during weekend Masses; Prayer groups, Bible study groups and Day CAFÉ (Catholic Adult Faith Education). These many catechetical processes highlight the living strength of our Christian community at Becket. Let us continue to unite in prayer and commitment!

"You also go into the vineyard." Matthew 20:4

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Registration will take place **Sept. 28th and Oct. 5th** after both Masses. The Children's Liturgy program begins Sunday October 19th. (Saturday dates T.B.A.) We are always in need of volunteers and coordinators to help us run our program. Info: Wanda 514-626-4619.

DINE TWICE WITH BECKET'S KNIGHTS!

Becket's Knights of Columbus resume their popular **FAMILY**



BREAKFAST: Oct. 5th after the 11 am Mass. Menu includes a full breakfast order of eggs, bacon, beans, potatoes, fruit, rolls. **\$4 per person.**



JOIN THE KNIGHTS AGAIN FOR PASTA NIGHT: October 18th after the 4:30 pm Mass. Join friends for a great meal of salad, pasta

with meat sauce, bread, wine, coffee/tea and dessert. Fun-filled evening of music & dancing! **Tickets \$15.** All welcome! RSVP: Guy Taillon: 450-424-3769.

BECKET'S ALPHA TEAM offers "A Life Worth Living" which is a follow up course for those who have completed Alpha. The next session of the Alpha Course will be held again in the New Year. For more information about the Alpha Course (French or English) please call Darroch Robertson 514-693-9885.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS – SEPT. 20TH TO SEPT. 28TH

Saturday	September 20	25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:30 pm	Mr. & Mrs. N. Maresca; Mr. & Mrs. F. Principe	the family
Sunday	September 21	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Mary Fournier	Fran & Carl Jorgensen
Mon.	September 22	
7:15 pm	Fernando Viegas	N.&G. Furtado & family
Tues.	September 23	
8:30 am	Lola Rosa-Del Vecchio	Rosemary Murphy
Wed.	September 24	
8:30 am	Corrado Iacovino	The Grotto family
Thurs.	September 25	
8:30 am	Fernando Viegas	N.&G. Furtado & family
Fri.	September 26	
8:30 am	Rui Viegas	N.&G. Furtado & family
Saturday	September 27	26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:30 pm	Our Parishioners	
Sunday	September 28	
9:00 am	Mark Julius Coelho	Pat & Donny Coelho
11:00 am	Patricia Antazo & Generoso	J. Antazo & M. Ferrao

Weekday Readings for September 22th - September 26th

Monday Sept. 22	Prv 3: 27-24	Lk 8: 16-18
Tuesday Sept. 23	Prv 30: 5-9	Lk 8: 19-21
Wednesday Sept. 24	Prv 30: 5-9	Lk 9: 1-6
Thursday Sept. 25	Eccl 1: 2-11	Lk 9: 7-9
Friday Sept. 26	Eccl 3 1-11	Lk 9: 18-22



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The Bishops' Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will be held **next weekend**. The monies raised will be sent to our diocese, which will use the total amount collected to pay its annual contribution to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB). This contribution is determined according to a per capita calculation that takes into account the number of Catholics in each diocese of Canada. The CCCB offices are located at 2500 Don Reid Drive, Ottawa. A staff of approximately 40 work in different services, supporting the pastoral work of the Bishops nationally and internationally. Evangelization, faith education, ecumenism, social justice, liturgy, theology, the Marriage Tribunal... these are some of the areas where the Bishops are especially involved. This Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada is one of five "special collections" in the yearly calendar of the Catholic Church in Canada.

BECKET HAPPENINGS AT A GLANCE

Sat.	Sept. 27	Women's Power Breakfast	9:00 am
Sat/Sun	Sept. 27/28	Blessing of school bags & books	at all Masses
Mon.	Sept. 29	Info meeting for high school parents	5:30 pm
Wed.	Oct. 01	Having Fun with Faith First – Info for Parents	7pm
		Confirmation Program Info for parents	7pm
Fri.	Oct. 03	First Friday Adoration	10 am to midnight
Sun.	Oct. 05	Knights of Columbus Family breakfast	after 11am Mass
Sat.	Oct. 18	Knights of Columbus Pasta Night	after 4:30 pm Mass

WOMEN'S POWER BREAKFAST- SEPTEMBER 27th: St. Thomas à Becket's CWL Council cordially invite you to join us for a beautiful morning not to be missed. Find out why women keep coming back, year after year, to this little oasis in the fall! Our 9th annual WOMEN'S POWER BREAKFAST will be held on **Saturday, Sept. 27th, 9 - 11 a.m.** Guest speaker Vita Lewis, will give a spiritual talk on "Bread for our Journey" and Kim Preston will lead us in song. Enjoy a catered breakfast and a gift for you to take home. **BY RESERVATION ONLY - deadline Monday, September 22nd.** Please call Louise 514-630-6556 or Lauren 514-626-4129 as soon as possible to reserve your spot. **REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9:00 A.M. \$15.00 FEE AT THE DOOR.**

ST. THOMAS À BECKET ALTAR GUILD: All are invited to join our newly formed altar guild. Becket's altar guild will be responsible for such things as cleaning and maintaining the church and sanctuary, repair of the linens, changing the paraments (coloured cloths that are placed on the tabernacle and lectern) and care of the sacred vessels. The altar guild also decorates the church for solemnities, e.g. Christmas and Easter, and looks after the purchasing of flowers for the sanctuary. Info: Mary Carroll 514-626-5261.



BLESS YOUR SCHOOL BAGS, BOOKS AND FAITH

FIRST WORKBOOKS! Our annual blessing of school bags, books and Faith First workbooks will be held **at all weekend Masses, September 27&28**. This special blessing is offered to students of all ages from preschoolers to seniors studying at university.

ST. LUKE'S PARISH HONOURS FR. GILLES' 25TH ANNIVERSARY as a priest., on **Friday, November 7th**, at the OLYMPIA RECEPTION HALL, 3855 St. Jean Blvd. Tickets are \$35 per person including a four course Roast Beef dinner, taxes, gratuities, and wine. Evening will commence with hors d'oeuvres between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. There will be dancing, music and entertainment. Cash bar available. Tickets and information: Janet Arts at 514-620-6643.