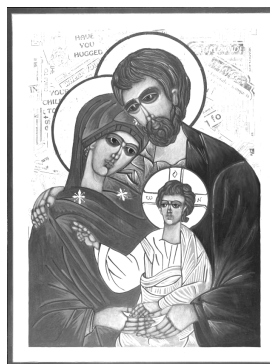


# Holy Family

## December 28, 2008



Weekday Masses: Dec. 31: 4:30 p.m.

Jan. 1: 10:30 a.m.

January 2, 3 & 4: 8:30 am

*Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors by the Prophets; in these last days he has spoken to us by the Son.*

### FAITH FIRST:

*I followed Jesus this week by...*

Being respectful to my teacher and paying attention in class. **Quinlan S.**

Helping my sister to study. **Jeremy D.**

Washing dishes for mommy. **Catherine R.**

Doing my housework on time. **Jeremy A.**

Helping my grandma make supper. ☺ **Dominique M.**

Praying each night. **Benjamin H.**

Working hard on my project. **Anthony T.**

Reading a story to my sister. **Vanessa C.**

*May the New Year bring much joy and blessings to all our Faith First families.*



### Question of the week (The Awaited Child)

**Reading I: Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3 (The Gift of Isaac)**

**Reading II: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 (The Faith of Abraham)**

**Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 (Simeon and Anna)**

**Adults:** Do I long for Christ to be part of my life with the intensity and fidelity of Simeon and Anna?

**Children:** Do I remember that I was born because God has a special plan for me, just as he did for the baby Jesus?

**VOCATION VIEWS REFLECTION:** Yours may not be THE Holy Family, but you are still a holy family. Share an expression of gratitude for the gift of your family today. Pray for wholeness and holiness for all members of the family of God.

Diocesan Vocations Office: 514-925-4348 vocationsmtl@hotmail.com.



### FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED

**SACRAMENT: January 2** is the First Friday of the month. After Benediction, you are invited to join us for an hour between 10:00 a.m. and midnight for exposition and adoration of the Holy Eucharist. Please sign up in the book at the back of the church.

*"If we but paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament, I am sure that the thought of Christ's love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude."*

*- St. Angela of Foligno*

**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 December 28<sup>th</sup>:** Rina Reda & family requested by Rina Reda.

## 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:

*Eddie Mallette and Debbie Patry, Anthony & Grozdana Listes, Stella & Stanley Szuszowski, Susan Munro, Antonio Cabral, Al Mack, Terry Tobin, Mrs. Joan Harkin and family, Dusan Medvescek, Ellis Charasidis, Louis A. Pereira, Alfonso Mio, Gladys and Ralph Haley, Peter & Jane Holloran, Agnes O'Donnell, Anne Marie Watkinson, Wilson, Lee-Loy and Charles families.*

### MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS – DEC. 27<sup>TH</sup> to JAN. 4<sup>TH</sup>

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 27</b>	<b>HOLY FAMILY</b>	
4:30 pm	Mario Vani		Mattea & Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 28</b>		
9:00 am	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am	Lola Vani		Johanna & Tony Buccongello
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>December 29</b>		
7:15 pm	Terry Laporte		her family
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>December 30</b>		
8:30 am	Emilia Pawlak		Jean Bisson
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>December 31</b>	<b>MARY, MOTHER OF GOD</b>	<i>(Holy Day of Obligation)</i>
4:30 pm	Roger Bourke		his family
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>January 1</b>		
10:30 a.m.	Our Parishioners		
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>January 2</b>		
8:30 a.m.	Antonietta Maresca		Balbir Sandu
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 3</b>	<b>EPIPHANY</b>	
4:30 pm	Brian Hayes		Denise Fornier
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 4</b>		
9:00 am	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am	Lisa Rodrigues		Atwell D'Souza & family
<i>Weekday Readings for December 29<sup>th</sup> to January 2<sup>nd</sup>:</i>			
<b>Mon. Dec. 29</b>	1 Jn 2: 3-11		Lk 2: 22-35
<b>Tues. Dec. 30</b>	1 Jn 2: 12-17		Lk 2: 36-40
<b>Wed. Dec. 31</b>	1 Jn 2: 18-21		Jn 1: 1-18
<b>Thurs. Jan. 01</b>	Nm 6: 22-27 / Gal 4: 4-7		Lk 2: 16-21
<b>Fri. Jan. 02</b>	1 Jn 2: 22-28		Jn 1: 19-28

### BECKET HAPPENINGS AT A GLANCE

#### **Holy hour of prayer for God's peace in the world**

Wed. Dec. 31, 3:15 p.m.

#### **Vigil of Adoration and Prayer**

Wed. Dec. 31, 10:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight

#### **Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)**

Wed. Dec. 31, 4:30 p.m.

Thurs. Jan. 1, 10:30 a.m.

#### **First Friday Adoration**

Fri. Jan. 2, 10:00 a.m. to midnight

#### **Epiphany of the Lord**

Sat. Jan. 3, 4:30 p.m.

Sun. Jan. 4, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

#### **Baptism of the Lord**

Sat. Jan. 10, 4:30 p.m.

Sun. Jan. 11, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.



**The Parish and Faith First Offices** are closed for the holidays from Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> to Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all the staff at Becket

**NEW TO THE PARISH? Welcome!** If you are a new to our parish and would like to become part of our community, we invite you to take an unassigned envelope box (at the back of church), fill in the yellow card and drop it in the collection plate at any Mass. For information about parish activities and programs, please see the front and back cover of this bulletin for names and contact numbers.

**HOCKEY IS BACK AT BECKET:** All youth, and youth at heart are invited to join us for street hockey in the church parking lot on Saturday afternoons at 2 p.m., weather permitting. Bring your hockey stick and dress warm! Free hot chocolate for all. Info: Damian 514-696-9432.

**BECKET YOUTH CHRISTMAS-NEW YEAR HOLIDAY BASH Dec 28<sup>th</sup>** in the parish Hall. Pot Luck. Bring your friends! Details will be included in the bulletin of December 21<sup>st</sup>. RSVP: Damian 514-696-9432, Nick 514-696-4167 or Zander 514-624-0908.

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**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE BENEDICT XVI  
FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE WORLD DAY OF PEACE**

1 JANUARY 2009

**FIGHTING POVERTY TO BUILD PEACE**

1. Once again, as the new year begins, I want to extend good wishes for peace to people everywhere. With this Message I would like to propose a reflection on the theme: Fighting Poverty to Build Peace. Back in 1993, my venerable Predecessor Pope John Paul II, in his Message for the World Day of Peace that year, drew attention to the negative repercussions for peace when entire populations live in poverty. Poverty is often a contributory factor or a compounding element in conflicts, including armed ones. In turn, these conflicts fuel further tragic situations of poverty. "Our world", he wrote, "shows increasing evidence of another grave threat to peace: many individuals and indeed whole peoples are living today in conditions of extreme poverty. The gap between rich and poor has become more marked, even in the most economically developed nations. This is a problem which the conscience of humanity cannot ignore, since the conditions in which a great number of people are living are an insult to their innate dignity and as a result are a threat to the authentic and harmonious progress of the world community" [1].

2. In this context, fighting poverty requires attentive consideration of the complex phenomenon of globalization. This is important from a methodological standpoint, because it suggests drawing upon the fruits of economic and sociological research into the many different aspects of poverty. Yet the reference to globalization should also alert us to the spiritual and moral implications of the question, urging us, in our dealings with the poor, to set out from the clear recognition that we all share in a single divine plan: we are called to form one family in which all – individuals, peoples and nations – model their behaviour according to the principles of fraternity and responsibility.

*From the Vatican, 8 December 2008.*

**BENEDICTUS PP. XVI**

To read the Pope's complete message visit the link at [www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca) or go directly to [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)

*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!*

