

Baptism of the Lord January 11, 2009



*Weekday Masses:
Jan 12: 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 13, 14, 15, 16: 8:30 a.m.*

*John saw Jesus approaching him, and said:
This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.*

**FAITH FIRST: ** LEVELS 2 & 3 GATHERING #2: RESCHEDULED for
Wed., Jan. 28, 4:30 or 6:15 pm – please refer to your child’s book for your time
slot. ****

- **EUCCHARIST GATHERING #3: Thurs., Jan. 15th, 4:30 or 6:15 pm**
- **DAY CAFÉ #4: Fri., Jan. 16th, 9:30 am: “Let us Give Thanks”**

Question of The Week

Reading I: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 (Come to the Waters)

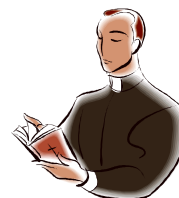
Reading II: Acts 10:34-38 (The Victory of Faith)

Gospel: Mark 1:7-11 (Jesus’ Baptism)

Adults: What does it mean to me to be beloved by God?

Children: What can I recall about the story of Jesus’ baptism?

COME AND SEE EVENINGS: For men, 18 to 54 years old,
who may be discerning a call to the priesthood. The Diocesan
Vocation office welcomes you to an informal get-together on
Friday Jan. 16. 5:30 to 9:00 pm at St. Ignatius of Loyola,
Info: Fr. Robert Clark 514-925-4348 or
vocationsmtl@hotmail.com



NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK:

Today we celebrate the feast of the baptism of the Lord.
This week is National Vocation Awareness Week, a
special time in which the church prays for the renewal
and strengthening of vocations of dedicated people as
married and single people, men to serve as priests,
deacons, brothers and women as religious sisters. Let
your life proclaim good news! Diocesan Vocations
Office: 514-925-4348 vocationsmtl@hotmail.com.

COLLECTION: PONTIFICAL SOCIETY OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

Over the last twenty years, the number of Catholics has increased from 757
million to over one billion, an increase of 38%. Throughout the world, and
especially in Africa and Asia, young men and women dedicate their lives to God
by becoming priests and religious. Vocations are rare in Canada, but the situation
is very different in the south. There, candidates to the priesthood or religious life
are turned away for lack of place in seminaries or novitiates. They are refused
for lack of financial means, lack of buildings, lack of food, etc. Next weekend,
Jan. 17 & 18 we will have a special collection for the Pontifical Society of Saint
Peter the Apostle which supports 80,000 seminarians and thousands of novices in
young churches throughout the world. Your support is vital so that no vocation is
ever lost for lack of financial means. Let us witness with our missionary
involvement as baptised Christians. Please be generous!

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS – JAN. 10TH to JAN. 18TH

Saturday	January 10	BAPTISM OF THE LORD	
4:30 pm	Antonietta Maresca		Joan Mitchell
Sunday	January 11		
9:00 am	Helen & Louis Pinto		Ron & Joy Pinto
11:00 am	Our Parishioners		
Mon.	January 12		
7:15 pm	T.B.A.		Fr. Mike Shaw
Tues.	January 13		
8:30 am	Roger Bourque		his family
Wed.	January 14		
8:30 pm	Luc Johnson		his family
Thurs.	January 15		
8:30 a.m.	John Hackett		A. & G. Poisson
Fri.	January 16		
8:30 a.m.	Luc Johnson		his family
Saturday	January 17		
4:30 pm	Anastacio Cernero		Maria Purisima
Sunday	January 18		
9:00 am	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am	Rose D' Souza		Atwell D'Souza & family

Weekday Readings for January 12th to January 16th:

Mon. Jan. 12	Heb 1: 1-6	Mk 1: 14-20
Tues. Jan. 13	Heb 2: 5-12	Mk 1: 21-28
Wed. Jan. 14	Heb 2: 14-18	Mk 1: 29-39
Thurs. Jan. 15	Heb 3: 7-14	Mk 1: 40-45
Fri. Jan. 16	Heb 4: 1-5, 11	Mk 2: 1-12

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 Jan. 11th: Rose & Adolfe Rivet, requested by Anne & Roger Rivet.

THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP: This is a group that gathers people who are seeking ways to grow closer to God and to make their faith come more alive. The format of our meetings is kept simple and friendly, and we feel encouraged and strengthened in knowing that we are not alone in trying to connect our faith to our everyday life. The theme for this winter and spring session is "Love as a Way of Life." This study explores the nitty-gritty of an entire 'attitude of love' as expressed by kindness, patience, forgiveness, courtesy, humility, generosity, and honesty - seven keys to transforming every aspect of your life. Open to all sincere searchers! **Thursday mornings, 9:15 am, beginning January 15th.** For more information, call Louise at 514-630-6556.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – for people who wish to be in full communion with the Catholic Church, please come to Margret Million's home on **Wed., January 14th at 7:15 p.m.** For more info call 514-626-1154.

BECKET HAPPENINGS AT A GLANCE

Mon. Jan. 12	Fitness Classes resume (winter session)	9:15 am
Tues. Jan. 13	Becket Woodworking Club	7:00 pm
Wed. Jan. 14	Knights of Columbus meeting	7:00 pm
Fri. Jan. 16	Day CAFÉ #4 "Let Us Give Thanks"	9:30 am
Sat. Jan. 17	BYG Hockey Night in Canada & pizza	6:00 pm

B.Y.G. EVENTS: All 12 to 15 year olds are invited to join Becket Youth Group for free pizza and Hockey Night In Canada on our BIG screen, **Saturday, January 17th at 6:00 pm.** RSVP: Damian 514-696-9432.



A BIG THANK YOU to Bernie Lavigne! Bernie was sexton of Becket for 25 years and retired on Dec. 31st. We hope he will enjoy some well deserved R&R! God bless you Bernie for all your hard work and generous service. We will miss you! All parishioners are invited to Bernie's pot-luck retirement party on **January 24th after the 4:30 pm Mass** in the parish hall. Please sign up on the poster in the Narthex. We will have an organizing meeting next **Tuesday, Jan. 13th in Cahill hall at 2 p.m.**, for anyone who is interested in helping to plan the party. **PLEASE WELCOME** the newest member of Becket's staff, **Serge Medza**, our new Sexton. Thank you for joining our team, Serge, and may God bless you in all you do!

THE ALPHA COURSE: Looking for answers? The Alpha course is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed, friendly and fun setting through 10 thought-provoking sessions. Join us on a journey of discovery which will begin in the parish hall with a kick off & informational pot-luck supper on **January 25th at 6 pm**. Contact: Steve Barillaro 514-808-0634. All welcome!

FAMILY VALENTINE PARTY: February 7th: All parishioners, family and friends, are invited to our pot-luck + B.Y.O.B. Family Valentine Party on **February 7th at 6:00 pm**. Games, prizes & dancing. \$5 cover charge per family. All welcome! Sign up starts next weekend (Jan 17/18).

VALENTINE PASTA NIGHT: Saturday Feb 14th at 7:30 p.m. Presented by Becket's Council of the Knights of Columbus. Good food, good music & good fun. \$20 pp. RSVP & tickets: Guy Taillon 450-424-3769.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: Thank you for supporting the 2008 campaign on food sovereignty, specifically in communities where Canadian mining companies are present. Becket parishioners signed 325 petition cards, which were sent to the Prime Minister. As of January 7th, D&P reported a total of 21,376 signatures nationwide. Congratulations to Thomas Kroll winner of the basket of Fair Trade products.

SAVE YOUR USED STAMPS! A GREAT FAMILY PROJECT! Dedicated D & P members collect used stamps and with the help of volunteer philatelist sort, catalogue, price and sell these stamps to collectors. In 16 years they have made \$250,000; all proceeds go to projects in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. We at St Thomas à Becket are now going to be part of this project. Cut stamps from envelopes without touching the perforations. Leave postcards, old and antique envelopes intact, as that is how collectors want them. Deposit in the D & P STAMP BOX in the narthex. Info: Yvonne 514-697-8512.

FABRIQUE & H. O. COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS: Four candidates were nominated for churchwarden and two candidates were nominated for the Helping Others Committee last December 14th. Congratulations to our two new wardens: John Bondyra (2011), and Gerry Richardson (2011). Congratulations to Line Argentino, Francesco Moranelli, and Helen Noonan who were each elected to two-year terms on the Helping Others Committee. May the Lord bless and guide you all, and may you work in a rewarding and fruitful partnership. God bless all your families for their generous support of your service. Many thanks to our outgoing wardens, Janet Arts and Dawn Richardson, and to our Helping Others Committee members John Bondyra, Gerry Poisson, and Coleen Pearce, for your dedication and service.

FITNESS CLASSES: Get back into shape with certified fitness instructor Dolores Paquette. Classes are offered in the parish hall and include warm-up, cardio, pilates, and cool down. Music for all ages. Classes are held Monday and Thursday from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., Jan. 12th to May 14th (exceptions March 2, & 5, April 9 & 13). \$65 for once per week classes, \$125 for twice per week classes. To register call Dolores 514-620-7158. Beginners welcome!