

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 16, 2009



Weekday Masses:

August 17, 7:15 pm

Aug 18, 19, 20, 21: 8:30 am

FAITH FIRST



LATE REGISTRATION 2009-2010: Late registration continues for new and returning students. Please visit www.stthomasabecket.org, call the Faith First office at 514-620-4057, or email faithfirst@stthomasabecket.org.

Newcomers: please make sure to view the on-line Faith First program syllabus, which also provides the password that you will need to register.

If you prefer to register in person, you are welcome to our in-person late registration on Wednesday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m.

PLEASE HELP US spread the word that Catholic faith formation and sacramental preparation are no longer offered at local schools. If you know of a family that may be interested in our program please invite them to visit us in person or online. Thank you!!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

(The True Food of Eternal Life)

Reading 1: Proverbs 9:1-6 (Wisdom Has Built Her House)

Reading II: Ephesians 5:15-20 (Watch Carefully How You Live)

Gospel: John 6:51-58 (The Bread from Heaven)

Adults: What part of Jesus' teaching is difficult for me to accept?

Children: Do I understand that following Jesus is sometimes difficult?

VOCATIONS REFLECTIONS: Give thanks to God the Father always and for everything in the name of the Lord Jesus. What gifts have you received? How does God ask you to use them? Diocesan Vocations Office: 514-925-4348.



BACK FROM THE COTTAGE? Don't forget to book your parish activities for 2009-2010! All parish groups, councils, committees, organizations, choirs, clubs, and ministry leaders are invited to come to the office to book your activities in the master schedule binder. Entries are later transferred to the parish web calendar. Please make sure to check your bookings on the parish web calendar at www.stthomasabecket.org in early autumn to ensure all your dates and times are correct. For parish hall (the big hall) bookings, please contact our hall rental warden, Norman Wight at 514-630-5602.

~ YEAR FOR PRIESTS JUNE 19, 2009 - JUNE 19, 2010~

**SPIRITUAL ADOPTION OF PRIESTS: YEAR FOR PRIESTS SPECIAL: A
WORLDWIDE CAMPAIGN**

Priests are the greatest benefactors of humanity because it is through them that Christ continues to re-enact his unique sacrifice for the salvation of humankind. It is through them that he extends his forgiving hands and opens his heart full of Divine Mercy. Called to be the living monuments of Christ's love in the world today, the priests spend their whole life, for God and His people. They need prayer support to live heroically their priestly commitment and mission in today's challenging world.

Spiritual adoption consists in offering up of prayers and sacrifices, during this year of priests, for a specific priest who will be assigned to you. **Sign up by sending an email to adoptapriest@gmail.com, if you or your family would like to adopt a priest spiritually** (your name, address, country, email ID required). The priest whom you adopt will pray for you in return. More details will be provided on request when you sign up.

Priests who would like to be adopted spiritually, please write to adoptapriest@gmail.com submitting the details: Priest's name, address, country, year of priestly ordination, present ministry, email. You will be informed about who would be adopting you spiritually.

The aim of this ministry is to strengthen the sanctity of priests through spiritual adoption by religious and lay people. We want to let every Catholic priest of the world know that someone has adopted him spiritually during this year of priests (June 19, 2009 to June 19, 2010) declared by Pope Benedict XVI.

How can I spiritually adopt a priest? Adopting a priest spiritually is very simple. You can adopt a priest spiritually by offering up to God various spiritual deeds for the sanctification of a particular priest. Given below are a few examples. Praying and interceding for the priest (see below some model prayers which could be used daily).

This is the core of spiritual adoption.

1. Praying the rosary.
2. Praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
3. Participation in the Eucharist.
4. Offering Masses for the intention of the priest.
5. Making Visits to the Blessed Sacrament.
6. Making Eucharistic adoration.
7. Offering up to Almighty God your little sacrifices, sufferings, privations of life, etc for the sanctification of the priest whom you adopt.
8. Fast, abstinence, penances, mortifications, etc.
9. Making a sincere examination of conscience and a good confession.
10. Doing acts of reparation for the sins of the priest.
11. Doing acts of kindness to the priest including gestures of appreciation.
12. Visiting holy places like Marian shrines, grottos, places of pilgrimage.
13. Doing acts of charity for the needy.
14. Speaking well of priests in spite of their imperfections.
15. Avoid listening to and spreading gossip about priests.

Whatever you do, do it out of love for Christ and his priest.

PRIESTLY HUMOUR: Father O'Malley, the new priest, is nervous about hearing confessions, so he asks the older priest to sit in on his sessions. The new priest hears a couple of confessions, then the old priest asks him to step out of the confessional for a few suggestions.

The old priest suggests, "Cross your arms over your chest, and rub your chin with one hand." The new priest tries this.

The old priest suggests, "Try saying things like, 'I see, yes, go on, I understand and how did you feel about that?'" The new priest says those things.

The old priest says, "Now, don't you think that's a little better than slapping your knee and saying 'No s***! What happened next?'"

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: AUGUST 15 TO AUGUST 23

Saturday	Aug 15	TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:30 pm	Maria Kozlowski	Children & grandchildren
Sunday	Aug 16	
9:00 am	Alfonso Reda	Rina Reda & family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	
Monday	Aug 17	
7:15 pm	Mrs Turelli	Fr. Mike Shaw
Tuesday	Aug 18	
8:30 am	Mr. & Mrs. Maresca & Mr. & Mrs. Principe	Family
Wednesday	Aug 19	
8:30 am	Mark Julius Coelho	Pat & Donny Coelho
Thursday	Aug 20	
8:30 am	Roger Durocher	R. & B. Sanfaçon & family
Friday	Aug 21	
8:30 am	Ida Ramchandran	Family
Saturday	Aug 22	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:30 pm	Gwendolyn Legisture-Gordon	Madeleine Obregon
Sunday	Aug 23	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Coney & Joan D'Souza	

Readings for August 17 to August 21:

Mon.	Aug. 17	Jgs 2: 11-19	Mt 19: 16-22
Tues.	Aug. 18	Jgs 6: 11-24a	Mt 19: 23-30
Wed.	Aug. 19	Jgs 9: 6-15	Mt 20: 1-16
Thurs.	Aug. 20	Jgs 11:29-39a	Mt 22: 1-14
Fri.	Aug. 21	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22	Mt 22: 34-40

AUGUST 15: THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY. As summer vacation draws to a close, Catholics observe an important feast on August 15, the Assumption, honouring Mary, the mother of Jesus. This feast commemorates two events – the "falling asleep" (or "Dormitio") of the Blessed Virgin at the end of her life, and her being taken up to heaven. The Assumption, in which Mary's body left the earth and entered eternity with God, gives hope to Christians of overcoming death in eternity through union with God.

*"The more we are sinners, the more she has tenderness and compassion for us."
- Saint John Marie Vianney, the Curé of Ars*

BECKET HAPPENINGS AT A GLANCE

Sat.	Aug. 22	Wedding: Andrew Jansons to Deanna Poburyny-Cusano	1:00 pm
Fri.	Sept. 04	First Friday Adoration	10:00am – midnight
Sat.	Sept. 05	Wedding: Katherine Hewitt to Robert Kopty	3:00 pm
Mon.	Sept. 07	Labour Day	
Sat.	Sept. 19	Faith First Book pick-up	5:30-6:30 pm
Sun.	Sept. 20	Faith First Book pick-up	10 to 11 am & 12 to 1 pm
Sat.	Sept. 26	Wedding: Christopher Fabes to Sabina Zabransky	2:30 pm

SANCTUARY LAMP: Week of August 16: Carol Clark requested by Fr. Robert Clark.



BECKET PANTRY NEEDS: Stew, muffin mix, jello, dish soap, toilet paper. Also needed: regulation crib and mattress (less than 10 yrs old).

BOWSER & BLUE – FUNDRAISER Enjoy an evening of comedy and song September 12, 7:30 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm) at Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish Hall, 11775 Filion Street, Cartierville. Tickets: \$25 per person. Tables of 10 can be reserved – Please call 514-334-0531. All proceeds go towards the Tower / Windows restoration Campaign at Transfiguration. Cash bar available.