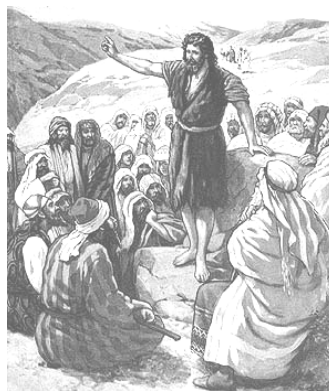


The Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2009



Weekday Masses: Dec. 7: 7:15 pm
Dec. 08, 09, 10, 11: 8:30 am

*Congratulations Fr. Rob on your 11th Anniversary of Ordination
to the Priesthood for December 11th. May God bless you in all you do!*

FAITH FIRST 2009-2010

FAITH FIRST PARENTS: Please see the CAFÉ section below for your upcoming events and activities.

UPCOMING GATHERINGS FOR STUDENTS:

December 09: First Communion: (Gathering time is indicated on workbooks.)

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: Please note that the December 14 class is cancelled. Classes will resume on January 25. All homework can be picked up in the blue folder in the narthex.

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS: I cast my net this week by...

Cleaning up the toys. *Massimo ☺*

Doing a food drive. *Adrianna N.*

Helping at Loyola. *John B.*

Raising money to build a well in Africa. *Kaitlyn H.*

Doing the dishes by myself with a smile. *Jack P.*

Helping 4-year-olds learn how to skate. *Bianca M.-B.*

Helping my mom decorate for Christmas. *Anthony B.*

Practising my music everyday. *Cristina L.*



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

(Prepare the Way of the Lord)

Reading 1: Baruch 5:1-9 (God Will Show Your Splendor)

Reading II: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 (Be Pure and Blameless)

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6 (John the Baptist)

Adults: How can I become a better herald for Christ, one who announces his coming?

Children: What can I do to better prepare for the celebration of Christmas, the birth of Jesus?

VOCATIONS REFLECTIONS: John the Baptizer made ready the way of the Lord. Who will make ready the way today? Diocesan Vocations Office: 925-4348.

THIS WEEK'S QUOTATION FOR THE YEAR FOR PRIESTS:

"Love, in fact, is the vocation which includes all others."

–St. Therese of Lisieux

CAFÉS: All parishioners and neighbouring parishes are invited to our Catholic Adult Faith Education sessions:

Thurs. Dec. 10, 7-9 pm – Evening CAFÉ – Evangelization. With Fr. Francis McKee.

Wed. Dec. 16, 7-8 pm – God is one of us?? Jesus of Nazareth. With Richard Bernier.

Baby sitting will be held in the narthex for Dec. 10 & 16 as Cahill hall is in use.

BECKET FILM FEST PRESENTS: *The Ultimate Gift* – a story about a young



man who thinks that his inheritance is going to be the gift of money and lots of it, but who ultimately has to answer the question: "What is the relationship between wealth and happiness?"

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: DEC. 05 TO DEC.13

Saturday	Dec. 05	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
4:30 pm	Mario Vani	Di Marco Family	
Sunday	Dec. 06		
9:00 am	Rosie di Grappa	Her mom & family	
11:00 am	Our Parishioners		
Monday	Dec. 07		
7:15 pm	Parents of Eric Desroches	Fr. Mike Shaw	
Tuesday	Dec. 08		
8:30 am	Ida & Maria Pia Bastone-Reda	Rina Reda	
Wednesday	Dec. 09		
8:30 am	Marcel Piché	The Carroll family	
Thursday	Dec. 10		
8:30 am	Mrs. Jean Christie	Betty & Andy Quinn	
Friday	Dec. 11		
8:30 am	May & John Toole	Marjorie Duguay	
Saturday	Dec. 12	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
4:30 pm	Mario Vani	Mattea Vani & family	
Sunday	Dec. 13		
9:00 am	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am	Luciano Della Rocca & Mossa families	Rina Della Rocca	

Readings for Dec. 07 to Dec. 11

Mon.	Dec. 07	Is 35:1-10	Lk 5:17-26
Tues.	Dec. 08	Gn 3: 9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12	Lk 1:26-38
Wed.	Dec. 09	Is 40:25-31	Mt 11:28-30
Thurs.	Dec. 10	Is 41:13-20	Mt 11:11-15
Fri.	Dec. 11	Is 48:17-19	Mt 11:16-19

SANCTUARY LAMP: Week of December 6: Mrs. G. Hudeck requested by Peter Trepanier & Barbara Doyle.

BECKET HAPPENINGS AT A GLANCE

(N.B. Faith First activities are listed on first page)

Thurs. Dec. 10	Evening CAFÉ	7:00 pm
Fri. Dec. 11	B.F.F. Presents <i>The Ultimate Gift</i>	7:00 pm
Tues. Dec. 15	Becket wood-working club	7:00 pm
Wed Dec. 16	Evening CAFÉ	7:00 pm
Thurs. Dec. 17	World Youth Day info meeting	7:00 pm
Fri. Dec. 18	Youth Christmas Party	7:00 pm
Sat. Dec. 20	Becket Annual Christmas Concert	7:00 pm

WEST ISLAND ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE:

Corpus Christi: **Dec. 9, 7:00 pm** † St. Luke: **Dec. 10, 7:00 pm** † St. Veronica: **Dec. 12, 10:00 am to noon** † St. David: **Dec. 13, 5:00 pm** † St. Edmund **Dec. 15 7:30 pm** † St. John Fisher: **Dec. 19, 10: 30 a.m. to noon** †

THANK YOU to everyone who made the Family Christmas Potluck & Dance a huge success. We collected over \$90.00 and made a large food basket for the Becket Christmas basket project.



DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: As mentioned last weekend, the theme for this year is food sovereignty - the right of people to healthy and culturally appropriate food produced through ecologically sound, and sustainable methods, and the right of peoples to define their own food and agricultural systems. It also means that communities should not be removed from their land in order to grow agro-fuels. As Canada prepares to host the June 2010 G8 meetings, we Canadians have the opportunity to ask our government to support food sovereignty and small-scale farmers in the Global south. As Christians, let us follow the example of Christ's concern for the poor and for injustice. In solidarity with the Global South sign a card today that will ask our government to take action. Info: www.dev.org



THANK YOU ST. THOMAS À BECKET! Back in 2003, our Lord Jesus Christ, called my wife Line and I on a special journey of faith, which has now culminated on the day of my ordination, to the Permanent Diaconate for the Archdiocese of Montreal. On Friday the 4th of December 2009; I was ordained through the sacrament of Holy Orders, by the laying on of hands and the evocation of the Holy Spirit, by our Archbishop Jean-Claude Cardinal Turcotte; at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral. On Behalf of my wife Line and our two children, Marc-André and Alexandra, we wish to express how deeply touched we were, by your presence that evening; also by your constant loving prayers and support. This means so much to us, to have a loving community of faith. As I prepare myself to live out humbly, my new role as deacon, we warmly express these words of thanks, to our family of St. Thomas à Becket.

The Argentino Family



WORLD YOUTH DAY: There will be a WYD Spain 2011 info meeting on **Thursday December 17 at 7pm** in the Hall. If you're interested in participating, please contact Corey at 514-626-4111 ext. 222, for more information.

CHRISTMAS PARTY for high school aged youth on **Friday December 18 at 7pm in the church hall.** Bring yourself and a friend!!

ADVENT LETTERS are available at the back of the church and include the schedule of Advent activities and holiday Masses. Take a copy for a friend!



BENEDICT LABRE HOUSE CHRISTMAS GIFT PROJECT:

Help us help the homeless this Christmas. Take a tag from *The Giving Tree* in the Narthex. Buy the gift described on the tag, and attach the tag to the gift. Place the gift under the tree by **December 13.** Thank you!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA! December 13 after the 11 o'clock Mass. Hosted by Becket's Knights of Columbus. Enjoy a great breakfast and visit with Santa who will have gifts for all the children. \$7.00 pp, max \$25.00 for a family of five (5). **SIGN UP REQUIRED** - after all Masses or call Guy 450-424-3769.



BE A CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONOR: To make a donation in memory of a loved one towards our church decorations for Christmas, include your donation in an envelope that is clearly marked "Christmas flower donations". Write on the envelope: *name of your loved one (memorial) along with your name*

(donor). Please include your parish *envelope number* if applicable. Bring your donation to the office or drop it in the Flower Donation Box at the Church doors. Names of loved ones will be included in upcoming holiday bulletins.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS will be presented by Becket's Church Mice on **December 20** at the beginning of our annual Christmas Concert. All children are welcome to participate. Rehearsal dates: Dec. 12 & 19, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. High school students can fulfill community service requirements - must be available Dec. 20. Wanda 626-4619.



DONATIONS DESPERATELY NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS BASKETS!

Thank you to all who have responded to our request for donations for our Christmas Baskets. Like many food banks around the city, our shelves aren't filling up fast enough this year. Please remember the many needy families this year when you are grocery shopping. Food slips are still available from the baskets at the back of the church. Just purchase the items listed then drop them off in the Narthex. Frozen turkeys must be dropped off during office hours so we can put them in the freezer.



We also have a few young mothers who need baby items: cribs, strollers, car seats, and clothing. Please contact the office for more information. God bless you for your generosity.