

# Christmas 2011



*Joy to the World!*

*Weekday Masses: Dec. 26, no Mass, Dec. 27, 28, 29, 30: 8:30 am*

To all our families, friends, and visitors to Becket this Christmas season, we wish you a warm welcome, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. If you are new to our parish, or would simply like to know more about parish life, please contact the office at 514-626-4111. The back page of this bulletin lists our various organization and contact names. We also invite you to visit our parish website at [www.stthomasabecket.org](http://www.stthomasabecket.org). Our website contains detailed information about all the activities and events happening at Becket throughout the year. Every Sunday, after both Masses, we offer coffee, tea, and fellowship in the parish hall. We would love to meet you. Come join us.

Following are just a few quick facts and figures to give you a snapshot of life at Becket:

- ♦We have 2900 registered families.
- ♦We offer daily Mass (see schedule) and three weekend Masses.
- ♦We have 580 children enrolled in our Faith First Catechetical formation program.
- ♦In 2011 we celebrated 60 baptisms, 5 weddings, 19 funerals, 120 First Communions, and 97 Confirmations.
- ♦We delivered Christmas Baskets to 84 families, and collected over 250 gifts for Benedict Labre House guests.
- ♦Our Youth Group have regular get-togethers for prayer (and fun!), go carolling at Christmas, attend retreats, and participate in Diocesan World Youth Day. They present a Passion Play every Easter.
- ♦Pastoral Home Care Visitors visit over 50 home-bound individuals every week.
- ♦We offer monthly First Friday Adoration from 10:00 am to midnight.
- ♦In 2011 we offered over 50 CAFEs (Catholic Adult Faith Education) talks and workshops.

Want to know more? Call or visit anytime. God bless!

**FAITH FIRST:** May the Peace announced by the angles and born to us on Christmas day fill your hearts and home, and may you receive abundant blessings for the New Year.

*Lucie & Elsa*

Following are some reflections that our Faith First children have shared with us:

“This week I shared my faith by...”

saying the Advent prayers at supper. *Brynne D.*

helping to put up our Christmas tree. *Maya P.*

saving candy canes for my brother and my dad while they were gone. *Matteo D.*

praying for my grandmother. *Marie-An H.*

giving food to the poor. *Victoria R.*

helped Ariana in church last week by holding her hand to bring her to her mom. *Caterina M.*

giving my old toys to the church for other children. *Lara D.*

having fun with my sister when we were making a present. *Amelia C.*



**CAFÉS:** Developed for *all* parishioners, our CAFÉS offer you an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith and enrich your prayer life. We offer over 50 CAFÉS throughout the year, for individuals, couples, families, young and old.

**Wed. Dec. 28, 7:30 pm, BECKET FILM FEST** presents: *Becket* (rescheduled from Dec. 03). Come join us for this historical drama and true story about our patron Saint, Thomas Becket, starring Peter O'Toole and Richard Burton.

**Tues. Jan. 10, 7:00 pm, CATECHISM 101**, presenter: Fr. Francesco.

**Sat. Jan 14, 7:00 pm, BECKET FILM FEST** presents: *Message in a Bottle*.

**Mon. Jan 16, 9:00 -10:00 am, MOM'S IN TOUCH**, prayer group for moms with Cathie Zentner.

**Wed. Jan 18, 5-6 pm & 6:45 -7:45 pm, GOD'S GIFTS**, presenter: Daniel Garvin.

**Wed. Jan 25, 7:00 pm THE FOUNDING MOTHERS OF MONTREAL**, presenter: Sr. Joyce Roberts.

The complete winter and spring CAFÉ schedule is available at the back of the church. Please pick up a copy.

**VOCATIONS REFLECTION:** *A child is born for us; a son is given to us.* Are we willing to proclaim the tidings of great joy to our world? (Isaiah 9: 1-6).

Diocesan Vocations Office: 514-925-4348 vocationsmtl@diocesemontreal.org

**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: DEC. 24 TO JAN. 01**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 24</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS</b>
4:30 pm	Ralph Peluso	Marieta & Chuck
5:30 pm	Jane & George D'Lima	The D'Lima family
7:00 pm	Mark Julius Coelho	Pat & Donny
10:00 pm	Our Parishioners	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 25</b>	
10:30 am	Sean Richardson	Dawn & Gerry Richardson
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Dec. 26</b>	
7:15 pm	NO MASS	
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Dec. 27</b>	
8:30 am	Vincenzo and Natalina Fiori	Alberta Fiori
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Dec. 28</b>	<b>FEAST OF ST. THOMAS À BECKET</b>
8:30 am	Leslie Furtado	Nelson & family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec. 29</b>	
8:30 am	Maria Monticchiolo	The Rivera family
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dec. 30</b>	<b>HOLY FAMILY</b>
8:30 am	Emilia, Stanislaw & Ricahrd Pawlak	Jean & family
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 31</b>	<b>MARY MOTHER OF GOD</b>
4:30 pm.	Helen Barrowcliffe	Ron & Terri Fabes
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan. 01</b>	
10:30 am	Our Parishioners	

*Weekday Readings for Dec. 26 to Dec. 30*

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Dec. 26</b>	Acts 6:8-10; 7: 54-59	Mt 10: 17-22
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Dec. 27</b>	1 Jn 1: 1-4	Jn 20: 1a, 2-8
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Dec. 28</b>	1 Jn 1: 5-2:2	Mt 2: 13-18
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Dec. 29</b>	1 Jn 2:3-11	Lk 2: 22-35
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Dec. 30</b>	Sir 3:2-7, 12-14	Lk 2:22-40, 39-40

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP** is offered this week for Sean Richardson requested by Judee & Teun.

***Merry Christmas! Joyeux Noel! Buon Natale! Feliz Navidad!  
Maligayang Pasko! Fröhliche Weihnachten***



**CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL:** 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: Gladys & Ralph Haley, Ellis & Mary Charasidis, Larry LeBlanc, Giovanni Ambrosio, Tony Buccongello, Mark Seguin, Al Mack, Giuseppina & Domenico DeCicco, Mary Hyjek, Mary & Mike Saukas, Antonio Cabral, Giovanni & Maria Tancredi, Antonio & Assunta Fugnitto, Frances & Bill Cunningham, The deceased members of the Chiz family, Mrs. Joan Harkin & family, Gerry MacDonald, Edward Cavanagh Louis A. Pereira, Maria Verdone, Stella & Stanley Szuzkowski, Anneliese Kunz Del Fabro, John Lason, Rose & Adolphe Rivet, Vi & Jim Stanton, Sean Richardson, Alphonse & Marcelle Hauseux, Alfonso Mio, Mr. Paul Gervais, & Mrs. Gisèle Gervais, Mr. Patrick Loffredo, Mr. & Mrs. Batty, Rocky, Janice, Sabina, Joyce, Flo, Rudy, Tony & Mimi Gallo, Albert & Martin Kojoian, Bruce & Gisèle Snelgrove, Anthony & Grozdana Listes, Agnes O'Donnell, Peter & Jane Holloran, Anne Marie Watkinson, Gerry Emsley.

***Christmas & New Year 2011-2012***

**Holy Family**

Fri. Dec. 30, 8:30 a.m.

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

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

**Mary Mother of God Vigil Mass**

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

**Vigil of Adoration and Prayer**

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

**Mary, Mother of God**

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

**Epiphany of the Lord**

Sat. Jan. 7, 4:30 p.m.

Sun. Jan. 8, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

**Baptism of the Lord**

Mon, Jan 9, 7:15 p.m.

Please note there is no Mass on Monday Dec. 26, 2011.

Parish and Faith First offices are closed Dec. 26 to Jan. 03.



**ORDINATION NEWS:** All are invited to attend the priestly ordination of Deacon Jason Piper on **Friday, January 20 at 7:30 pm** at Saint Patrick's Basilica in Montreal. Please keep Jason in your prayers.

**DIOCESAN PRIESTS ANNIVERSARIES:** During this holy season of Christmas we invite you to keep in your prayers all our diocesan priests as they celebrate their anniversary of ordination: *Fr. Michael Tauro*, Dec. 01 ('71); *Robert Clark*, Dec. 11 ('98); *Fr. J. Dermott O'Callaghan*, Dec. 20 ('86); *Fr. Paul Pomkoski*, Dec. 20 ('86).

We also remember all our English-speaking diocesan priests who have been called from this life, and who have gone before us in faith: *Fr. Frank McMahon*, Dec. 02 ('69); *Fr. Henry Dobbelsteyn*, Dec. 08 ('84); *Fr. Stanley Quinn*, Dec. 08 ('84); *Fr. Kevin Griffin*, Dec. 12, ('94); *Fr. Henry Hall*, Dec. 18 ('06); *Fr. Michael Stack*, Dec. 21 ('10); *John Brennan* Dec. 23 ('74); *Fr. Louis Murphy*, Dec. 24 ('76); *Msgr. Martin Reid*, Dec. 24 ('74); *Norman Griffin*, Dec. 26 ('82); *Fr. Wenceslas Stankumas* Dec. 26 ('88); *Msgr. Wilfred McDonough*, Dec. 28 ('54); *Most Rev. Norman Gallagher*, Dec. 28 ('75); *Fr. John Brayley*, Dec. 29 ('90).