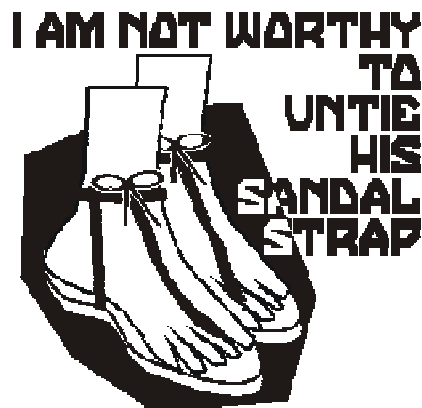


*Third
Sunday of
Advent*

*December 16,
2012*



*Weekday Masses:
Dec. 17 no Mass; Dec. 18, 19, 20, 21: 8:30 a.m.*

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: DEC. 15 TO DEC. 23

Saturday	Dec. 15	Third Sunday of Advent	
4:30 pm	Grace Basciano		Mary Basciano
Sunday	Dec. 16		
9:00 am	Pasquale, Luigi & Giovanni Fata and Angelina Filipelli		Chiara Genio
11:00 am	Our Parishioners		
Mon.	Dec. 17	~ NO MASS ~	
Tues.	Dec. 18		
8:30 am	Helen Barrowcliffe		family
Wed.	Dec. 19		
8:30 am	Carmon Coutinho		D'Cruz family
Thursday	Dec. 20		
8:30 am	Mr. & Mrs Carvalho		D'Cruz family
Friday	Dec. 21		
8:30 am	Stanislaw, Richard & Emilia Pawlak		Jean Bisson
Saturday	Dec. 22	Fourth Sunday of Advent	
4:30 pm	Our Parishioners		
Sunday	Dec. 23		
9:00 am	Robert Clark Sr.		Becket Staff
11:00 am	Gerald Forrest		Fr. Mike Shaw

Weekday Readings:

Mon. Dec. 17	Gn 49: 2, 8-10	Mt 1: 1-17
Tues. Dec. 18	Jer 23: 5-8	Mt 1: 18-25
Wed. Dec. 19	Jgs 13: 2-7, 24-25a	Lk 1: 5-25
Thurs. Dec. 20	Is 7: 10-14	Lk 1: 26-38
Fri. Dec. 21	Sg 2: 8-14	Lk 1: 39-45

SANCTUARY LAMP: Week of December 16: Shannon McElligott, requested by Becket's Faith First families.

VOCATIONS REFLECTION: "What ought we to do?" the crowds ask John, and he sends them to fulfill their calling. Doing the ordinary extraordinarily well is a step toward welcoming Jesus. Diocesan Vocations Office: 514-925-4348. vocationsmtl@diocesemontreal.org



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

First reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Second reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Adults: In what areas of your life do you need God's forgiveness right now? What Advent practice would assist you in expressing your repentance?

Children: What do you want to ask God to forgive you for? What can you do during Advent to show you are sorry?

FAITH FIRST WEEKLY REFLECTIONS: Following are some of the reflections we have received from the children this past week: *I took some time to get to know God when I...*

sing the Our Father. **Sean G.**

decided that when I grow up I want to help the poor. **Branden M.**

took care of my mom when she was sick. **Lindsay L.**

took care of my donation for the Christmas basket. **Myriam L.-H.**

helped the church with the Christmas baskets. **David F.**

help my mom put up the Christmas tree. **Massimo C.**

wish for Christmas and spend it with my family. **Massimo G.**

said your bedtime prayers. **Gianluca G.**

CAFES 2012-2013



YEAR OF FAITH²⁰¹²₂₀₁₃

The Catholic Adult Faith Enrichment Series are offered to all our parishioners as a means of deepening their life of prayer and learning more about our faith. During this Year of Faith, it is particularly significant to participate since our Holy Father, Pope Benedict is calling on the church to deepen our understanding of our faith so we can strengthen our witness. This Year of Faith is a "summons to an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the One Savior of the world" (Porta Fidei 6). In other words, the

Year of Faith is an opportunity for Catholics to experience a conversion – to turn back to Jesus and enter into a deeper relationship with him. The "door of faith" is opened at one's baptism, but during this year, Catholics are called to open it again, walk through it and rediscover and renew their relationship with Christ and his Church.

We enjoyed a very successful fall season of CAFES. This coming winter we will be offering more CAFES such as:

- Growing in Love as a Couple (Jan. 16)
- What is Vatican II? (Jan. 23)
- Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast: Mary the Mother of God. (Jan. 24)
- Praying with your Children (Feb. 01)

Please stay tuned for more winter CAFE titles or visit the parish website for a complete listing. www.stthomasabecket.org



WELCOME IN THE NEW YEAR at the St. Thomas à Becket Annual New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance on Monday Dec. 31, at 6:30 pm. Enjoy a gourmet catered meal, great music & dancing. Come dance the night away. Tickets available until Dec 23. \$40.00 each. Vegetarian meal can be ordered at time of ticket purchase. 16 & older, BYOBeverage Info. Gord 514-421-8699 or Guy 514-887-4898

† WEST ISLAND ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE †
St. Edmund of Canterbury Tues. Dec. 18 7:30 pm

ANNUAL SING-A-LONG CHRISTMAS CONCERT & NATIVITY PLAY:
Dec 16, 7 p.m. All Becket families, friends and neighbours are invited to join us for this festive and uplifting Children's Christmas pageant and family sing-along.

ADVENT, CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR AT BECKET
2012 – 2013

Sing-along Christmas Concert

Sun. Dec. 16, 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Masses

Mon. Dec. 24, 4:00, 5:30, 7:00 &
10:00 p.m.

N.B. If you plan to attend the 4:00 pm Mass please come early as this Mass will be crowded.

Christmas Day Mass

Tues. Dec. 25, 10:00 a.m.

Holy Family

Sat. Dec. 29, 4:30 p.m.

Sun. Dec. 30, 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Holy Hour of Prayer for God's Peace in the world

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

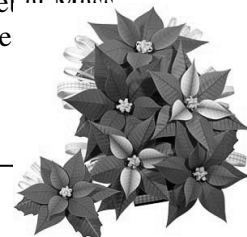
Mary, Mother of God

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

Tues. Jan. 1, 10:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER

MEMORIAL: Help us make our sanctuary beautiful for Christmas. We invite you to make a donation towards our Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one. 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 collection basket at Mass. Names of loved one will be included in upcoming holiday bulletins.



ST. JOSEPH'S ORATORY NATIVITY SCENES: THE ANIMALS

This year the St. Joseph's Oratory Christmas exhibit will be dedicated to the animals of the crèche. Usually shown with Mary and Joseph, the babe is traditionally depicted in the popular imagination between the ox and the donkey, which are accompanied by the shepherds' sheep and dogs, the wise men's camels and, since the second half of the 20th century, animals from all five continents.

Open November 4th, 2012 through April 14, 2013

and on both Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Admission \$4, \$3 seniors and students, \$2 ages 6 to 17, free for kids under 6; \$9.50 family rate (2 adults, 2 youth).



OLD-FASHIONED, SPIRITUAL CHRISTMAS? "What has happened to the old-fashioned, spiritual Christmas? The cause is our disregard of Advent. The church set aside this four-week pre-Christmas season as a time of spiritual preparation for Christ's coming. It is a time of quiet anticipation. If Christ is going to come again into our hearts, there must be repentance. Without repentance, our hearts will be so full of worldly things that there will be 'no room in the inn' for Christ to be born again... We have the joy not of celebration. Which is the joy of Christmas, but the joy of anticipation."

*~ John R. Brokhoff,
Preaching the Parables—Cycle C. p. 28.*