

*Third Sunday
of Advent
December 14, 2014*



*Happy Birthday Fr. Tijo for Monday December 15th!
Friendship, love, peace and joy, from all the Becket family.*

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 13 TO DECEMBER 21

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Saturday	Dec. 13	Third Sunday of Advent
4:30 pm	Our parishioners	
Sunday	Dec. 14	
9:00 am	Pierre Alarie	family
11:00 am	Luciano Della Rocca	Rina Della Rocca
Monday	Dec. 15	
8:30 am	Marianna Santa Niello	Rina Reda 7 family
Tues.	Dec. 16	
8:30 am	Marianna Santa Niello	Di Giovana Cocca
Wed.	Dec. 17	
8:30 am	Conjetta Tilli	family
Thurs.	Dec. 18	
8:30 am	Marianna Santa Niello	Rina Reda & family
Friday	Dec. 19	
8:30 a.m.	Renato Bertacchi & Béatrice Delfino Bertacchi Terry, Grace, Joe & J.P.	
Saturday	Dec. 20	Fourth Sunday of Advent
4:30 pm	Loreto, Anna & Nazzareno D'Alesio	Peter & Bernice Zanetti
Sunday	Dec. 21	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Bill Topp	Scott Noble

SANCTUARY LAMP: Week of December 14: Mary Deyminger requested by Sylvia Thaemlitz.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon	Dec. 15	Nm 24: 2-7, 15-17a	Mt 21:23-27
Tues.	Dec. 16	Zep 3: 1-2, 9-13	Mt 21:28-32
Wed.	Dec. 17	Gn 49: 2, 8-10	Mt 1: 1-17
Thurs.	Dec. 18	Jer 23: 5-8	Mt 1:18-25
Fri.	Dec. 19	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a	Lk 1: 5-25

LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: *Guy Guerette*, fiancé of Joy Vinson.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR DECEMBER 7/8:

Offerings: \$ 6,527.00

PARKING LOT ATTENDANTS NEEDED! We need volunteer parking lot attendants to help direct traffic during Christmas Eve Masses. Any parishioner aged 15+ wishing to volunteer, please contact Gisele at 514-626-2698.

BECKET CHRISTMAS CONCERT / SING-A-LONG: Sun. Dec. 21, 7 pm.

An annual event at Becket, which includes a short Nativity play at the beginning. Bring your family and friends, and get into the spirit of Christmas as you sing along to your favorite Christmas tunes. Free.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Reading I: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 (The Spirit Is Upon Me)
Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 (Pray Without Ceasing)
Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28 (The One to Come)

Adults: Where in my life can I identify habits and attitudes which block God's love? What concrete steps can I take to remove them?

Youth: We are all broken vessels, and yet, our Lord can work wonders through us, if we allow Him into hearts. How am I witnessing to the Light?

Children: How can I more clearly show my love for God, my family, and my friends?

CELEBRATE BECKET'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY! Saint Thomas à Becket Parish will be 50 years old on October 11, 2016! We are looking for volunteers to help us plan our 50th Anniversary year-long celebrations. If you would like to be a part of this committee please contact Rina Callard at 514-695-6995 or email mikerinacallard@sympatico.ca

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CONTEST: All parishioners are invited to participate in our "Keep Christ in Christmas Contest" Pick up details in the church or on the parish website. **Deadline: Dec. 19.**

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA/FR. STEPHEN FAREWELL*SPECIAL UPDATE* New this year, places have been reserved with a special great price for large families. If you have not already booked place don't hesitate, come join us for breakfast, and gifts for the children. **Sunday, December 14 at noon**, in the parish hall. Lorne Flavelle 514-6230-1156 or lorneflavelle@hotmail.com

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. Drop your envelope in the Christmas flower donation box at the holy water font. Names of loved ones will be included in upcoming holiday bulletins.

ADVENT BLESSINGS: Wednesday, Dec. 17 - 7:15-9:00 pm

We are all called to be saints by virtue of our baptism. Join us as we explore the third and last path to holiness: "Realizing your Life is Not about You". Presented by Deacon Marco Argentino.

FABRIQUE AND H.O. COMMITTEE ELECTIONS DEC. 14, 2014, 12 PM

All parishioners are invited to the election of Churchwardens and Helping Others Committee members on **Dec. 14 after the 11 a.m. Mass**. All parishioners of full age (18yrs), of the Roman Catholic Faith, and who live within the parish boundaries are entitled to nominate, be nominated, and vote at the Meeting of Parishioners. (Act Respecting Fabriques). There are six churchwarden positions. The term of office of churchwarden is three years. Two Churchwarden positions must be filled at this election. The Helping Others Committee manages our charitable outreach programs under the authority of the Fabrique: There are four elected Helping Others Committee members; the term of office is two years. Two Helping Others Committee positions must be filled Dec. 14. Info: 514-626-4111.

CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT FOR YOUTH: Calling all youth aged 11 to 17! You are all invited to join us for a Christmas themed movie night on **Friday December 19 at 7:30pm** in Cahill hall. Come explore the Christian themes that are woven into the classic film “How the Grinch Stole Christmas”. Fun, popcorn and snacks. All for free. Looking forward to seeing you all there. BYOF (bring your own friend).

“BECKET BUTLERS” Calling all youth: Now that the cold weather has arrived and the outside church doors have to be closed, youth wanting to do good deeds for others, are needed to help open doors for all who come to weekend Masses. People with baby carriers, toddlers, canes, walkers and wheel chairs will greatly appreciate this effort. No need to call ahead, just show up 15 minutes before the Mass begins. Any questions, contact Norma 514-620-2019

THANK YOU VERY MUCH to the Becket Woodworkers who have been working tirelessly on refurbishing the church kneelers. Special thanks to Roger Soriano, John Van Ryswyk, John Bondyra, Austin Russell, Bob Cussen & Brian Raymond. Very special thanks to Project Manager Mike Callard. God bless all.

DEAR FAITH FIRST FAMILIES,

While we are preparing for the birth of Jesus during this season of Advent, I would like to express my warmest wishes to your family through one of my favorite Christmas prayers.

Loving Father,

Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world.

Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

-Robert Louis Stevenson

Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Many blessings,

Elena

Please note: there are NO weekly reflections or stamping during the Christmas and New Year masses

West Island Advent Reconciliation Schedule

Mary Queen of Peace	Dec. 14	3:00 pm
St. Edward the Confessor	Dec. 16	7:30 pm
Saint Edmund	Dec. 17	7:30 pm

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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

before weekend Masses or by appointment

Anointing of the Sick: by appointment

Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration:

First Friday of the month

Benediction: Fridays after morning Mass

Baptism: Please contact the office

Marriage: Please contact the office one year in advance

Vocations: Please contact our Priests or Deacons

for more information

R.C.I.A.: Deacon Marco Argentino