

# The First Sunday of Lent

March 05, 2017



Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on March 12. Remember to turn your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night, March 11, before you go to bed.

## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: MARCH 04 TO MARCH 12

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Mar. 04</b>	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b>
4:30 pm	Anita De Felicia	husband and children
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar 05</b>	
9:00 am	Douglas Floreani	Letitia Floreani
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Mar. 06</b>	
8:30 am	The Albanese Family	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Mar. 07</b>	
8:30 am	Gina Perri	Maria & John Bastone
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Mar. 08</b>	
8:30 am	Jack Scimone	Mary Scimone
10:00 am	(Mass celebrated at West Island Manor)	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Mar. 09</b>	
8:30 am	The deceased members of the Desormeaux & Ramchandran families	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Mar. 10</b>	
8:30 am	Jack Scimone	Yolanda Ricci
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Mar. 11</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>
4:30 pm	Emma & Mike Di Girolamo	family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar. 12</b>	
9:00 am	Eva Schanz-Kuppek	Mary & Walter Gargul
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	

### SANCTUARY LAMP

#### Week of:

Mar. 05: *Kathleen Ellis, Thomas Wallbank, & Daniel Bagshaw*, requested by their families

Mar. 12: *Jean Mack*, requested by Becket Social Club

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FEB. 25/26

Offerings: \$ 5, 234.92      Building Fund: \$1, 537.00

Next special collection: **March 12** (Helping Others)



#### **HOLY FATHER'S LENTEN MESSAGE:**

Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God "with all their hearts" (Joel 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive (cf. Homily, 8 January 2016).

Lent is a favourable season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply.

Dear friends, Lent is the favourable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbour. The Lord, who overcame the deceptions of the Tempter during the forty days in the desert, shows us the path we must take. May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need. I encourage all the faithful to express this spiritual renewal also by sharing in the Lenten Campaigns promoted by many Church organizations in different parts of the world, and thus to favour the culture of encounter in our one human family. Let us pray for one another so that, by sharing in the victory of Christ, we may open our doors to the weak and poor. Then we will be able to experience and share to the full the joy of Easter.

Read the complete message at <http://tinyurl.com/jxomp2r>

**FISH ON FRIDAY?** Every Friday of Lent is a day of abstinence, which means that Catholics 14 and older are bound to abstain from meat. Invalids, pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt. The law of abstinence forbids the use of meat, but permits eggs, milk products and condiments made of animal fat (and, of course, fish). In a society where gratifying every desire is considered the surest road to happiness, exercising a little extra self-control is especially admirable.

**WHAT SHOULD I GIVE UP FOR LENT?** "If you are wondering what penance to take up for Lent, I suggest this one: be joyful, happy, and to thank God all the time. Nothing will do you as much good as that. You might go so far as to say that when our hearts remain constantly in the act of thanksgiving, evil has no more hold on them. For in a grateful heart there is no longer any room for rancour, blame, unpleasantness, jealousy, and all the rest. Our hearts, remaining pure, are able to perceive God's action."

*~ Fr. Jacques Philippe*

**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH:** That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

**LENT: A TIME FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL** Join us for a Lenten Mini-retreat, Saturday, March 11, beginning at 1:00: video presentation, adoration, guided meditation and more, followed by 4:30 Mass, light supper and viewing of the movie "Risen". RSVP: Rina Callard 514-915-7586.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who came out and supported our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. A big thank you to all the volunteers who help make it a success.



**BECKET NEEDS A NEW HOLY WATER URN** which will cost approximately \$1000.00. If you would like to make a contribution towards defraying the cost, please contact the parish office at 514-626-411. Tax receipt available.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR PARISHIONERS** to serve on our new Parish Hall Preparedness Committee. Great way to help out at the parish!  
Rina 514-915-7586.

**BECKET PANTRY NEEDS:** Stroller with large wheels, salmon, tomato paste, tomato juice, tomato sauce, spaghetti sauce, sugar, KD, Canned fruit, jello, jello pudding, tea, rice (small pkgs), ham, Prem, muffin mix, fruit, gravy, stew, bar soap, dish soap, Kleenex, toilet paper, laundry detergent.

**ST. THOMAS À BECKET WOODWORKERS GROUP** is seeking additional members. Should you be interested in learning more about working with wood and on a work-together-basis to perhaps make something that you would like for yourself, we would be pleased to hear from you. Please do not hesitate to contact one of the group members for additional details: Bob Cussen: 514-626-3822, Walter O'Grady: 514-694-2610, Mike Callard: 514 695-6995.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** During Lent, we pray the Stations of the Cross every weekday morning at Becket at 8:00 am (before morning Mass.) All are welcome to join us.

#### **FAITH FIRST**

##### **UPCOMING GATHERINGS:**

Level 1/2 (SP3) gathering #3: **Friday, March 17**

Confirmation Reconciliation Celebration: **Saturday March 18 10am-noon**

##### **LENTEN PROJECT: BECKET KIDS FOR MARY'S MEALS**

This year, our parish has adopted the Moyale Primary School in Malawi. For only \$16.00, the Catholic organization *Mary's Meals* will feed a child a hot meal at school for an entire year. We are fundraising to feed all 845 children for the year. Help us reach our \$12,422.00 goal! Please go to our website for more information on the charity and how to donate.

[www.becket.ca](http://www.becket.ca)    <https://tinyurl.com/zkovcug>

Also, look out for upcoming fundraising activities from Loyola students.

**FECU:** All are invited to a fundraising luncheon of the **Foundation for the Education of Children in Uganda**, on **Sunday, April 30, at 12:30 p.m.**, in St. John Fisher parish hall. You will be served a good meal, participate in raffles, have a chance to win a door prize; and enjoy the entertainment by a famous group of Filipino dancers. Also there will be beautiful Ugandan artifacts for you to bring home. The tickets are \$30.00 for adults, and \$15.00 for children 12 yrs and under. Come and support the education of children in Uganda. Info: Fr. David: 514-683-0441, or cell: 514-213-5778.