

January 12, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: JANUARY 11 TO JANUARY 19

Saturday	Jan. 11		
4:30 pm	Asunta Iuele		Mary Ann Spriggs
Sunday	Jan. 12	The Baptism of the Lord	
9:00 am	Michele Corsale		Nicolas & Michael Corsale
11:00am	Our Parishioners		
Monday	Jan. 13		
8:30 am	Ida D'Souza		Atwell & family
Tuesday	Jan. 14		
8:30	Dorotea Giuseppe & Vito Marcario		Rina Della Rocca
Wednesday	Jan. 15		
8:30 am	Agnes Gregory		The Family
Thursday	Jan. 16		
8:30 am	Melecio Gonzales		The Demers Family
Friday	Jan. 17		
8:30 am	Helen Bremner		Catherine Kelly
Saturday	Jan. 18		
4:30 pm	Maddalena Nitti Saluzzi		The Family
Sunday	Jan. 19	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am	Chris & Alf Kolodnicki		Rina & Mike Callard

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

January 19: TBA

January 26: Jerry Luis, requested by the family.

LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: *Mrs. Soosiammal Diraviam*, mother of Fr. Steven Diraviam; *Rosalie Beasley*, wife of David Beasley.

Blessed are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE



This year, St. Thomas à Becket is hosting clergy and members of neighbouring churches and Christian communities as we

pray to restore unity to the Body of Christ. Join us in church on Sunday, January 19, at 4pm, followed by an optional supper out together.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

Dec. 14/15: Offerings: \$ 6,310.90

Dec. 21/22: Offerings: \$ 6,411.53

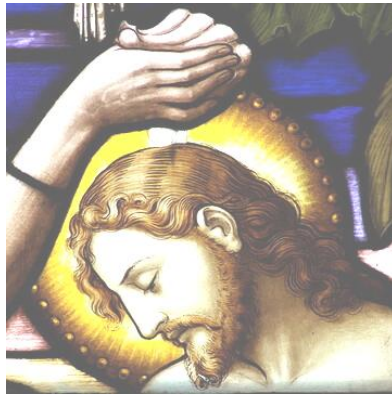
Dec. 24/25: Offerings: \$18,479.79

Dec. 28/29: Offerings: \$ 5,683.47 Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 1,737.00

Jan. 1: \$ 3, 592.00

Jan. 4/5: \$ 6, 884.50

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Every January as we end the Christmas season and venture out into Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. If you have ever wrestled with the significance of this mystery of faith, wondering why the Son of God would be baptized at all, you shouldn't feel bad. Even Saint John the Baptist was taken aback, and tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" And yet it's safe to say our Lord was right to insist: Allow it now, for thus it is

fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.

We have been taught that the Sacrament of Baptism is for the forgiveness of sins and spiritual rebirth. For example, Question 621—"What is Baptism?"—from the old Baltimore Catechism would have received this speedy reply from generations of Catholic kids: "Baptism is a Sacrament which cleanses us from original sin, makes us Christians, children of God, and heirs of heaven". But Christ was baptized, Saint Ambrose said, "not so that the waters would cleanse him, but so that he could cleanse them, purifying them by his sinless flesh to assume the power of baptism." As Pope Benedict XVI once explained: "Basically, the whole mystery of Christ in the world can be summed up in this term: baptism, which in Greek means 'immersion.' The Son of God, who from eternity shares the fullness of life with the Father and the Holy Spirit, was 'immersed' in our reality as sinners to make us share in his own life.... Jesus' first public act was to go down into the Jordan, mingling among repentant sinners.... The Holy Spirit descended upon him in the form of a dove, while the Father's voice from Heaven proclaimed him my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. From that very moment Jesus was revealed as the One who came to baptize humanity in the Holy Spirit: he came to give men and women life in abundance, eternal life." Thus, we return to this sacred event each year as a divine assurance of what baptism accomplishes in us: "the tiny human being receives a new life, the life of grace, which enables him or her to enter into a personal relationship with the Creator forever, for the whole of eternity." In a word, Jesus' baptism is what made our baptism do what the Baltimore Catechism said it would.

Yes, Jesus was right. His baptism was fitting indeed.

~ Father Sebastian White, o.p.

SAVE THE DATES! UPCOMING PARISH MISSION



Fr. Larry Richards, a popular conference speaker and pastor from Erie, PA, will conduct a four-day mission next month, **Monday, February 17 to Thursday, February 20, 7-9 pm each day**. The purpose of the mission is to help people grow in their love for God and give them hope and direction in their daily lives. Details to follow.

THE PARISH WARDENS WISH TO GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE those who increased their weekly giving since November that has substantially decreased our deficit. Stewardship at work! Now that it is snowbird season, we want to remind you how easy it is to give online: just click "Donate now" on our parish website (www.becket.ca). When a number of people travel and miss a week or more of contributing to the parish, it can put a real dent in the parish income, since our expenses don't "take a holiday".

WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS



Fr. Peter Sabbath and Fr. Jaison Joseph join in thanking you for the many beautiful and heartfelt good wishes, cards and thoughtful gifts over the holidays. Even if they cannot contact each parishioner personally, be assured of their gratitude and prayers.

Once again our choirs and musicians outdid themselves. Behind the scenes are the sacristans and ladies of the Altar Guild; the servers, ushers, lectors, those who donated flowers, and so many who worked with love and devotion to make our church and ceremonies beautiful and prayerful over the holidays. Thanks to your generosity, 33 needy families received food baskets at Christmas, the men and women of Benedict Labre House received many wonderful gifts through our Ray of Hope Giving Tree program, and many homeless received useful gifts from the Angels of Mercy. We were blessed with a beautiful new crèche this year, donated by sisters Josie and Nancy Battaglia, that is easily seen from every part of the church.

MEET AND GREET COFFEE HOUR after Tuesday morning Mass, will resume in February.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL: Thank you to all who helped us to cover 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 (donations received after Dec 12th).

Mary & Mike Saukas; Jukonis family; Mary Hyjeck; Maria Lamonica; Edward Gajor; Matteo & Graziella Lamonica; Ralph Feoli; John & Helen Gareau & Art & Terry Tobin; Frank & Francis Corace; Gabriel & Maddelena Scartozzi; Giuseppina & Domenico DeCicco; Jacob & Ida Ramchandran; Lucille Becker; Coralie Bissonnette; Joy Cottone Anandi; David Carafiello; Colleen Nilan; Cindy Cottone; Aurelio Crescenzi; AL & Jean Mack; Ernesto Spadafora; Lorne & Betty Gehan; Annemarie, Betty & Dave Graham; Fraser Erratt; Fr. Aloysius Graham.

FAITH FIRST

Eucharist Gathering #4 Tuesday, January 14
Level 4 Gathering #2, January 16

COME AND SEE EVENING - FOR THE CALL TO THE PRIESTHOOD

The next '*Come and See Evening*' will take place on Friday, January 17, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish (71 Roosevelt Avenue Ville Mont-Royal) These evenings are an opportunity for those who are discerning a call to the priesthood to share in fellowship and to explore their call together. For information or to reserve a spot, please contact Fr. Robert Clark at 514-903-6200 or mtlvocations@hotmail.com

MEN'S BEREAVEMENT GROUP: Are you a man who is grieving a significant loss---spouse, child, other loved one---and wishes to gather with other men in the context of faith? Or maybe you know someone in that situation you could tell about this: Our **Men's Bereavement Group** will meet Thursday, January 16 at 7:00 p.m. at our Cahill Hall. No charge, no obligation. The group is facilitated by Bill Curran, a former bereavement facilitator at Maison Monbourquette.