

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
 Christmas  
 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary  
 & Joseph  
 Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
 The Epiphany of the Lord



December 24, 2023 to January 7, 2024

**MASS INTENTIONS – DECEMBER 23 TO JANUARY 14**

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 23</b>		
4:30 pm	Our Parishioners		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 24</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	
10:00 am	Nigel Rodrigues		Marolly Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 24</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	
4:00 pm	(Church) Nina and Albert Kojoian		Anna Donald
4:00 pm	(In Hall) Coral Henriques		Carl & Marian Fernandes
8:00 pm	Terry Hayes		Claire Hayes
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 25</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>	
10:00 am	Our Parishioners		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 26</b>	<b>St. Stephen, First Martyr</b>	
8:30 am	Bruno, Rosa & Rocco Anoaia		Theresa Anoaia & family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 27</b>		
8:30 am	Damiano Ramogida		The family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 28</b>	<b>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</b>	
8:30 am	Jane Klimuszko		Walter Klimuszko
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 29</b>	<b>St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr</b>	
8:30 am	Christina Van Workum Arts	St. Thomas à Becket Parish Wardens	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 30</b>		
4:30 pm	Margarita Ramos		Hector Andreu
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 31</b>	<b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b>	
9:00 am	Albanese Family		Albanese Family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 31</b>	<b>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</b>	
4:30 pm	Pam Moores		Carol & Alex
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 1</b>		
10:00 am	Our Parishioners		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 2</b>		
8:30 am	Adele Phillip		Anna Donald
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 3</b>		
8:30 am	Adele Philip		Maria G. Cabral
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 4</b>		
8:30 am	Charles Anthony Sollis		Serge Guay
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 5</b>		
8:30 am	Maura Fernandez		Ron & Joyce Pinto

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 6</b>	
4:30 pm	Donalda MacLeod	Her children
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 7</b>	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b>
9:00 am	Maria Ascencao Pacheco	Vaiana and Drudi family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 8</b>	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>
8:30 am	Maria & Antonio Passucci	The Family
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 9</b>	
8:30 am	Adele Philip	Betty and Andy Quinn
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 10</b>	
8:30 am	For the sick of the Parish	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 11</b>	
8:30 am	Charles Sollis	Carl & Marian Fernandes
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 12</b>	
8:30 am	Adele Philip	Denyse Fournier
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 13</b>	
4:30 pm	Our Parishioners	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 14</b>	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:00 am	Maria Teresa Rivas Herrera	Teresa Serna and Family
11:00 am	Remi Perron	Diana Verrucci & Family

### SANCTUARY LAMP

**December 24:** Margarita Ramos, requested by Hector Andreu

**December 31:** Helen Owczar Niznik, requested by Mary Ann & Steve Barillaro

**January 7:** The Italiano Family, requested by Anne Marie Laurin

**January 14:** Chris & Alf Kolodnicki, requested by Rina & Family

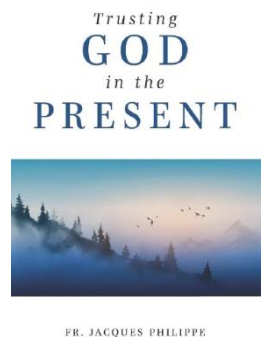
**January 21:** Norman Carroll, requested by Gerry Zemanovich

### WORTHWHILE READING

*Trusting God in the Present*, by Fr. Jacques Philippe

Life is always full of new and unexpected challenges, but each challenge is also an opportunity to draw closer to God. Fr. Jacques Philippe, a beloved author and renowned spiritual director, will show you how to maintain peace of heart through turbulent times and discern the choices that will be helpful for you and others. Written in a simple and inviting style, *Trusting God in the Present* is your spiritual direction manual to trusting God in the midst of difficult times. You'll find that God is, indeed, with you, and he is inviting you to a new perspective, renewed hope, and a more abundant life.

*Fr. Jacques Philippe is a member of the Community of the Beatitudes in France. He is involved in spiritual direction, preaching retreats, the formation of new members in the Community, and working for the development of the Community in Asia and Oceania, where he travels frequently. Fr. Jacques Philippe's writings on prayer, interior freedom, and peace of heart have become classics of modern Catholic spirituality.*



## ST. THOMAS À BECKET PARISH 2024 MARRIAGE JUBILEE: Our



Annual Marriage Jubilee will take place February 9 & 10, coinciding with World Marriage Day. We invite all couples whose Wedding Anniversary is divisible by five. Come celebrate your special milestone anniversary with us as you witness to God's love in the world. Sign up with Rina at 514-915-7586.

## WORDS TO PONDER

"The only things we take into heaven are the things that we gave away on earth." Cardinal Francis George, former Archbishop of Chicago.

## ELECTION OF WARDENS ON NOVEMBER 26, 2023



Many thanks to Eric Chevrier (left) and to Robert Boulé, who have accepted to serve on our parish Fabrique, and who will begin their first three-year terms on January 1, 2024. Both were acclaimed in their positions, so no voting was necessary. They will join other currently

serving wardens, Janet Arts, Michael Randall, Cindy Finn and Frank Vissani, along with chairman Fr. Peter Sabbath.

Eric has been a Becket parishioner since 1978 when his family moved to Pierrefonds. He has been married to Marianne for 24 years and they have seven children together. They served on the Baptism committee for some years and their kids have been in the children's plays and choir and one was an altar server. Eric works in marketing and has been with the same company for 24 years.

Robert married Vanessa here in 2019 and they have a two-year-old son. He is a business graduate of Concordia University and works as an accountant at Blinds To Go.

## ST. THOMAS À BECKET, DECEMBER 29, BISHOP & MARTYR



A strong man who wavered for a moment, but then learned one cannot come to terms with evil, and so became a strong churchman, a martyr, and a saint— that was Thomas Becket, archbishop of Canterbury, murdered in his cathedral on December 29, 1170. His career had been a stormy one. While archdeacon of Canterbury, he was made chancellor of England at the age of 36 by his friend King Henry II. When Henry felt it

advantageous to make his chancellor the archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas gave him fair warning: he might not accept all of Henry's intrusions into Church affairs. Nevertheless, in 1162 he was made archbishop, resigned his chancellorship, and reformed his whole way of life! Because Thomas refused to remit censures he had placed upon bishops favored by the king, Henry cried out in a rage, "Will no one rid me of this troublesome priest!" Four knights, taking his words as his wish, slew Thomas in the Canterbury cathedral. Thomas Becket remains a hero-saint down to our own times and is the patron of our parish.

## PARISH INFORMATION

All telephone numbers are in the 514-area code unless otherwise indicated.

### PARISH WARDENS

The Fabrique of the parish administers all parish properties and assets, and consists of the Pastor and six wardens elected by parishioners at an Annual General Meeting.

Janet Arts (2024)	620-6643	Cindy Finn (2024)	624-0546
Frank Vissani (2025)	998-0311	Robert Boulé (2026)	(438) 838-1902
Eric Chevrier (2026)	246-8525	Michael Randall (2025)	626-9550

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### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Guild	Anna Donald	620-2258
Altar Servers	Fr. Peter Sabbath	626-4111
Baptism Preparation Team	Parish Office	626-4111
Choir Director	Brendan Kelly	944-7220
Eucharistic Ministry Coordinator	Rosemarie Della Rocca	620-1930
Head Sacristan	Anna Donald	620-2258
Lectors	Tobias Koikaran	693-5514
Liturgy Team	Rosemarie Della Rocca	620-1930
Ushers	Joe Ojeda	941-7914

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### PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Adult Faith Formation	Elsa Rivera	626-4111
Angels of Mercy	Sarah Sajedi	827-6408
Catholic Women's League	Yasmin Ramsammy	463-1146
Community Aid	Parish Office	626-4111
Couples for Christ	Don & Irene Salvanera	620-1319
Helping Others:	Parish Office	626-4111
Knights of Columbus	Norm Cousineau	624-8753
Legion of Mary	Juliana Abu	585-9206
Marriage Course	John & Nathalie Bondyra	695-7896
Pastoral Home Care	Ailsa Lee Loy	626-7265
Prayer Line	Christine Charron	694-3958
Responsible Pastoral Ministry	Rina Callard	626-4111
Social Club	Rina Callard	695-6995

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### RESOURCES AND SERVICES

A.A.	376-9230
Al-Anon (Families of Alcoholics)	866-9803
Archdiocese, Marriage Tribunal, English Pastoral Services	931-7311
Diocesan Ombudsman – abuse/complaints	752-4683
Episcopal Vicar - Fr. Raymond Lafontaine	931-7311
Quebec Life Coalition: Pregnant? Worried?	344-2686
Spiritual Support Line	1-888-305-0994
Violence S.O.S. Hotline	1-800-363-9010
West Island Women's Shelter	620-4845

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Anointing of the Sick: upon request at the parish office

Baptism: Please contact the office

Marriage: Please contact the office well in advance.

R.C.I.A.: Fr. Peter Sabbath

Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession) before all Masses or by request.

Vocations: Please contact Fr. Gerry Westphal at 514-688-4952 or one of our priests

**HALL RENTAL: Michael Randall 514-980-5015**