

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2004

*"A virgin will give birth to a son;  
his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us."*



## **IN OUR PARISH**

### **BECKET CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

We all look forward to our annual Christmas Concert hosted by Carl Jorgensen – a family event to be held this Sunday evening, Dec. 19 at 7:00 p.m. Join us for a wonderful evening of Christmas music!

### **CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS TO SUPPORT FANIA**

Beautiful hand coloured solid pewter/gold plated Christmas ornaments will be on sale in the church hall after the masses again **this weekend**, except for the 5:00 p.m. Sunday mass. Add to your collection, or start a new one! Proceeds will be sent to our Fania Godchildren in the Honduras.

### **BE A CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONOR**

To make a donation in memory of a loved one towards our church decorations for Christmas, include your donation in an envelope that is clearly marked "**Christmas flower donations**", and write on the envelope: name of your loved one (memorial) along with your name (donor). Please also include your parish envelope number if available. You can bring your donation to the office or drop it in the **Flower Donation Box** at the Church doors. Names of loved ones will be included in upcoming holiday bulletins.



### **YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST UPDATE**

**N.B.** Please stay tuned for information regarding the continuation of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction after the Friday 8:30 a.m. Mass for the New Year.

### **ATTENTION FAITH FIRST FAMILIES**

The Mass books will **not be available** for sign-in during the weekend of Christmas. They will return in the New Year for all Masses on January 1-2, 2005.

### **THANK YOU FROM BECKET PANTRY**

A big thank you to everyone who brought in food for the Becket pantry Christmas baskets. Your help and support is greatly appreciated.

### **PARISH WEB SITE NEWS**

Come visit our revised and updated web site: [www.stthomasabecket.org](http://www.stthomasabecket.org)  
We have added many new features such as the master schedule so you can check availability for meetings and activities. Get to know the parish staff; check availability of the big hall for your parties or receptions; look up faith first or RCIA for sacramental preparation information...

### **CELEBRATE WITH US MONDAY NIGHTS!!**

**All activities start at 7:30 p.m. N.B. Note changes:**  
Dec. 20 Eucharist Activities begin again with Eucharist on January 10.



**USERS OF 2004 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES**  
**Please pick up your 2005 boxes.**  
**They are arranged alphabetically by FAMILY NAME**

**BEGINNING TO USE CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES IN 2005?**

Get a blank envelope box from the shelf by the wall at the back of the Church. Fill in the yellow info. card and drop with envelope in the basket.

## *Christmas at Becket*

**December 19** Christmas Concert 7:00 p.m. in the Church

**December 24** Christmas Eve Masses, 4:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.  
 Simultaneous masses will be celebrated in the Church and Hall

**December 25** Christmas Morning Mass, 10:30 a.m.

Please note that there will be no 4:30 p.m. mass December 25

**December 26** Holy Family Sunday Regular Mass schedule

**December 29** Feast of St. Thomas à Becket - regular 8:30 a.m. Mass

**December 31** Mary the Mother of God – Holy Day of Obligation:  
 Holy Hour of Prayer for God's Peace in the World 3:30 p.m.  
 Mass 4:30 p.m.

Vigil of Adoration and Prayer 10:00 p.m. to midnight in Cahill Hall

**January 1** New Year's Day Mass 10:30 a.m.

*The parish office will be open December 24 from 9:00 to noon, closed from Dec. 27 to 31 then open again on January 4.*

### NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK JANUARY 9-14, 2005

Come join us for a "FREE" Rich Man, Poor Man Lunch, followed by a presentation on Vocations. **Sunday, Jan 9, 2005, 12:30 –2:30 p.m.** in the hall. Join the Vocation Awareness Network in the celebration of National Vocation Awareness Week and choose to make a difference with your life.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

**This Sunday December 19, 2004** will be the last gathering of Children's Liturgy for 2004. **Classes will resume on January 16, 2005.** On behalf of the teachers, helpers, and co-ordinators, have a wonderful Advent and a joyous Christmas. *Tina Mancaniello, Children's Liturgy Co-ordinator*

### NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

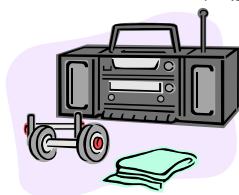
Presented by the Becket Social Club. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., Dinner 8:30 p.m.: Members \$22.00, non-members \$25.00. Door Prizes.  
 Tickets: 620-1156 or 626-2015.



### THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
<b>December 05, 2004</b>	<b>\$ 5663.00</b>	<b>\$ 3105.00</b>

### **FITNESS RESOLUTION FOR THE NEW YEAR?**



Aerobics classes will be starting up again in the hall **January 14, 2005**. Join us Friday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 for a workout full of fun and camaraderie! Only \$3.00 per class – pay as you go. **Welcome all.**

### **OUR PARISH BULLETIN ADS**

The renewal of the advertisements in the bulletin of our parish will be made very soon. If you have already renewed your space, thank you! To reserve a space, please leave your name at the parish office, so that the representative of the Parish Bulletin, Mr. Jacques Latreille, can contact you. Many thanks to our advertisers and welcome to the new ones!

### **HAPPENINGS AROUND TOWN**

#### **THE C.C.C.M. ANNUAL RETREAT**

Will be held on January 21, 22, 23 2005. You are warmly invited to attend and participate. Theme: "He is the Lord of Grace and Good Humour" Villa St. Martin 9451 Gouin. To reserve: Hal Horwood 450-621-6775.

#### **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

Scripture says about married couples, "the two shall live as one." These days, how often do you find yourselves living as two? Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and learn how to focus on one another again. Making a weekend will help you put a little Christmas in your marriage every day. Sign up now! **Upcoming date: March 18, 19, 20, 2005.** For more info call: Angela and Amadeo (514) 321-5249, Mary and Len (450) 622-1070

#### **SO REAL? SO NECESSARY?**

Relax after Christmas on an **Armchair Retreat, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>**, an intimate and tailor made weekend of discussion, meditation, scriptural talks, Eucharist, and if needed, reconciliation. Individual cozy rooms with a view, and all meals. Only 3 vacancies left. Cost: \$95.00. Led by Margaret Million and Fr. Mike Shaw at Ermitage Retreat Center, Pfds. Info: 626-1154 or 696-6451. **Next Dates:** Apr. 8/10, June 10/12.



#### **NATIVITY SCENES AT THE ORATORY**

A precious collection of 280 nativity scenes, from 108 different countries, will be exhibited until February 14, 2005, every day from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. including Christmas and New Year's Day.

