

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 16, 2005



The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.
He enabled those who accepted him to become
children of God.

ENJOY A TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS SEASON!

In generations past, families kept their **Christmas Crèche** until **Candlemas**, February 2nd, Feast of the **Presentation of the Lord** in the Temple. On this day we surround the **Crèche** with candles and flowers and a family prayer (Jan. 30TH bulletin). The 40 day interval represents our own time of **waiting**, like **Simeon** and **Anna**, for the Lord to come and definitively dispel the darkness oppressing our world, our hearts and humanity; by the **radiant splendour** of his **glory – He, Jesus, Son of God and Light of the Nations!**

GROUPS AND MINISTRIES 2004 REPORT TO DIOCESE

At the beginning of each calendar year, the Archdiocese requires every pastor to submit a “Pastoral Situation Report” for the parish. In order to help your priests fulfill this requirement, would Becket Parish leaders of groups and ministries please provide a brief report showing the name and kind of group or ministry, the # of leaders, # of other members = total members – as at year's end – and please email or phone in by January 24th? You may add any details and progress you wish to bring to our attention. This is an exercise in coresponsibility. Thank you very much. Fr. Gilles

IN OUR PARISH

ATTENTION FAITH FIRST FAMILIES

Children's gathering according to group number for levels 2+ in their Sacrament year on Tuesday January 18th, 2005. Please verify your calendar for accurate dates and times.

VOCATIONS SPOTLIGHT “RICH/POOR MAN LUNCH PART II”

On Feb. 2, the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. To highlight this feast, **Pope John Paul II** has declared that this feast be observed as a celebration of consecrated life. When February 2nd does not fall on a weekend, the Sunday following this feast would be World Day for Consecrated Life. Join the **Vocation Awareness Network, Sunday Feb 6, in parish hall from 12:30-2:30 (free lunch included)** for another spirit filled workshop with a special emphasis on the call to consecrated life in today's world. HelpVAN to promote all Church Vocations. For more information call **Vita Lewis 694-1118**.

CALLING ALL YOUTH: HAVE A TALENT TO SHARE?

The WYD2005 youth activities council is having a Youth Talent Show on Saturday Feb. 26 at 7 pm in the parish hall for youth 12 yrs and up. Proceeds will go to help send the youth of our parish to Germany this summer! Sign up after mass on Sunday in the hall. You can also reach Sonia at 626-4190 or Marie-Linda at 694-3564 for further info.

BECKET NEEDS A DRE – QUALIFIED & INTERESTED?

The Parish Director of Religious Education for Children coordinates the calendar and activities of some 635 children participating in the excellent Faith First program at home with their parents. Working with our priests as a member of the Parish Pastoral Team, the DRE administers registration and the database of children and families in Faith First, and animates the occasional parents' and children's gatherings and celebrations. The DRE has a pastoral heart to receive and listen to parents and care for children, at times one to one, and handles public relations through letters to parents, the bulletin, parents' meetings, the Faith First phone line and email. The DRE collaborates with other parish DREs in the West Island and attends continuing education meetings at the Archdiocese. The diocese requires a minimum of academic education and some formation in theology. The work is done at the parish office, in the church and hall, and from home. For a more detailed job description, salary, working hours and conditions, please contact our current DRE at 620-4057. Apply to the St. Thomas à Becket Parish DRE Search Committee ASAP. The new DRE will want to observe the activity and work from February until she/he begins in May.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CWL MEMBERS!

Are you a "stay at home" mom? Or perhaps you are widowed or retired, and you find you're somewhat disconnected from the wide world around you? Get connected now! Join our Catholic Women's League Becket Council and have a hand in shaping our future!

As a member of our Becket Council, you will be a member of the Catholic Women's League of Canada. We are affiliated with the United Nations women's networks that have a strong influence around the world and are a force for good especially in support of helpless poor women. We are also represented at the metropolitan, provincial, and national levels and have a strong sense of being part of something really big!

Have a good time getting to know other women and doing things together! This is membership time in the CWL, and we'll be glad to have you as a new member. Take a moment and fill in the coupon below and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the CWL c/o the Parish. We will get back to you. You really matter to us. Come discover new friends!

ALREADY A CWL MEMBER?

Paid membership cards may be picked up in CWL folder in Narthex. Any CWL member who has not yet paid is asked to put their cheque in the collection basket in an envelope marked CWL or call Elinor Gallagher at 620-0951 a.s.a.p. Thank you.

St. Thomas à Becket Parish CWL Membership Drive – 2005

Yes, I would like information on the CWL – Catholic Women's League – and belonging to the network of women's organizations.

NAME _____ **PHONE** _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL

FAX

STRUGGLING WITH GRIEF?

A group workshop series is offered for people suffering a significant loss, such as the death of a loved one, divorce or major change in life, "From Death to New Life: A Christian View of Loss". Led by Deacon Richard Boileau, **Fridays, Jan 21 to March 11, from 7 – 9 p.m.** Info: 697-9813 or write Richard.boileau@videotron.ca

CELEBRATE WITH US MONDAY EVENINGS 7:30 P. M.

Mass: January 24 (no Vespers in January)

Please note the following schedule **starting February 2005:**

Vespers on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month (*corrected*)

Masses on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month (*corrected*)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Helping Others</u>
January 9, 2005	\$ 6698.00	\$2378.00

Half and Half winning number from latest draw: 746891

BE PART OF OUR PARISH DIRECTORY

As a way of acknowledging all the wonderful people who share their time and talents with the parish, we are creating a parish website directory. To be included, please submit your name, contact info, parish groups/organizations/duties/events/etc. that you are involved with, and preferably a small photo to the office, or email the webmaster@stthomasabecket.org. Remember, no contribution to our parish community is too small or insignificant. Any help in this endeavour would be greatly appreciated.



DEPARTMENT FOR FAMILY LIFE NEWSLETTER

Please pick up a copy of the Winter 2004 edition of this wonderful newsletter which includes reflections, activities, information, news and upcoming events for Montreal parish families. Enjoy!

ARMCHAIR RETREAT

February Armchair Retreat is fully booked. **Next Date: Apr. 8 to 10.** Join us for 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. Cost: \$95.00. Led by Margaret Million and Fr. Mike Shaw at Ermitage Retreat Center, Pfds. Info: 626-1154 or 696-6451.



BENEFIT CONCERT FOR SRI LANKA

A variety concert will be held Jan. 29 at St. Ignatius of Loyola 4455 West Broadway to aid Tsunami victims in Sri Lanka. \$20.00 per person which includes a plate of Sri Lankan food. Mina 626-1514 or Mariam 694-3508.

A COME AND SEE EVENT

A Gift to the Church – The Life of Sisters and Brothers. A time to reflect, pray and hear the stories of sisters and brothers. For women and men 18+ who may be considering or wanting to explore more deeply the call to religious life. Jan 27, 1300 Berri St. (Metro Berri) 7 to 8:30 p.m.