

# Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 23, 2005



Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.

## 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. 30<sup>TH</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>? You may add any details and progress you wish to bring to our attention. This is an exercise in co-responsibility. Thank you very much. Fr. Gilles

## IN OUR PARISH

### ATTENTION FAITH FIRST FAMILIES

We will be holding a children's gathering for all children in their **Confirmation** year levels 5+ on Wednesday, January 26th. Please refer to your calendars for accurate dates and times.

### ALTAR SERVERS

Altar Servers start-up meeting will be held February 2. A new schedule will be posted in the vestry soon.



### HELPING YOUR CHILD GRIEVE & GROW

Children are often called the forgotten grievers. This bereavement course is offered to parents, grandparents, guardians and catechists as they support children through the grieving process. Presenter: Sr. Joann Compagno, CND. Jan. 24, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. in the parish hall or, Jan. 26, St. Kevin's Parish Hall 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Reservations: Emily or Micheline 931-7311 ext. 271 Email: [edifruscia@diocesemontreal.org](mailto:edifruscia@diocesemontreal.org)

### 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](mailto:Richard.boileau@videotron.ca)

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Help VAN to promote all Church Vocations. For more information call **Vita Lewis 694-1118**.

### 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 *1<sup>st</sup>* and *3<sup>rd</sup>* Mondays of every month (*corrected*)

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

### JUSTICE & PEACE COMMITTEE

The Social Justice Committee urgently needs helpers to man the Fair Trade Shop tables for **only** 20 minutes after the 4:30, 9:00 and 5:00 masses, **only** once a month. PLEASE give us a hand. Call Catherine at 684-1606.

### CHILDREN RECEIVING BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND



*Ronin Kennedy, Isabelle Germain, Abigail Garner, Giuliana Tartaglia, Megan D'Angelo.* May the Lord bless these children and their families as they journey in faith together, and continue to deepen their faith and understanding of the mystery celebrated in Baptism.

### 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.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Southeast Asia</u>
January 16, 2005	\$ 6512.00	\$4955.00

## **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!

### **SEPARATED AND DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP**

Interested in leading or joining a support group for separated and divorced Catholics? Please call the Parish office: 626-4111

## **YOUTH**

### **YOUTH TALENT SHOW!**

Do you have a talent that you would like to share?! The youth activities council with the WYD2005 committee is having a Youth Talent Show on Saturday Feb. 26 at 7pm in the parish hall and we need youth 12 years old and up to participate! The money raised will go to help send the youth of our parish to Germany this summer! To sign up or for more information call Sonia at 626-4190 or Marie-Linda at 694-3564 .

### **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.



## **HAPPENINGS AROUND TOWN**

### **PRAYER EVENING FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD**



The English-speaking Catholic Community is warmly invited to the Grand Seminary of Montreal Wed. February 2 at 7:30 for a concelebrated Eucharist with Bishop Mancini, guided tour of the seminary and refreshments. Come support our Seminarians and priests!

### **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.

### **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST AND HEALING**

Friday Jan 28 Corpus Christi Parish 7:30 – 9:30 Celebrant: Fr.Lou Cerulli

### **BEING WHO I AM**

Sr. Merle Pedersen, rscj will lead a workshop to foster personal growth and interpersonal growth. 6 Wed. evenings 7 - 9:45 p.m. plus Sundays 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.: Feb 9 to March 20. Info and registration and fee: 989-8286 email: mperdersen13@sympatico.ca