

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 30, 2005



“Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven.”

CANDLEMAS: PRESENTATION OF JESUS, LIGHT OF THE NATIONS - THE CHRIST - LORD & UNITY OF CHRISTIANS

Dear Friends, gather together (or even alone) before the **Manger** – or any **statue** or **image** of the **Lord** with **lit candles** – read a few verses from: **Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:10-11,13-18; Luke 2:22-40** – and **pray**:

HOME RITUAL OF LIGHT AND PRAYER

“Forty days ago we celebrated the joyful feast of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today we recall the holy day on which He was presented in the temple, fulfilling the law of Moses and at the same time, going to meet his faithful people. Led by the Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the temple, recognized Christ as their Lord, and proclaimed Him with joy. United by your Spirit, we too, Heavenly Father, have gathered before the scene of Jesus’ birth in the light of these candles to give You praise and honor with Simeon, Anna and all the saints, for revealing your Light to the Nations in Jesus your Son. In Him You our God have wedded yourself forever to humanity; we adore You for such total love! Forgive all our sins, grant us sorrow for the evil we have done and help us turn our lives around. May Jesus free our hearts from sin and fill us with your Spirit; may He strengthen us to proclaim Him to others as Good News with our words of faith and good deeds of loving service; may He purify and prepare us for You and bring us into your presence forever! Amen! Our Father...Hail Mary... Glory be... Sing a hymn refrain...

IN OUR PARISH

ALTAR SERVERS

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



PANCAKE SUPPER – TUESDAY FEBRUARY 8th



Shrove Tuesday dinners will be served in the Parish Hall. There will be two sittings: **5:30 and 6:30 p.m.** Cost **\$3.50** per person or **\$10** per family. **Sign-up in the Narthex.**

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, 7 – 9 p.m.** Info: 697-9813

BECKET CHURCH MICE

Children’s Passion Play will be held on March 25, at 10:30 a.m. All children and parents are welcome to join us for a meeting in the church at 7:45 p.m. February 18. For more information call Wanda 626-4619.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

February 4 the FIRST FRIDAY of the month. We invite YOU to spend an hour with the LORD, and allow HIM to TRANSFIGURE your heart in silence. Sign up for an hour between 9 a.m. and midnight in the book at the back of the Church.

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

Vespers on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month

Masses on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month

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. Help VAN to promote all Church Vocations.

For more information call Vita Lewis 694-1118

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 more info call our 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.

JUSTICE & PEACE

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. 684-1606.

FAIR TRADE

The Fair Trade Shop will be open next weekend with the finest organic coffee, tea, sugar, chocolate bars and chocolate covered coffee beans. We have added one more very special & unique product: the finest organic virgin olive oil from Palestine. Unknown outside its region, olive oil from Palestine is of exceptional quality with a lustrous green colour and unforgettable taste. Support the native farmers of Palestine in their struggle for livelihood and land. Try it, you'll like it. Please note: the 11:00 sale will be **BEFORE** the mass.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

January 24, 2005	<u>Offerings</u> \$ 5027.00	<u>St. Peter the Apostle</u> \$1340.00
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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

PARISH WEBSITE

Know a snowbird or out-of-towner? Tell your family and friends they can now read the bulletin online at our parish website:

www.stthomasabecket.org.

PARISH SCHEDULE

To all groups using the Church, Church Hall, or Cahill Hall, you can now verify your bookings on-line at the above website address. Bookings are updated to June 2005. Please let us know if you need to make changes.

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.



BECKET PANTRY NEEDS...

Laundry detergent, dish soap, rice, canned ham, gravy, coffee, pudding.

HAPPENINGS AROUND TOWN

PRAYER EVENING FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD



The English-speaking Catholic Community is warmly invited to the Grand Seminary of Montreal on 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!

MONTREAL CATHOLIC CHALLENGE MOVEMENT

We are a Catholic youth movement for young adults aged 18 to 25 which begins with a retreat weekend where you can make tons of new friends and take time for spiritual concerns. After the weekend, Challenge offers good times throughout the year to deepen your faith and have fun! It's organized for young adults by young adults. Don't be afraid to give us a call, you'll be glad you did. Our next retreat weekend is coming up: February 18-19-20 at Loyola High School in NDG. If you'd like more information or want to sign up, call Tania at (514) 369-0617 or Alice at (450) 464-8834 email: mtlchallenge@yahoo.ca

QUEEN OF ANGELS ACADEMY

Applications are being accepted for all levels of students for the 2005-2006 academic year. Information: Louise Beaudry at 636-0900 ext.268