

# Second Sunday Of Lent

## February 20, 2005

*"From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, hear him."*

### IN OUR PARISH

#### LENTEN MISSION 2005 AT BECKET



#### "Making Friends with the Holy Spirit"

*Led by Father Stephen Valenta  
OFM, CONV*

**March 13, 14, 15 & 16  
7:30 p.m. each evening**

#### LENTEN LETTER 2005

Please pick up your Lenten letter **TODAY** at the back of the Church. The letter includes pastoral messages, information on our **Lenten Mission with Fr. Valenta**, and the Holy week schedule. Also available on the Parish website. Please consider picking up and delivering to your neighbours as the letters are arranged alphabetically by street. Thank you and God Bless!!



#### PANCAKE SUPPER – ANOTHER SUCCESS

On Shrove Tuesday, we fed 158 hungry parishioners and made a net profit of \$210.00 for the building fund. A **GREAT BIG THANK YOU** from Maggie to all the ladies and one gentleman, who so generously helped to cook, serve, clean-up, wash dishes, and entertain! **GOD BLESS!**

#### FAITH FIRST

##### Attention Faith First Families

We will be holding a children's gathering for all children in their **Confirmation** year levels 5+ on Tuesday, February 22, 2005. Penance and First Communion children receiving Holy Eucharist for the first time levels 2+ attend on Friday, Feb. 25, 2005. Please refer to your calendars for accurate dates and times according to the child's group number.



#### CALLING ALL MEN OF THE PARISH

The Knights of Columbus are forming a council at Becket and we need your support. Information available in the hall after all Masses or contact: Phil Weller 696-4167; Bill Kelly 694-0940; Guy Taillon 626-8421. Are you a knight from another council? Come introduce yourself. We'd love to meet you!



**Natalie  
MacMaster**

"Because of people like you, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE continues to help men, women and children in Asia, Africa and Latin America. I'm a proud supporter of the 2005 Share Lent campaign and I invite you to join me in building a better world. This Lent, please give generously."

Natalie MacMaster,  
Honorary Chair of the  
2005 Share Lent Campaign

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**Development  
and Peace**

## ADULT FAITH EDUCATION LEADERS...

Adult Religious Education Services is looking for the collaboration of all parishes in compiling a comprehensive picture of the various spiritual activities and pastoral events happening throughout the diocese. They plan to publish the information in the September 2005 issue of the Catholic Times. *If you are a leader of any Adult Faith Initiatives in our parish*, please submit all the relevant data – name of group, contact, dates / times of activity, costs etc. to the parish office preferably electronically at [office@stthomasabecket.org](mailto:office@stthomasabecket.org). or drop by the office during business hours.

## FABRIQUE DUTIES AND PORTFOLIOS 2005-2006

Fr. Gilles continues as **President** of the Fabrique, with Bill Kelly as **Chairman** of the Fabrique Assembly. Brian Raymond remains as **Treasurer** and **Public Relations Coordinator**. Newly elected Phil Weller, will take **Facilities, Equipment, Grounds, and Hall Rental**. Dawn Richardson will be **Helping Others Committee Representative**. Janet Arts will continue as **Secretary of the Fabrique** and **Chair** the **Fundraising Committee**. Ethel Norris will serve as **coordinator of Church Keys** and **Representative on Parish Pastoral Council**. The Fabrique's role is to ensure that with the generous support of time and talent of all the parishioners, whatever is needed gets done in a timely way and within the means and budget provided by the community. May God guide our wardens in their decisions and may they all enjoy a rewarding and fruitful partnership in serving our parish.

## BE AN EASTER FLOWER DONOR

To make a donation in memory of a loved one towards our church decorations for Easter, include your donation in an envelope that is clearly marked “**Easter 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.



### THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Helping Others</u>
February 13, 2005	\$ 5999.00	\$ 3516.00

Please note that all 2004 tax receipts that were not picked up at the back of the church have been mailed out.



## JUSTICE & PEACE

Many times, water comes in the form of tears. To be in solidarity also means to dry the tears of the exploited, the marginalized, the victims of discrimination and violence, victims of water shortages and water mismanagement. We stand in solidarity to help others not only because of our goodness, but because the others too are children of God. Because of us, D&P continues to help these children of God.



## YOUTH

### **BECKET YOUTH TALENT SHOW**

Saturday February 26th, 2004 at 7:00 pm

Suggested donation of \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for students or \$15.00 for a family.

Coffee and cookies will be served.

## PARISH WEBSITE

Know a snowbird or out-of-towner? Tell your family and friends they can now read the bulletin online: [www.stthomasabecket.org](http://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.

## HAPPENINGS AROUND TOWN

### **NEW VON PROGRAM – KIDS CAROUSEL**

Support and bereavement program for children and youth experiencing an on-going family illness or death of a loved one. If you are aware of a young person who may benefit from this service please refer them to: VON (Victoria Order of Nurses) West Island 695-8335.

### **THE PADUA DIALOGUE**

**Join us Tuesday evenings at 7:30 until June 14.** Topic for February 15 will be "A Journey to Calcutta": A photo documentary depicting the socio-economic transformation of Calcutta in the last quarter century. Presenter: Brian McDonough, Diocesan Social Action. Info: 932-7597

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

World Day of Prayer offers us a moment to reflect upon and affirm our faith in Jesus Christ, to share in the community of Christians around the world and to commit to working for social justice. Please join our neighbours on **Friday March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.** in celebrating World Day of Prayer at St. Michael and All Angels Anglican Church 15556 Cabot Street, Pierrefonds. Information 626-4205.

### **PRAYER REQUEST FROM THE POPE**

His Holiness is specifically requesting that we pray for him in the knowledge that his time among us is limited. Please pray an "Our Father" for him. Pope John Paul II made this request about 3 weeks ago on praying the Angelus before the pilgrims in St. Peter's Square. He says that only through prayer will he be given strength from those who prayed.

Let us help the Pope, whose prayers have helped so many of us. Please pass this request to everyone you know, by word of mouth, email, or telephone. With your cooperation, in just a few days, millions of human beings will have offered their prayers for John Paul II, and by the same token, offered their prayers to God.

Let us never forget the power of prayer.