

Fourth Sunday Of Lent March 6, 2005

*"I am the light of the world says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life"*

The women of Jerusalem wept for Jesus. To see what humans have done to nature in the name of progress and profit makes us want to weep. Irresponsible clear-cutting of forests around the world destroys springs of water. Uncontrolled irrigation drains rivers and poisons water, dams flood fertile ground and kill entire species of fish. This creates grave social disruption. D&P is committed to help affected communities.



IN OUR PARISH

LENTEN MISSION 2005

"Making Friends with the Holy Spirit"

Led by Father Stephen Valenta OFM, CONV

Sunday	March 13	Evening of introduction
Monday	March 14	Reflection and Reconciliation
Tuesday	March 15	Making Friends with the Holy Spirit "Supper Bowl" poverty meal (6:15 p.m.)
Wednesday	March 16	Mass & Conference

All activities start at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise indicated. Coffee will be served. Please bring a dessert to share.



Please note that Vespers has been cancelled and that there will be a Mass on Monday, March 21 in place of Vespers. Please also note that the Holy Thursday Mass is celebrated at 8:00 P.M.

SUPPER BOWL – POVERTY MEAL

Come join us as we continue our Lenten Mission on **Tuesday, March 15 from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.** for a **"Supper Bowl"** dinner. Each participant will partake in a simple meal using bowls that have been decorated by the guests of Benedict Labre House. The cost is \$2.50, which includes soup, sandwiches and the bowl. In the Spirit of social awareness and social action Benedict Labre House has developed this most simple approach intended to stimulate and involve individuals and groups on the issues of poverty and homelessness. Tickets will be available after all weekend Masses March 5/6, and 12/13. Join us in celebrating an evening of solidarity with our friends from Benedict Labre House.

NO SMOKING

Please remember that all premises within our church building are designated smoke-free by the City of Pierrefonds regulation no. 999.



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING: N.B. DATE CHANGE

Since the previous date for this activity conflicted with the parish mission, the date has been changed to **March 21** at 8:00 p.m. in Cahill Hall. Margaret Million will be offering to explain the scripture readings for the following Sunday. Lectors may be particularly interested!

LENTEN EVENING

For those who are looking to enter more deeply into the spirit of Lent, you are invited to an evening which will consist of a 50 min. video of The Passion according to St. Luke, interpreted by Leonardo Defilippis, followed by a sharing and reflection, and ending with a meditation. Monday, March 7, 7:15 p.m. in Cahill Hall.

FR. GILLES PRESENTS HIS SABBATICAL

On March 8 at 8:15 p.m. after 7:30 p.m. Mass: 40 minute slide show with music; questions and conversation; feel free to bring goodies – come a little early to prepare coffee etc.

LECTORS

Please pick up schedules in the box in the Narthex. Thank you!



FABRIQUE DUTIES AND PORTFOLIOS 2005-2006



We must have had a gremlin in the system because we forgot to mention an important name among our new fabrique team. *So, last but not least...* we thank **Remi Perron** for graciously accepting the position of **Chairman of the Roof**

Committee. May God guide all 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>Building fund</u>
February 28, 2005	\$ 5696.00	\$ 635.00

Overheard in a Quebec parish: “What did you learn in catechism class today son?” The son replied, “A parable about cold people or something... the preacher kept saying many are cold, a few are frozen.”

LOST AND FOUND

We have a number of items in the lost and found. Please check the back of the church. For keys, jewelry, eyeglasses etc., call office 626-4111.

JUSTICE AND PEACE

The Vega family living in sanctuary in St. Andrew's United Church and the Ayoub family living in sanctuary in N.D.G. Church have been granted permanent resident status in Canada thanks to the efforts of concerned citizens like you. But there are still families fighting to obtain resident status who have been unjustly disqualified. Wouldn't you like to be a part of their liberation? For more info, call Catherine at 684-1606.

PARISH WEBSITE UPDATE

Please note that a beautiful tour of the church is now available on our parish website www.stthomasabecket.org. From Menu go to Parish, and click on Tour of Church. Visit to see close ups of such things as the Stations of the Cross, the paintings of the Mysteries of the Rosary, and the relic of St. Thomas à Becket. Many thanks to parishioners Rico and Maria Purisima (our parish webmaster) for their generous offer of time and talents. Bravo!

BECKET PANTRY NEEDS



Cereal, jam, shampoo, dish soap, shampoo, stew & gravy

GOOD FRIDAY WALK WITH THE CROSS

Many of you are familiar with this long-standing Becket tradition. Please note that this year we have a change in the starting point of the walk: We will gather at Vichy Restaurant parking lot (northeast of Brunswick / St. John's intersection) at 12:00 noon. **Please note, we would ask that you park at Maxi or Fairview mall and then walk over to Vichy.** Thank you! Departure time from Vichy is 12:30 p.m. See you there.

HAPPENINGS AROUND TOWN

WEST ISLAND LENTEN RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

At Becket during our Lenten Mission, **March 14 at 7:30 p.m.**; Mary Queen of Peace **March 12 after 7:00 p.m. Mass**; St. Luke **March 15 at 7:30 p.m.**; St. Edmund of Canterbury, **March 22 at 7:30 p.m.**

NOT AVAILABLE FOR ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND?

Join Fr. Mike Shaw, John and Nathalie Bondyra, Ailsa Lee Loy, and Doug Atkinson for a one-day marriage preparation course to be held **March 19 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.**, at Queen of Angels Academy. Fr. Mike 696-6451.

BIBLE STUDY

Would you like to join us in studying the BOOK OF PSALMS? We will use study material from LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY and will meet in a casual living room setting Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Starts March 10th. Contact Yvonne Bourque at 697-8512



ARMCHAIR RETREAT

There are 2 places left for the April 8th to 10th Armchair Retreat at Ermitage Retreat Center. 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. Info: 626-1154 or 696-6451. June 10 to 12 retreat is fully booked.

